NARROW ESCAPE FROM COLLISION

Oil Carrier and Passenger Steamer Run Close in Fog.

ONE AT ANCHOR OFF RIVER'S MOUTH

Passengers Relate Circumstances After Having Seen No Report Made by the Officers—Many Lives Were in Grave Danger.

A serious disaster was narrowly averted off the mouth of the Columbia river Tuesday about noon when a big steamer believed to be the oil carrier Roma, bound from this port for San Francisco, brushed up against the bow of the steamer George W. Elder, at anchor off the river waiting for the fog to lift.

The Elder had about 100 passengers on board and had the oil steamer not managed to shear off just in the nick of time it is possible that some would have been drowned had the Elder been rammed. Possibly both steamers would have gone down.

The facts were not made public upon the arrival of the vessel here late Tuesday night but gradually it was given out by a few of the passengers who happened to see the narrow escape. To them it appeared as if a collision could not be avoided and they rushed aft to escape being caught in the smash up.

The Elder reached her dock here about 15 hours late because of having been tied up in the fog. At times it was so dense that it was impossible to see a ship's length ahead and this is said to be the reason that the dangerous proximity of the big oil carrier was not discerned by all on board.

The Elder left here last night for San Pedro via San Francisco, carrying about 100 passengers and a full cargo of freight.

SAW "FLYING DUTCHMAN."

Third Officer of Steamer Strathlyon One of Fortunate Few.

J. M. Mitchell, third officer on the British steamer Strathlyon is one of the few sailors who have seen the "Flying Dutchman." He saw it beating round the Cape of Good Hope close to a dozen years ago when bound from England to India on the British bark County of Kinross. Mitchell served his apprenticeship on the bark and was here with her seven years ago.

"We had a most eventful voyage," said Mr. Mitchell this morning in recalling the strange phenomenon, "and it was indeed interesting to me who was meeting King Neptune for the first time. While at anchor on the berth off the English port whence we eventually took departure, a big steamer came along one night and cut the bow off the bark, but luckily only above the water line. We were in our bunks in the forecastle and made a grand rush for the boats, believing, of course, that the ship was doomed. After having been delayed five weeks for repairs we finally started out.

"It was summer in the south when we reached the latitude of the cape and I was at the wheel one night when suddenly about two miles before us there loomed up a three-masted square rigger. We were running before the wind and the stranger was beating around the cape. To avoid a collision I threw the wheel over a couple of points, but to my astonishment saw that it did not alter the relative position of the two vessels. No matter how I pointed the bark's bow there was the three-master right in her path. We all saw the vessel with most of her sails spread. Even the cook with his white cap was seen leaning over the rail looking into the sea. Then it disappeared as suddenly and mysteriously as it had appeared. It had vanished.

"We presumed it was a mirage. It could have been nothing but a reflection of a passing vessel, but it was not an inverted picture as most mirages; it was a perfect ship sailing upon the sea as naturally as you see them in reality. Of course we put it down for the 'Flying Dutchman.'

"The strange phenomenon was the topic of conversation on board until we got within a few days' voyage of our destination, when a huge waterspout attracted our attention. It came dangerously near and there was an abundance of anxiety on board for a few minutes."

LAUNCH TURNS TURTLE.

Spills Helmsman and Pet Dog Into Swirling Current.

Pete Beard, engineer of the Columbia Digger company, and a pet dog had a narrow escape from drowning in the Columbia river yesterday while out for a launch ride. The engine had refused to work and while being towed the launch turned over, precipitating the occupants into the water.

The accident might have resulted seriously had it not been for what might be termed a streak of good luck. Beard with a number of friends had been out boating and when the engines went out they appealed to the gasoline boat Gazelle to tow them to Holbrook, where the party could take the train back to Portland.

Terms were agreed upon and the launch was hooked on to the Gazelle. All of the party excepting Mr. Beard and the dog stepped over to the Gazelle, Mr. Beard remaining in the smaller craft to assist in steering it. Unfortunately it had been made fast abreast of the two boat and so when it struck the current of the Columbia at the mouth of the Willamette it turned turtle, spilling the helmsman and the dog in the river. Both were recovered without great difficulty. The boat was towed to Holbrook and the party landed and yesterday afternoon another boat was sent after the overturned craft. It was slightly damaged but a number of articles of the equipment were lost.

NEW CHARTERS MADE.

Schooner to Load Lumber and Steamer to Load Wheat.

