

# RECKON IS PREVENTED BY WRECK

### Mrs. Blanche Gordon Goes Down on Vessel Because She Stopped to Secure a Letter From Estranged Husband in Portland.

### Couple Had Again Plighted Their Love Over Bier of Dead Babe and She Was on Way to the Rose City to Join Her Spouse.

(Journal Special Service.)  
 San Francisco, July 24.—This is one of the romances from the wreck of the Columbia. A woman going to meet her husband after years of estrangement for final reconciliation, lost her life on the Columbia; lost her life because she went back to her stateroom to get her husband's letter, the most precious missive she had ever received, calling her back to him. She had nursed her nursing had been in vain. The father, who had had some misunderstanding with the mother in former years, met her again at the child's bier.

They forgot the interval, and remembered only the earlier years of their life and the frail little thing that once had brought into the world. The father returned to Portland, and a letter came asking her to come to him, and bring their remaining child. They went on the Columbia.

On the night of the wreck, the mother and child rushed to the deck, and then the mother remembered the letter, those few words that meant renewed life to her. She went back for it, while the child stayed on deck. The waters rolled over the Columbia and now the child is on its way to its father alone, while the cherished boon for which the mother was waiting, in this life, at least, is snatched from her, in this life, at least.

**Father and Mother Parted.**

Such in brief is the romance and fate of Mrs. Blanche Gordon, who lived at 143 Belvedere street, in this city.

Two daughters were born to the couple, Blanche and Helen, who was known to her mother as Effie. Then came some misunderstanding, and the two agreed to live apart. Gordon went to Portland, but the mother remained here with her children.

Blanche was in delicate health. For years her mother nursed her through tuberculosis, but to no avail. A few weeks ago the sufferings of the child were brought to an end and the news telegraphed to Gordon in Portland. He came down to attend the funeral, and those heartrending scenes which first touched by affection and that had only slept, responded again.

Over the bier of the lost child they reunited, those vows that had been sundered by separation, and he left for home, telling her he would make ready for her and write to her when he came to him. She received a letter a few days ago. She had waited years for this letter, and her friends noticed her brightening every day as the time came for her to accept the dearest invitation she had ever received—that to return to her husband and live with him and Effie and left on the Columbia. This is the romance.

**Walter Tells Story.**

Her fate is better told by C. F. Murphy, a waiter on the Columbia, who saved Effie.

"The child told me that she and mother rushed to the deck of the steamer when they heard the crash, but that her mother had hurried back, saying: 'I must get papa's letter.'"

"She said that she had stayed on deck to see what was the matter and was thrown across the ship and her head struck on the rail. It must have been the careening of the ship that hurled her across the deck. When I saw her she had an ugly scalp wound."

"When I got to the deck I saw a woman in a lifeboat at the after port, as I was doing this the ship lurched and I was thrown into the water. When I came up I had a little girl in my arms. The lifeboat was still fast by one line, but a seaman cut this away and jumped in. We picked up 26 people and floated around until the Elder took us aboard."

"The child told me her name was Effie Gordon and that she was traveling with her mother. The grief of the little one was terrible. Effie is on the way going to her father. The wife whom Gordon would have welcomed with the child rushed back into the stateroom just before the Columbia sank into the sea."

Andrew Gordon, for 20 years proprietor of the Gordon bakery on Third street, between Alder and Morrison, was the husband of Mrs. Blanche Gordon. Mr. Gordon, who has recently retired from business, will be one of the most anxious watchers when the Elder hands at the dock this evening carrying all that remains of his family.

Three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Gordon became legally separated, since which time she has named San Francisco her home. Mrs. Gordon was a member of the Balde family, for years residents of Portland, and was 23 years of age. Effie Gordon is 13 years of age. Mr. Gordon has made every effort to reach Eureka by telegraph in order to gain some knowledge of the fate of his wife, but has been able to learn nothing.

### ADOLPH COHN WOULD LEAVE "SKIDOO" CLASS

Though he does not mention it in his petition for change of name, Adolph Cohn is one of the city's "skidoo" class, and some believe this may have had an influence with him when he filed the petition.

Cohn asks the county court to change his name from Adolph Cohn to Adolf Cohn, alleging that there are so many people of the same name in the city that his mail goes astray, and that it is confusing to have so common a name.

**THE CHILD'S SYSTEM**

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# SURVIVED THE DISASTER



Children marked by crosses are Raymond and Ethel Johnson, who were rescued from the steamer Columbia and brought to Portland by the George W. Elder today.

