MAROONED ON TINY ISLE IN MID-OCEAN

Experiences of Aeon Wreck Victims on Christmas Island Are Tinged With Romance and Adventure—Brave Captain's Work.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 24.—Romance in real life, with shipwreck, desert islands and heroic adventure thrown in, is found in the story of the wreck of the steamer Aeon, on Christmas island, July 18. The Aeon was bound for Australia, in the wake of the fleet, and carried besides its cargo of supplies a large passenger list, made up for the most part of the wives and families of naval officers, following the fleet. On July 18 the Aeon drifted onto Christmas island, one of the most isolated islands charted, and became a total loss.

The story of the wreck is brought in today by the steamer Aorangi, from Australia and Fiji.

Vessel Strikes Breakers.

At noon of the day of the disaster the bearings showed the vessel 96 miles from Christmas island. The course was taken to pass within 25 miles of the southwest end of the island. At 9:30 o'clock with Third Officer Lancaster on watch and Captain Downie on the bridge, breakers were seen ahead. The engineer reversed, but too late, and the vessel went on, shoving the reef at such an easy speed that some in the cabins did not feel the shock.

Preparations were at once made to launch the boats and precautions taken to preserve lives. No land could be seen, only the breaking waves. At daylight the island was seen about 200 yards away. A boat was launched and a way was found among the breakers to get to shore. The women and children were then taken on shore and from that on the work of getting provisions and stock on shore were carried out, as the vessel was seen to be a total loss. Five tents were put up, one for the women and the others for the men, with separate quarters for the Chinese crew. The latter gave trouble and began looting on board, so that the captain had to refuse them permission to go on the vessel. Captain Downie was the only one the Chinese would obey, and so suspicious were the whites that a guard was kept at night by the white settlement. Ample stores were taken on shore, and when the wreck victims left provisions for eight months for the entire crew of any vessel were left under water-tight cover on the island.

At first, water was taken from the vessel, but later the engineer rigged up a condenser on the island. A week later, however, a well was dug half a mile from shore and at eight feet a splendid supply of fresh water was obtained.

Whale Boat Rigged Up.

Captain Downie maintained strict discipline on all, working the men from breakfast time, at 7 in the morning, until 5 in the evening, with an hour at noon. The nights spent in a happy way, with songs, cards, etc. On days suitable, stores and other necessities were brought from the ship. Finally, a whale boat, 28 feet by eight feet beam, was fitted with a motor from the cargo, and a start was made by the captain and engineer for Fanning island, 200 miles away, on August 17. Rough weather forced them back the next day, with a rudder lost and the boat half full of water. The necessary repairs were made and they started again, the second time on September 15, flying a pennant worked by the ladies, bearing the words, "Lone Land." This time the trip was successful and Fanning island was reached. As the boat approached and was sighted from Fanning, boats came out to greet her and a grand reception was given.

The Manuka took Captain Downie and officers aboard and then went to Christmas island. All night long the work of getting the modern cruiser off the island went on, the Manuka steaming in a circle to avoid being carried by the currents onto the rocks. Captain Downie estimates that a current from three to six miles wide runs continually onto the island, which accounts for the wreck.

Twenty-four hours before the Manuka arrived, Mrs. Patrick, wife of the chaplain of the United States navy, both of whom were passengers, gave birth to a baby girl. A hospital tent had been pitched for her, with a board covering over the canvass. The mother and babe were brought out to the Manuka on a bed in a boat and the boat and the precious cargo were raised bodily to the deck of the Manuka, where it was greeted with cheers from stem to stern of the vessel.

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EVERY SIGN POINTS TO BRYAN

Success on November Third Would Seem to Be Assured—Funds for Taft Campaign Are at Low Tide.

By John E. Lathrop.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Chicago, Oct. 24—Sweeping the country in a summarizing review of the political conditions, one is forced to assert that 1908 seems determined to repeat its performance of 1892, by electing a Democratic president. Every significant change in sentiment among the several natural divisions of voters indicates such a strong drift towards Bryan that success on November 3 would seem to be a good bet. It is the period of the straw votes, when in a given state, casting millions of votes, newspapers send out postal cards and get returns from, say, 3,000 voters, or one in every 830 who vote, there from predicate guesses as to the final result.

This has been done by the New York World, Cincinnati Enquirer, St. Louis Republic and Chicago Record-Herald, all covering practically every northern state east of the Rockies.

Disregarding territorial comments on printed result these polls, stating them without permitting "Wish to be father to the thought," as I seriously tried to do during the past three days, I can't see any conclusion other than that intelligent betting would back Bryan for the presidency.

Not Correct Basis.

In the first place, the 1904 vote is not a correct basis for estimating. In many states Roosevelt carried the commonwealths with an immense plurality, while at the same time the total Republican vote is materially less than in 1900 and the Democratic vote is so small that it is represented only by a bodyguard of Democrats who went to the polls.

The 1900 vote, then, is a proper basis for comparison. For instance, Missouri in 1904 gave Roosevelt a majority, yet the vote showed that 125,000 Democrats remained at home.