J. A. Paterson today chartered the American schooner Annie Smale to load lumber at this port for Hongkong. She is now en route to Columbia river from Makaweli, H. I., in ballast and should arrive any day. The cargo will consist of about 1,200,000 feet and will be furnished by the North Pacific Lumber company.

Yesterday afternoon Kerr, Gifford & Co. chartered the British steamer Falls of Nith to carry a cargo of wheat from this port to Europe. She will come here in ballast from San Francisco.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The steamer Homer, Captain Dorris, is booked to sail for San Francisco this evening.

Reinsurance on the British steamer Aeon has advanced to 35 per cent. She is now 45 days out from San Francisco for Sydney, Australia. She left this port July 1 and stopped at San Francisco for additional cargo.

The steam schooner Shoshone arrived in the river last night to load lumber for San Francisco.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Aug. 21.—Sailed at 6:10 a. m. steamer George W. Elder, for San Pedro and way ports.

Nagasaki, Aug. 17. — Sailed French bark General Faidherbe for Portland.

Astoria, Aug. 21.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 8 a. m. smooth, wind west, two miles; weather cloudy.

Tides at Astoria Saturday: High water—10:46 a. m., 6.7 feet; 10 p. m., 8 feet. Low water—4:15 a. m., 0.2 of a foot; 4:18 p. m., 3.6 feet.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Regular Liners Due to Arrive.

Breakwater, Coos Bay	Aug. 23
Rose City, San Francisco	Aug. 25
Roanoke, San Pedro and way	Aug. 25
Alliance, Coos Bay	Aug. 26
Eureka, Eureka and Coos	Aug. 29
George W. Elder, San Pedro	Sept. 1
State, San Francisco	Sept. 1
Homer, San Francisco	Sept. 5
Numantia, orient	Sept. 15
Nicomedia, orient	Oct. 1
Arabia, orient	Oct. 15
Alesia, orient	Nov. 1

Regular Liners to Depart.

Homer, San Francisco	Aug. 21
Alliance, Coos Bay	Aug. 22
State, San Francisco	Aug. 22
Breakwater, Coos Bay	Aug. 26
Roanoke, San Pedro and way	Aug. 27
Rose City, San Francisco	Aug. 29
Eureka, Eureka and Coos	Aug. 30
Alesia, orient	Sept. 1
G. W. Elder, San Pedro	Sept. 3
Numantia, orient	Oct. 1
Nicomedia, orient	Oct. 15
Arabia, orient	Nov. 1

Vessels in Port.

Broderick Castle, Br. sh.	Stream
Larglemore, Br. sh.	N. P. Lbr. Co.
Crown of India, Br. sh.	Columbia 1
Leyland Bros., Br. sh.	Drydock
Donna Francesca, Br. bk.	Astoria
Ancalos, Br. ship	Linnton
Churchill, Am. sch.	Astoria
Echo, Am. bktn.	Astoria
Kelburn, Br. bk.	Astoria
Asgard, Nor. sh.	Drydock
Alvena, Am. sch.	Astoria
Albert Rickmers, Ger. bk.	Stream
Eugenie Fautrel, Fr. bk.	Mersey
W. F. Jewett, Am. sch.	Astoria
Bucranta, Br. ss.	Dolphins
M. S. Dollar, Br. ss.	Prescott
Irene, Am. sch.	Astoria
Koko Head, Am. bktn.	Portland Lbr. Co.
Washington, Am. ss.	Drydock
Braemount, Br. ss.	Montgomery No. 2
Alesia, Gr. ss.	Albina
Andorinha, Br. bk.	Centennial
State of California, Am. ss.	Ainsworth
Johan Poulsen, Am. ss.	Oak street
Homer, Am. ss.	Couch street
Alliance, Am. ss.	Couch street
Strathlyon, Br. ss.	E. & W. Mills
Rhoderick Dhu, Am. barge	Astoria
Assuan, Ger. ss.	San Francisco
Roverie, Br. ss.	San Francisco
Westminster, Br. ss.	Japan
Janeta, Br. ss.	San Francisco
Franklyns, Br. ss.	Yokohama
Yeddo, Br. ss.	San Francisco
Nederland, Ger. ss.	San Francisco

En Route to Load Lumber.