# PEOPLE SAVED BY STR. ELDER

### Passengers of the Columbia Picked Up by Boat Which Went to Rescue.

- (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Astoria, July 24.—The following is the full list of passengers saved from the ill-fated Columbia by the steamer George W. Elder. The list was made by Purser Smith of the Elder as she steamed from the scene of the accident to Astoria. It does not include the 14 passengers who reached shore in a lifeboat and whose names were published yesterday:
- E. C. Austin, San Francisco.
  - M. E. Scholhorn, Portland.
  - Medora Sparks, Fort Smith, Arkansas.
  - J. Brotherton, Muskogee, Indian Territory.
  - A. C. Woodward, Oakland.
  - Mary B. Cox, Elwood, Indiana.
  - C. E. Mahan, Elmd, Oklahoma.
  - Clyde C. Rowland, Spokane.
  - E. G. Townsend, North Yamhill, Washington.
  - B. C. Austin, San Francisco.
  - J. C. Orr, Snyler, Nebraska.
  - A. L. Elvers, Portland.
  - W. E. Truesdale, Richfield, Illinois.
  - Marybelle Watson, Berkeley.
  - Alma Osterberg, Cleveland.
  - Stella Cannon, San Francisco.
  - Emma Grisebe, Cleveland.
  - W. E. Smith, San Francisco.
  - Emil Sison, Aberdeen, Wash.
  - Allice Watson, Denver, Colo.
  - Lulu Hanson, Minneapolis.
  - Florence Thompson, Youngstown, O.
  - Bert Lippman, San Francisco.
  - D. W. Cozner, Lead, S. D.
  - C. E. Bealm, San Diego.
  - William Kieat, Seattle.
  - J. F. Kavanagh, San Francisco.
  - M. E. Allen, San Francisco.
  - Dr. J. E. Paine and wife, Columbia, Nebraska.
  - E. Robinson, Alameda.
  - Kenny Kunst, Merced, California.
  - A. J. Siegel, Portland.
  - W. L. Smith, Vancouver, Washington.
  - Sarah A. Roberts, Spokane.
  - Nassil Ingalls, Oakland.
  - Bob Cornell, San Diego.
  - Mrs. J. A. Johnson, San Francisco.
  - Ethel Johnson, San Francisco.
  - C. E. Johnson, San Francisco.
  - Mrs. Leggett, Kansas.
  - Dr. E. C. West and wife, San Francisco.
  - Annie McLennan, Waco, Texas.
  - Mrs. E. C. Shaw, Stockton, California.
  - Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, Los Angeles.
  - Miss Minnie Burton, Portland.
  - Mrs. Shoultz, San Francisco.
  - F. A. Gordon, Portland.
  - C. H. Antindale, Guthrie, Oklahoma.
  - B. Bookwell and wife, Guthrie, Okla.
  - W. H. Finney.
  - Hans O. Wahlberg, Portland.
  - Mrs. Charles A. Eastman, Portland.
  - Mrs. Helen Churruel, Portland.
  - Paul Ashford, Livermore, Cal.
  - Paul Beebe, Portland.
  - L. E. Rice, Santa Ana, California.
  - Carrie Martin, Eugene.
  - Way Mahan, San Francisco.
  - Bra Bookler, Franklin, Kentucky.
  - Mrs. Ottilia Lidelt, San Francisco.
  - Mabel Geiger, Portland, Oregon.
  - A. Grant Kilie and wife, Sanger, Tennessee.
  - T. T. Clark and wife, Jacksonville, Illinois.
  - Y. W. Riggs and wife, Bloomington, Illinois.
  - George L. Koodenpyl, McKinnaville, Tenn.
  - H. S. Kever.
  - A. Schrober.
  - F. A. Maresin.
  - W. F. Williams.
  - Fred Rogers, Elmd, Okla.
  - Joseph F. Eccles, Portland.
  - Joseph Sen.
  - Joseph Rumsay.
  - W. E. Ingalls, Oakland.
  - L. E. Smith and wife, Oakland.
  - Mrs. J. E. Copeland, Oakland.
  - Mrs. F. S. Drake, Portland.
  - Fred Knop.
  - F. W. Tansy, Portland.
  - F. Winkelbeck, Poplar Bluffs, Mo.
  - William Martin Lucas, Seattle.
  - Frank Hager, Johnston, Va.
  - Ketty Gowen, Mackay, Wis.
  - H. E. Secker and wife, Seattle.
  - Anna Akesson, Litchfield, Minn.
  - Mary Walter, Minneapolis, Minn.
  - John Leroy, Denver.
  - A. W. Crader, Portland.
  - F. H. Meyer, San Francisco.
  - Claf Pearson, San Francisco.
  - Paul E. Goslinsky, San Francisco.
  - B. E. Ewart, L. O. Meyer, Fred Smith, Porterville.
  - E. E. Jaaney, Portland.

# PEOPLE ON ELDER

(Continued from Page One.)

ling him they must first get me on board before she would come herself."

Miss Watson in the modesty of her heroism, said little about the incident.