Several business men undertook to get a line on the situation by communicating with hundreds of customers in all the northern states, the returns being the customer's observations in his region. These returns are comprehensive and apparently non-partisan and indicate that Indiana, Ohio, Maryland and New York are Democratic, with Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, West Virginia, Connecticut and New Jersey doubtful, in varying degrees.

Nebraska, perhaps, should be placed in the Bryan column; also Montana, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming. The handicap of comparison with 1904, with its popular plurality for Roosevelt of 2,545,515, melts away when 1900 is taken, with only a plurality for McKinley of 849,790, which carry the proof of the "stay at home" vote by showing a total vote in 1900 of about 14,000,000, with only about 13,500,000 in 1904, when it should have given a large increase over 1900.

Nationally, Bryan has to change 425,000 votes from 1900 to win, or 3 per cent of the popular vote. The south, with Nevada and Oklahoma, will give him 161 electoral votes, adding 77 for New York, Indiana and Ohio, a total of 238 is reached, or only four less than the 242 necessary to give a majority of 483 electoral votes.

I find it difficult to locate the man who claims that in all the sweep of north and west, will not be other electoral votes for Bryan than those three states named, New York, Indiana and Ohio. In fact, Mr. Hitchcock has practically conceded Montana, Colorado and Wyoming. Republicans admit grave doubts as to Nebraska, Idaho, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Kansas, Connecticut, or a total of fifty-nine votes concededly doubtful, with fighting chances in several other states. South Dakota and Iowa. This pares it down to a safe showing on a basis of actual conditions now existing, it gives Bryan the election.

Scare and Money.

This will be printed nine days before election. During that time only two things will be depended on to swing the results to Taft, scare and money. Unpleasant as it may be to write it, nevertheless it is my duty to do so, that Taft managers are resorting to desperate methods.

Officials of the Big Four railway, traveling on a special train, are importuning employes to support Taft. Vice-President Brown of the New York Central has visited Chicago and gave out an interview of the same character. Letters went from the Taft committee to all big corporations imploring liberal contributions for "use on election day." Those who discuss the campaign and the gathering of this enormous fund make it a common topic of conversation. The Republicans are making no attempt to cover the fact that they are gathering it.

Every prominent Republican has been advised of the plan, and so far as known no protest has been offered. The magnitude of the election day fund is variously estimated at from $1,000,000 to $5,000,000.

I am in a position to know that the Bryan fight is being confined to legitimate methods. Most of the fund of a little more than $300,000 so far raised, has been expended in literature and speakers. No fund has been provided for "use on election day," beyond a few thousand dollars for watching at the polls for illegal voting or attempt to bribe. Old stagers tell me also they never witnessed a cleaner fight than has been waged by Bryan.

IN MALE ATTIRE TO FIND BROTHER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Butte, Mont., Oct. 24.—After masquerading in male attire in Butte for a week, Mrs. M. M. Regan, wife of "Yank" Regan, an old-time National League baseball player, has located her brother, John Jckson, who disappeared from his home in Cadott, Wisconsin, last April, following a quarrel with a saloon keeper, in which Jackson shot and wounded the man.

With th aid of detectives Williams and Bates of the local police, the woman visited all the cheap lodging houses of Butte, and she herself turned back the blankets covering several hundred sleeping men, in the search for her brother. All of the tenderloin resorts were visited, together with every questionable place in the city, but without avail.

It was only when a decoy letter was sent through the mails that Jackson was finally spotted by the officers and identified by his sister. He was a forlorn looking wreck. His presence at Cadott is necessary to secure his signature to papers involving the disposition of an estate.

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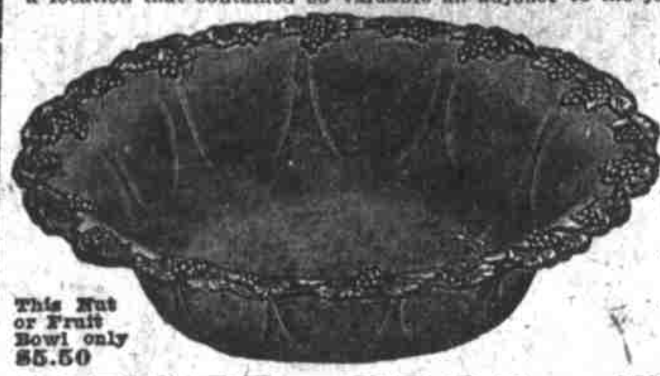

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S. S. PLANT IN DISTRESS AT SEA

Coos Bay-San Francisco Passenger Boat Sustains Accident to Steering Gear While Crossing Bar—Extent Not Known.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Marshfield, Or., Oct. 24.—The steamer M. F. Plant is at anchor about two miles off Coos Bay bar and it is believed the boat and passengers are not in any immediate danger. When the Plant went over the bar this afternoon a big sea was shipped. The stern post and probably the steering apparatus was carried away. The boat went toward the south and had a small sail up. Shortly after, the Eureka crossed over in safety and was seen to tow the Plant to a point north of the bar and about two miles out, where she dropped anchor. The Eureka left and later a steam schooner which was passing stopped for a time where the Plant was anchored and passed on. It is thought that the two boats would not have left her there had there been any immediate danger. It is believed that the Plant has lost her rudder and is possibly otherwise damaged and is awaiting an opportunity to come into Coos Bay tomorrow on the flood tide. Captain Samuel Burtis is master of the Plant and is regarded as one of the best seamen visiting this port.