Alumna, Am. sch.	Kahului
Solano, Am. sch.	La Boca
Wrestler, Am. bktn.	Guaymas
Mabel Gale, Am. sch.	San Francisco
Oliver J. Olson, Am. sch.	San Pedro
Fairhaven, Am. ss.	San Francisco
Amaranth, Am. bktn.	San Francisco
Tiverton, Am. ss.	San Francisco
Puako, Am. bktn.	Santa Rosalia
Annie Smale, Am. sch.	Makaweli
Stanley Dollar, Am. ss.	San Francisco
Americana, Am. sch.	Japan
Crescent, Am. schr.	Honolulu
Olympic, Am. bk.	San Francisco
Shoshone, Am. ss.	San Francisco

En Route With Cement and General.

Aberfoyle, Br. sh.	Antwerp
Bidart, Fr. bk.	Antwerp
Clan Graham, Br. sh.	Cardiff
Vincennes, Br. sh.	Antwerp
Gael, Fr. bk.	London
Neatsfields, Br. sh.	Hamburg
David de Anjers, Fr. ss.	Antwerp
Brabloch, Br. bk.	Antwerp
Killoran, Br. sh.	Antwerp
Joinville, Fr. bk.	Antwerp
Carmanian, Br. bk.	Hamburg
Rochambeau, Fr. bk.	Leith
Gulf Stream, Br. bk.	Antwerp
Alice, Fr. bk.	London
Eugene Schneider, Fr. bk.	Antwerp
La Tour de Auvergne, Fr. bk.	Antwerp
Armen, Fr. bk.	Dublin

Coal Ships En Route.

La Roche Jacquelin, Fr. bk.	Newcastle, A.
Fifeshire, Br. bk.	Newcastle, A.
Bossuet, Fr. bk.	Newcastle, A.
Torrisdale, Br. sh.	Newcastle, A.

Tramp Steamers En Route.

Craghall, Br. ss.	San Francisco
Radames, Ger. ss.	Puget sound
Guernsey, Nor. ss.	Shanghai

En Route in Ballast to Load Grain.

Port Crawford, Br. sh.	Callao
River Falloch, Br. bk.	Callao
Oregon, Ger. sh.	Yokohama
Gen Faidherbe, Fr. bk.	Yokohama
Henrietta, Ger. sh.	West coast
Aster, Ger. bk.	Valparaiso
Marechal de Noailles, Fr. bk.	West coast
Homeward Bound, Am. bk.	Vanc'v'r, B. C.
Le Pelier, Fr. bk.	Hobart
Sainte Anne, Fr. bk.	Newcastle, N. S. W.
Lydgate, Br. bk.	Santa Rosalia
Vigo, Nor. sh.	Mejillones
Desdamona, Br. sh.	Callao
Cornil Bart, Fr. bk.	Newcastle, N. S. W.
Sully, Fr. bk.	Antwerp
Crillon, Fr. bk.	Antwerp
Genevieve Molinos, Fr. bk.	Hobart
Daghild, Nor. bk.	Caldera
Nulelly, Fr. bk.	Hobart
Leon Blum, Fr. bk.	Hobart
Michelet, Fr. bk.	Hiogo
Finland, Rus. sh.	Guayaquil
Magdalene, Ger. bk.	Acapulco
Alexander Isenberg, Ger. bk.	Honolulu
Thiers, Fr. bk.	Belfast
General Foy, Fr. bk.	Hobart

Oil Carriers En Route.

Roma, Am. ss.	San Pedro

HOLDS LETTER AS GOOD AS CONTRACT

"Lafe Pence has no contract with the United Railways to fill the terminal grounds," stated Chief Engineer Lloyd Wickersham this morning. "Mr. Pence has made us a proposition and we are considering it and some arrangement may be made soon. But there has been no contract awarded. I don't see why Pence should want to talk about this matter. It is something that I don't see that the public can have any interest in."

This statement was made in reply to Lafe Pence's claim to have been awarded the contract for filling the terminal grounds.

Arthur C. Emmons, attorney for the United Railways, also made a statement to the same effect.

"There has been no formal contract signed as yet," he said. "It is possible that there may be something definite to say in regard to the matter in a few days, when we expect to have it finally settled, but at present I don't see how I can make any statement, especially as I am attorney for the company and anything said now might have a bad effect upon the business. Possibly I may be able to make an interesting statement in a few days."

Lafe Pence claims that he proposed to the United Railways to fill the Guild's lake property, recently purchased for the terminals, for 15 cents a cubic yard and was met with a counter proposition that he do the work for 10 cents, to which he agreed and a contract to that effect was drawn up and signed.

