

COMPLETE STORY OF LOST SHIP TOLD FOR FIRST TIME



Upper picture the wreck of the Emily Reed. Lower picture, reading from left to right: Captain William Kessel, Mrs. Kessel, Seaman Lawrence Sullivan. Standing, from left, Seaman Herman Bartels, Second Mate Charles Thompson, Seaman Vicente Sanchez.

The first complete story of the wreck of the ship Emily Reed, which went ashore near Bay City recently, is contained in the following special correspondence of The Journal:

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Bay City, Or., Feb. 29.—Captain William Kessel of the wrecked ship Emily Reed, which struck bottom near the mouth of the Nehalem river February 14, has closed up his business here and is now on his way to San Francisco. The wreckage strewn along the beach in the vicinity of the disaster was sold at auction by the captain and was bid in by John Nelson of the general merchandise firm of Nelson & Co. of this city for \$65. Only a small quantity of the coal which formed the cargo of the ship came ashore. But one body has been recovered, that of Oliver Dixon.

The story of the wreck and the terrible experience of the ship's crew, no accurate account of which has been published heretofore, is an interesting one. It was a desperate fight for life from the moment the vessel struck, and that any of the crew escaped is nothing short of a miracle.

At the time of the disaster, Seaman Ernest Bohmstedt was at the wheel, Seaman Arthur Dixon on lookout and First Mate Fred Zube and Seaman Lawrence Sullivan, Hermann Bartels and Vicente Sanchez on port watch. These, with Captain Kessel, were the only members of the crew on deck. Shortly after 1:30 a. m. the lookout reported "breakers ahead," and Seaman Sullivan, by direction of Captain Kessel, immediately rushed below to wake the men asleep while his comrades on deck set to work squaring the yards. It was but a moment, however, until the ship struck bottom and almost at the same instant the main top mast fell with a crash and was followed in quick succession by the mizzen mast and the various other parts of the rigging.

Ship Goes to Pieces.
When the foremast fell it carried the house, forming the forecabin, galley and donkey-room, with it and the entire ship immediately went to pieces, the sides and bottom being torn apart like so much matchwood. It was then the desperate battle for life began by the members of the crew who had not been killed outright when the vessel broke up.

Eight of the crew—Captain Kessel and wife, Second Mate Charles Thompson, Seaman Sullivan, Sanchez, Bartels and Bohmstedt and the cabin boy, Ernest Hirschfeld—were on the stern of the ship when it broke, but in attempting to launch the gangway for a life raft Seaman Bohmstedt was washed overboard and later the cabin boy was struck by a piece of timber and also carried to his death. The remaining six along to the wheelhouse and upon the only piece of wreckage, about 40 feet square, that hung together they were tossed and lashed by the angry breakers until 4:30 a. m. when they drifted close enough to the smooth beach, a half a mile south of the Nehalem river, to permit of escape to the shore.

The wreckage carrying the helpless victims grounded some distance from the shore line, but Seaman Sullivan jumped into the water and, by desperate effort managed to carry a line ashore. He was followed by Second Mate Thompson and Seaman Bartels, after which by the aid of the line, Captain Kessel and Seaman Sanchez carried Mrs. Kessel from the frail raft.

After reaching shore, the six survivors walked along the beach toward the mouth of the Nehalem river, but seeing no sign of habitation they retraced their steps and, forced to high ground by high tide, they struggled along over logs and driftwood against a driving rain until noon, when they finally reached the home of J. Hagley, at Oceanlake Park, completely exhausted from their terrible experience.

Scantly Dressed.
The survivors after reaching shore found themselves scantily dressed, the wife of Captain Kessel being protected only by a night robe and light wrap, coats, shirts or hats and bare without shoes or socks. They endured terrible suffering from cold from the time the raft was wrecked until they found shelter at the Hagley home and their bodies and limbs were fearfully bruised by being tossed against the sides of the wheelhouse and broken timbers by the heavy breakers.