The Plant was signalling all the afternoon, but on account of the haze it was not possible to make out the signals entirely. It was learned by one signal to the lookout on the bar that the steering apparatus was out of commission. The lifesaving crew has been in readiness all the afternoon in case any further assistance was necessary. It is believed that Captain Burtis has decided to remain at anchor until tomorrow and take advantage of a good opportunity to be towed in. The tug Columbia went to the bar, but did not cross over as the tide was ebbing and the steamer under these conditions could not have been towed into port.

Boat Believed Safe.

Representatives of the company visited the bar and feel satisfied that Captain Burtis is in a safe place. The M. F. Plant is owned by the Oregon Coal & Navigation company. She is 207 feet long, carries about 40 passengers, has a freight capacity of 1,000 tons and is valued at $60,000. M. N. Knuppenberg of Spokane has been negotiating for the purchase of the Plant, together with a coal mine and large tracts of land. The deal is about to be closed but the boat is still owned by the company mentioned.

The Plant is about 25 years old, but is regarded as a good passenger carrier. She was formerly the Cuba, a merchant boat. She was the first boat captured by the United States in the war with Spain, being afterwards purchased by the Plant company, and three years ago by the Oregon Coal & Navigation company, when she was brought around the Horn.

Plant's Passenger List.

The list of passengers on the M. F. Plant: A. Havens, R. W. Buffum, Alex Sturtevant, M. Emory, Theodore Bradley, E. H. Lehmdnosky, S. Assen, Charles Merchant, G. H. Osler, F. A. Smith, Mr. Bliss, W. T. Wodden, E. S. Gordon, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Amundson, T. A. Hanrahan, Mrs. T. A. Hanrahan, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Auna Colebrook, J. A. Valdez, Mr. Moore, C. A. Erickson and J. A. Snyder.

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PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAIL CROWDED

Bastile Now Contains 97 Inmates, but Sheriff Refuses to Send Wards to Rockpile, Owing to Conflict With Court.

Although eight men were discharged from the county rockpile at Kelly Butte yesterday morning, their sentence having expired, there are still 47 convicts under charge of Superintendent Briggs. Of this number only 15 are county prisoners, sent to the rockpile before the new law giving the custody of all prisoners to the sheriff took effect. Since that time, late in June, the sheriff has sent no prisoners to "the butte."

In the county jail are 97 prisoners, several of these being United States prisoners. This is an unusual number, and all agree that it would tend to the betterment of both jail and rockpile if some of the county prisoners were sent to Kelly Butte. But there is no sign of a break in the deadlock between the sheriff and the county court over the management of the rockpile. Criticism by the September grand jury has apparently made no difference in the situation.

Members of the county court say they have looked into the criticism of the grand jury as far as possible, and from all that they have been able to learn, the grand jury had nothing more before it than the county court has had for months. They have heard the same stories from discharged guards and "dope fiends," and on investigating these stories have found no reason to discharge Superintendent Briggs. They have traced the source of the information on which the grand jury report was based, only to learn, they say, that it was a rehash of what they had learned before.

Briggs says the only foundation for stories of the mistreatment of prisoners at the rockpile is found in the doings of "kangaroo courts," and that none of the prisoners is injured. Illustrating the problems handled by the "courts," he tells of a Greek who refused to comply with the rule requiring regular bathing. The Greek had a great prejudice against soap and water. After reasoning with him for ten minutes and discussing the ethics of bathing, the superintendent received from the Greek a point-blank refusal. The superintendent ordered the man undressed and washed. Next week the Greek again refused to bathe, and his case was taken up by the kangaroo court.

As a result of this trial, the Greek was laid over a barrel and given five smart blows with a leather belt. The man from Greece was not hurt, but thereafter came up regularly for his bath.

SEND NEW BOOKS TO LIBRARIES OF COUNTY

The librarian of the public library and the head of the county department are now paying their annual visits to the schools of the county to distribute the school room libraries. Two trips have been made by automobile into the western part of the county and one to Alma and the schools in that far away corner. Teachers and pupils in these far away districts give the heartiest welcome to the books and their distributors, and ways and means are often devised whereby additional books may be sent to the schools or new library stations established.

These trips will be continued as long as the weather permits and it is planned that every school and library station will be visited.

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Some time after the discrepancy in the accounts of the financial department was discovered, Mr. Straus was suspended by the department officials at Washington. He has not been discharged. The financial department is being run by several clerks who have had experience in this branch for years.

It has been intimated by Mr. Straus' friends that, when the proper time comes, a surprise will be sprung, although no one will venture to say just what the surprise is to be. Mr. Straus maintains that he is innocent and that his accounts were correct in every way, when he left his desk in April on account of a disease of the eyes.

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