Bearing out Mr. Pence's statement it has been ascertained that a letter written by Lloyd Wickersham, chief engineer of the United Railways, accepting the proposal made by Mr. Pence has been received by the latter and has been turned over by him to the receiver of the Title Guarantee & Trust company.

BAD MELONS CAUSE VENDOR TO BE FINED

Harry Arakelian, an Armenian who sells fruit direct from the cars to street peddlers as well as to the commission houses, was fined $25, the minimum fine, in the municipal court today for selling melons unfit for food.

Mrs. S. A. Evans, deputy health officer, found four peddlers selling melons below the standard. She told them if they did not tell from whom they bought the melons they would be arrested. They named Arakelian, who was tried in the municipal court a week ago.

Judge Van Zante handed down his decision today, declaring that though the ordinance under which Arakelian was prosecuted does not mention "car" in its title, it covers the case, and Arakelian could be prosecuted the same as though he had sold the melons from a commission house.

COUNTY SHERIFF SOLVED MYSTERY

Editor S. C. Killen of the Hillsboro Independent thinks that too much of the credit of the capture of Johnson, the man who has confessed to the murder of Perdue, has been given to the Multnomah county officers and not enough to those of Hillsboro.

"It was a country sheriff who did the real work in that case," he says.

He had nothing to go on except the fact that a man had been found out in the brush with the top of his head crushed in. Nobody knew him or had ever seen him. But the sheriff kept putting little things together until he had figured out that Johnson was the man who committed the crime. Johnson has since confessed. He was arraigned last Tuesday and was given until yesterday to get counsel and plead. But he has no money and none has been raised for him, so nothing could be done and the case will probably go over until some time next week.

DREAMS THRICE OF HIS BROTHER'S DEATH

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 21.—As a result of three dreams efforts are being made by Mrs. Edith W[illegible] to identify a man who was killed by a [illegible] two weeks ago [illegible] Mrs. W[illegible] who is an invalid [illegible] three nights in succession [illegible] was killed by a train. The brother left here in time to have been in the vicinity of Victorville at [illegible] happened.

ASKS LETTERS ON ARNOLD ESTATE

Elizabeth [illegible] Arnold has applied for letters of the estate of her mother, Elizabeth Arnold, who died June 14. The property is valued at [illegible], the heirs being three sons and four daughters.

Clem Strides Onward.

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—Two new residences and a school house are being built this week under the supervision of J. C. Estes, a contractor and architect of [illegible].

Spiritualists to Meet.

The annual convention of the Oregon State Spiritualist association is to be held in this city September 5 and 6. The place of meeting has not yet been decided upon.

Treasury Statement.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Aug. 21.—Today's treasury statement shows: Receipts, $1,671,796; expenditures, $1,820,000.

FARMS IN OREGON BRING LOW PRICES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

North Powder, Or., Aug. 21.—W. H. Gorham, who recently made a cash sale of a fine alfalfa ranch at $40 an acre, today sold to David Lee one of the finest of the small ranches on Wolf creek at $47.50 an acre cash. The dwelling and fencing alone are worth $6,000.

Junction City, Or., Aug. 21.—E. Hartly has sold his 406 acre farm, situated two miles northwest of Junction City, for $18 per acre.

AT THE THEATRES

Orpheum—Packed Houses.

Every night since the opening of the Orpheum theatre the performers have played to capacity houses, the demand for seats compelling the management to place chairs in the orchestra pit that a few more enthusiastic admirers of high-class vaudeville might have an opportunity of witnessing this bill.

Opening of Blunkall Company.

Sunday afternoon, August 23, the newly organized Blunkall stock company will open at the Lyric, presenting that thrilling domestic melodrama, "The Confessions of a Wife." In the new company are a number of the most popular favorites that have ever appeared here.

Pantages' Theatre.

Val Trainor and Myrtle Dale, novelty comedy sketch artists, are making a big hit at the Pantages this week. The fun comes fast and furious every minute their musical sketch is in action. Mr. Trainor introduces a new Merry Widow waltz that would make some of our local dancing masters green with envy.

Next Week.

The Bottomley troupe, sensational flying gymnasts, in America's greatest casting act, and the original Wangdoodle quartet, coon town cutups, singers, dancers and comedians, will be the two headline acts at Pantages theatre next week.

Swim in a Tank.

The Finneys swim in a large glass tank at the Grand this week when they go through one of the best novelties of the season. The Finneys are as much at home in the water as other people are on dry land, for they eat, drink and sleep under the waves. The Finneys are champion swimmers, and all their feats are unique.