At the Hagley home the survivors were supplied with food and additional clothing and in the evening they were brought to Bay City, where they were made comfortable at the Bay City hotel. Through the assistance of J. O. Board of the Bay City Land company, Captain Kessel found no difficulty in purchasing clothing and other necessary articles for himself and men, while the good ladies of Bay City gathered at the hotel and soon supplied the wants of Mrs. Kessel.

breaker tore the door from its hinges and both were about to be washed overboard, but were saved by the heroic effort of Sullivan, who grabbed Mrs. Kessel and by desperate effort brought the captain and his wife safe into the wheelhouse.

Sullivan a Hero.
Seaman Sullivan is credited with having remained cool and collected throughout the entire ordeal and when the breakers rolled highest and completely covered the improvised life raft with its helpless human cargo, it is said in his effort to allay the fears of his comrades, he offered to wager the second mate \$5 that they would reach the shore alive. He was also the first to volunteer to take chances with the breakers and carry a line to shore when the wreckage grounded and in other ways is said to have performed heroic work.

Another survivor who is highly praised by Captain Kessel is Seaman Sanchez, whose willingness and bravery in the attempt to save the lives of his comrades won for him a warm spot in the heart of his shipmaster. It was he who tried to throw a line to First Mate Zube, who managed to get into the lifeboat after the Emily Reed broke up, but the line fell short. Mr. Sanchez, who is a native of Spain, is but 22 years of age, and had experienced four previous shipwrecks.

After the Emily Reed had gone to pieces and while the stern was still tangled up in the rigging and other wreckage, with the breakers rolling high over her, Seaman Sanchez and Bartels climbed to the top of the little wheelhouse, lashed themselves together and with a death grasp on the edge of the roof determined to either be saved or die together. In this position they were tossed about by the angry sea for more than an hour before they became aware of the fact that the captain and his wife and Seaman Sullivan and the second mate were inside of the wheelhouse. That the wheelhouse was not crushed when the rigging fell was probably due to the presence of mind of Captain Kessel, who, immediately when he saw the ship was breaking, grabbed a hatchet and rushing to the deck cut the ropes so as to throw the heavy timbers over the side of the vessel. Had the house been crushed or washed from the wreck the survivors would have been lost in the disaster.

Three More Rescued.
For five days after the wreck the six survivors at Bay City believed they were the only members of the crew who lived and all were overcome with joy when the news reached here that the first mate and two seamen had been rescued on the Washington coast. The last seen of the mate and his companions by those on the stern of the vessel was when a heavy breaker washed over and completely buried the lifeboat, and it was firmly believed by the survivors here that the breakers had carried the occupants of the boat to their death.

A correct list of the survivors and the lost members of the Emily Reed's crew follows:
Survivors—Captain and Mrs. William Kessel of San Francisco; First Mate Fred Zube, Germany; Second Mate Charles Thompson, Sweden; Seaman Lawrence Sullivan, Nova Scotia; Hermann Bartels, Germany; Vicente Sanchez, Argentine Republic; Arthur Janke, Germany; Ewald Ahlstedt, Germany.

Has Sister in Portland.
Robert Darling, one of the lost seamen, told several of his companions after leaving Australia, that he had a sister living in Portland, Oregon, who was the wife of a policeman. The policeman's name, however, was not known to any of the survivors who reached Bay City.

Captain Kessel is highly indignant at the action of Captain Nason of the steamer Washington in failing to give the Emily Reed warning when he saw her headed straight for the beach shortly before the wreck occurred. Captain Kessel declared that had the warning been given the Emily Reed disaster would have been averted and that Captain Nason by "butting in" would have saved eight human lives.

Captain Kessel expressed deep appreciation of the kindness shown the surviving crew by the good people of Bay City, but was grieved by the action of several "jokers" who found many articles of jewelry and other valuables on the beach, the personal property of the captain and his wife, and appropriated the same to their own use. Captain Kessel, however, still hopes that some of the people will become conscientiously given and that he will recover some of the stolen articles after he reaches his home at 1060 Market street, Oakland, California.

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