"I recognized Miss Grisebe by the rings on her hand when she thrust one hand up close to my face as she was coming to the surface. We had been together on the boat. That's why I tried to take care of her as best I could."

And that's where her story ends. Concerned, she is, as little Ethel Johnson, who saved two from a watery grave and today doesn't think much of it.

# SCORES OF HEROES

Mrs. Charles Eastman Saves Life of Sister, Miss Helen Churcheley.

Astoria, Or., July 24.—Probably only a few of the many heroic deeds of heroism and sacrifice performed while a hundred persons were struggling, some for the last time, in the icy waters off Shelter Cove, will ever become known. As it bore down upon the Columbia and finally stove in her side, she gave the last full measure of devotion to friends, relatives and strangers and was probably due to this fact that the casualty list is not greater.

**Thought of Others.**

One woman who thought of others before herself was Mrs. Charles Eastman, who watched the San Pedro from a distance as it bore down upon the Columbia and finally stove in her side. Without waiting to see the result she dashed to her stateroom where her sister, Miss Helen Churcheley, was asleep.

"Hurry! hurry!" she called, "the boat is sinking."

"Hurry! hurry!" she cried, as her sister jumped from her berth and threw on a few clothes.

In an incredible short space of time both girls, hand in hand, were rushing to the upper deck. Both had strapped on life preservers and they were jostled and crowded by others who were making

# PURSUED IN SEA BY MAD PASSENGER

### Second Officer Agerup Has Narrow Escape With Life After Being Cast Into the Ocean from the Columbia at Shelter Cove.

### Man Twice Size of Survivor Attempts to Pull Him to Bottom and an Exciting Race for Life Through the Waves Follows.

(Journal Special Service.)  
 San Francisco, July 24.—Half disabled and chased by a maniacal drowned man, twice his size, as he swam away from the sinking Columbia, is the terrible experience that Second Officer R. Agerup of the Columbia underwent in his struggle for life. Agerup returned home to his wife yesterday afternoon.

"I was ordered aft right after the accident by Captain Doran, who stood on the bridge," said Agerup, "and stood by the boats lowered from the starboard quarter. The port boats were hanging high on her side, owing to the list, and were about useless. We worked as well as we could, but as I was pretty sure the ship was lost I found time to throw a life buoy over the stern. While we were lowering a life raft it struck my left leg and gave me a terrible sprain."

"We had just finished with the boats when I heard the Columbia's last whistle, and seeing the water almost level with the rail, I jumped from the side. She went down so quickly that I was drawn far down in the auction and struggled up, looking for the buoy."

**Never Such a Race for Life.**

"There were no passengers there, as they had all gathered amidship, and I struck off alone, swimming as well as I could with my bad leg. Suddenly a man arose alongside and clutched at my clothes. He was twice as big as I am, and weighed more than 135 pounds, and he had lost his head completely. I knew it was all up with me if he ever touched me, so I dived and swam away from him. He worked for me to stop. He was not a very good swimmer, but several times he al-

# DRAGGED BY BOAT

**Woman Jumps Into Sea and Is Towed by Oarsmen for Half an Hour.**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Astoria, Or., July 24.—Nowhere in the annals of maritime disaster on the Pacific can be found experiences more thrilling or horrible than those which befell many of the women on the Columbia, which sank almost before human efforts could provide means of escape. Half naked, some even without clothing of any kind, bodies black from soot and dirt, craved for help, and the harvest of death which was being reaped before their eyes in the midst of agonized screams for help, it is a source of wonder that any afterwards survived the fearful calamity that brought sorrow as well as joy on the steamer Elder.

The experience related by Mrs. J. M. Thompson is typical of many others. She is the mother of Mrs. Marion Sanborn of Astoria and of the drowning child of the Columbia. In her stateroom were Miss Griese and another woman, both of whom she helped with their life-preservers before she went to the deck herself.

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MISS ADELAIDE NICHOLS

### Second Officer Agerup Has Narrow Escape With Life After Being Cast Into the Ocean from the Columbia at Shelter Cove.

most had me, and I had to twist and duck to get away.

"I was bruised badly on the abdomen as well as the leg, and was getting pretty tired, when suddenly he disappeared. I could not do anything for a man of that size, even if I had dared, so I swam away and began to look for the life buoy. It was fully 15 minutes before I found it in the dark, and then I hung to it two hours before boat No. 10 picked me up."

"I could hear people drowning in the darkness for a long time after the ship sank."

**Ice.**  
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**Brick for Building Colville.**  
 (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Colville, Wash., July 24.—The Brick & Lime company of Chewelah, has its steam brick machine now in operation. A kiln of 300,000 brick will be burned in a few days and several brick buildings will be constructed this summer. The Brick & Lime company is making 40,000 brick a day.

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