Dancing Interlude.

No name is better known in eastern vaudeville houses than Barney Fagin, who come to the Grand next week with Henrietta Byron in a singing and dancing interlude. This will be one of many all-star features.

"Chow Chow" at the Oaks.

"Chow Chow" is still running to packed audiences in the spacious Airdome at the Oaks and the large crowds take great delight in the pretty songs, beautiful chorus and bright jokes of the company. The play is the best yet put on by the Allen Curtis company.

RAILROAD CHANGES DIRECTION AGAIN

Eugene, Or., Aug. 21.—A report reached this city last night that representatives of Carver's Corvallis & Alsea railroad were viewing the best route from Monroe to this city. Some days ago work on the road was turned towards Monroe away from the proposed route by Bellfountain.

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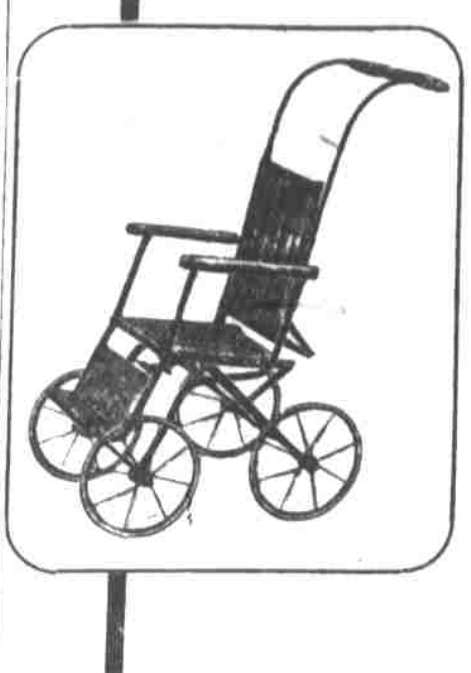

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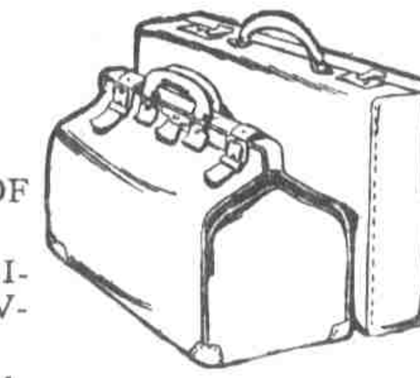

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We simply must dispose of the remainder of the 75 pianos and we will. Several carloads of pianos are now on the road which will have to be handled as soon as they arrive, and as we haven't the room for them now, we'll have to make room for them, and that within the next four or five days.

The fact that these pianos are on sale does not indicate that they are not desirable instruments to have. They are composed of some of the world's very best makes, and first class in every respect. They must be sold under unconditional guarantee—"Your Money Back if Not As Represented"—would not and could not accompany same. Besides this our liberal exchange agreement is also included.

People who bought during our Dollar-a-Week Sale, which was started several weeks ago, when we placed one hundred pianos on sale to make room for more on the way, are telling their friends of savings of from $125 to $200 (according to style of instrument selected), and on terms so low that it is hardly noticeable. This first hundred pianos were sold in a short time—sometimes from 10 to 20 being disposed of in one day, and when they were gone we were still so crowded that it was deemed advisable to set at least [illegible] out of 75 more. Hence these exceptional terms and bargains.

Perhaps you were thinking of getting a piano a little later, say, six months or a year or even two or three years from now. Our special offer of this kind should not be passed by without your serious consideration. Few pocketbooks are too small to spare $6 a month, and the saving of from $125 to $200 should be an incentive to any intending piano purchaser.

As an example of the wonderful bargains offered here while the 75 last, say, for instance, you were thinking of getting about a $262 piano—$128 takes it home now. The regular $325 styles go for only $165, and our regular finest [illegible] pianos are reduced to $241, and similar reductions according to the regular price of the piano. See our large announcement on page 3 for further information.

But you will have to get here soon, as the pianos which have already been sold this week are advertising this sale immensely. Don't be afraid of the small price—the quality remains the same—this we absolutely guarantee, or we do not want the sale. Come this afternoon, if possible, for best choice and you'll be convinced that we haven't exaggerated these great values or made a misrepresenting statement in this announcement. Eilers Piano House, 353 Washington street, corner Park.