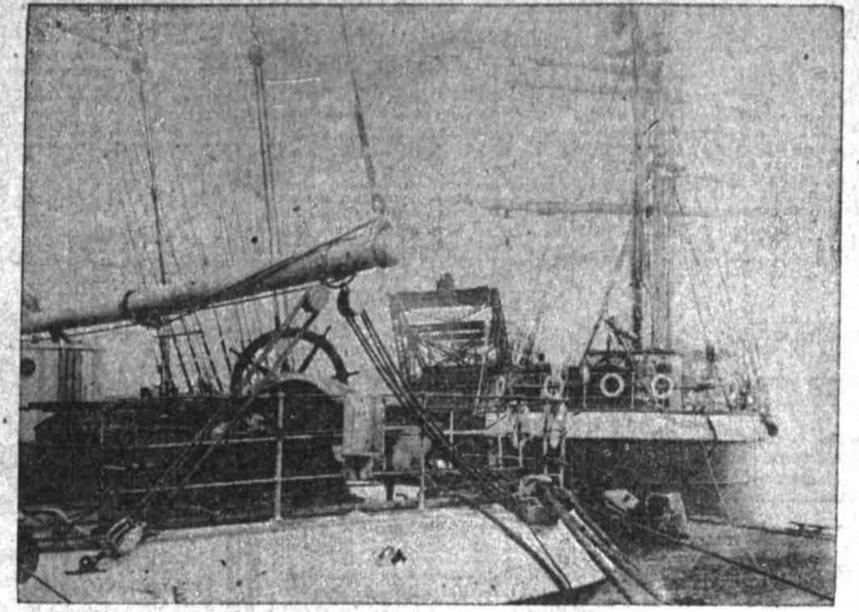


FRENCH BARK COLLIDES WITH DREDGE COLUMBIA



In Background Is Bark Martha Roux, to the Left of Which Is Dredge Columbia, With Which She Collided.

Escaping from her towboats, the French bark Martha Roux went on a wild ride in the harbor this morning and nearly sank the Port of Portland dredge Columbia. A 16-foot hole was rent in the starboard after-fore of the big hull and her powerful pumps barely kept her afloat while the wound was being stop patched.

Only a few days ago the Port of Portland dredge Columbia was rammed by the stern-wheel steamer Bailey Gatzert in the lower Willamette, so for the present the port is without a means of dredging. The Columbia will be lifted on the drydock at once when the exact extent of the damages will be ascertained.

The Martha Roux was in tow of the stern-wheel steamer Ocklahoma and K. F. Henderson and the former was crushed into splinters and sunk had her hawsers not been cut at the critical moment.

Stewardess Leaps From Boat. Mrs. Myrtle Baldwin, stewardess of the Ocklahoma, leaped from the hurricane deck to the taff rail of the French bark when she thought the towboat was being ground into splinters.

Terminal grounds and was incidentally despoiling the harbor. The bark finished loading wheat for Europe last night and was being towed to a berth in the stream when she broke away this morning. The towboats picked her up at Montgomery dock No. 2 and were backing her up the river toward the steel bridge, intending to turn about and drop down with the current to a suitable anchorage below the dredge.

The Ocklahoma, in charge of Captain Pearson, was on the port side of the bark and the Henderson, in charge of Captain Smith, was on the starboard side. When a couple cable lengths above the dredge Captain Pearson ordered the Ocklahoma's wheel stopped to avoid running into a bunch of drift and before it could be avoided, the heavy vessel had sheered around and fell broadside to the current.

In this position the towboats were practically useless and a few moments later the Ocklahoma was in a tight place between her tow and a barge moored alongside of the French bark Eugene Schneider, at the dock of the Independent Coal company. Captain Pearson sang out to slip the hawsers and it was some time before they were cut. It was the crunching of these timbers that led Mrs. Baldwin, the stewardess, to leap on board the French bark.

The big windjammer hit the dredge Columbia a glancing blow, but nevertheless so hard that the bark took a heavy list to port, her masts showing an angle of about 45 degrees for several seconds, until the vessel dropped back on an even keel.

The dredge would have sunk had those on board not had a pile of suitable lumber handy near where the collision took place. Superintendent Groves, who was on board at the time, ordered his men below at once to patch up the hole and at the same time the large pumps were set to work. The tremendous weight of the bark might be imagined from the fact that the collision broke off one of the immense spuds that held her in position and shoved the other through the mud a distance of about 50 feet.

Tony Mossburg, a watchman on the scow that was first hit by the drifting vessel, declares the Ocklahoma got out in the nick of time or she would have been ground to pulp. The scow was hit such a blow that it tilted quite perceptibly until the strain was relieved.

It took several hours to separate the bark from the dredge, owing to the heavy drift. Immense quantities of drift are coming down with the flood and interfering with shipping. In his forecast this morning District Prosecutor Beale says the Willamette will begin falling Thursday after having reached a 14-foot stage tomorrow.

The river was falling at Eugene this morning. The Martha Roux is in command of Captain Simone. It is understood that she escaped damages.

Eugene Rergaline, Fr. bk. ... Antwerp. Arclo Stream, Br. bk. ... Rotterdam. ... (Special Dispatch to the Journal.)

Officers Elected. Astoria Marine Engineers' Association Holds Meeting. (Special Dispatch to the Journal.)

Marine Intelligence. Regular Liners Due to Arrive. G. W. Elder, San Pedro and way, Dec. 24.

Advertisement for Robert's Bros. Store, featuring 'Store Closed Tomorrow Christmas Day' and 'Tonight, Xmas Eve, Every Article of Fancy Holiday Goods' at reduced prices. Includes a list of items like toys, dolls, and Christmas tree ornaments.

Glad to Return From Coast Trip. Captain Werlich, Lighthouse Inspector, Has Rough Outing.

Tossed About by Fearful Storms. Reports Extremely High Tides Along Oregon Coast During the Heavy Storms of Past Several Weeks—Sailor on Heather Injured.

Trick Horses at Grand. Some very interesting trick horses will delight patrons of the Grand this week.

Races Are Postponed. High Water in River Interferes With Sporting Events.

Notice to Mariners. Swan Island Bar Upper Light Will Be Relighted Soon.

Files Cured in 6 to 14 Days. PAIN RELIEF is guaranteed to cure any case of rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, etc.

Memphis Bank Closed. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Memphis Savings bank with a capital of \$250,000 and deposits estimated at \$1,500,000, failed to open its doors this morning.

Tramp Steamers En Route. Strathlin, Br. ss. ... Vancouver, B. C. ... (Special Dispatch to the Journal.)

Coal Ships En Route. Belen, Fr. bk. ... Newcastle, A. ... (Special Dispatch to the Journal.)

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Says the Widow Employs Wiles. C. W. Vonderahe of Oregon City Alleges Sire Needs Protection. (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Oregon City, Dec. 24.—A somewhat sensational suit was started yesterday afternoon when C. W. Vonderahe, by his counsel, Hedges & Griffith, commenced a suit against Mrs. Erika C. Trullinger, alleging in his complaint that he is the son of C. F. Vonderahe of this city, who died in 1905.

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Advertisement for 'New Books for the Library'. Lists various titles including 'The Chief American Poets', 'The Pedagogical Bible', and 'The True Citizen'.

Advertisement for 'Employes Give Manager Gold Watch'. Tells the story of a watchman who was given a gold watch by his fellow employees.

Advertisement for 'Be Charitable'. Promotes a collection of clothing and supplies for the poor.

Advertisement for 'Certificates in Alaska'. Offers certificates for clearing land in Alaska, with details on how to obtain them.