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Wreck of the Grappler.

NANAIMO, B. C., May 4.—Yesterday the steamer Alexander left Johnson & Co.'s wharf for Uclataw camp, and after whistling several times sighted a canoe with two people, who were found to be Captain Jagers, of the wrecked steamer, and a Uclataw chief. The captain reported that all hands that were saved were safely housed in Indian villages, where they had received every kindness and attention at the hands of the Indians, who had provided them with the best of food at their command, twenty-one whites, two Indians and thirteen Chinamen being the list of the survivors. The bodies of two white men, one lashed to a plank by a strip of his shirt, and the other lashed to an empty barrel, were recovered from the water and the remains were enclosed in a rough box, made by their companions. It is feared that all the missing are lost—seventy in all—twenty whites, two Indians and forty-eight Chinamen. Sydney Franklin, the pilot was never seen after leaving the steamer. Only two men and Captain Jagers were saved. After McAllister left Jagers remained upon the burning steamer until driven off by the flames, and was eventually picked up insensible on the beach by Hiranman and his company. Capt. Jagers and his survivors made a thorough search up and down the shores and the rapids for any who might be living, but the search was futile.

Two men, after being on the bottom of a boat ten hours, were drifted ashore, and were subsequently taken by the Indians to the logging camp.

At 8:30 Monday morning the burning hulk of the ill-fated steamer was seen drifting down with the tide from Seymour Narrows, and half an hour later sunk beneath the waves in thirty fathoms of water, at about the same spot where she became unmanageable, but not before the Salmon river Indians had boarded her and passed an iron box into their canoe. The Indians report her hull burned to the water's edge, and as thin as a wafer.

The description given by the survivors, of the poor wretches struggling in the water, and the shrieks of the dying and wounded were most heartrending. Many were clinging around the vessel by ropes, which were eventually burnt off, into the water. One of those close, seeing a comrade striking out for the shore, pitifully called to him to tell his poor mother, giving his address as Victoria, that he was dying.

On arrival of the Alexander, at Cape Mudge, Captain Morrison lowered his boats and landed a receiver of wrecks, who superintended the embarkation of the survivors, and who sent the two dead bodies on board. He also thanked the Indians for their kindness, and promised to report to the department their opportune assistance, and that he would strongly recommend some remuneration for their gallant services, and that he would see that they were paid for their food and labor. He also directed the Indians to continue searching for any survivors or bodies which might float ashore promising a suitable reward for so doing. He also explained that all property they might have recovered must be handed over to him, and he would see that they received a proper salvage. With the assistance of the chief, Mr. Peck recovered \$170.50 in half melted silver coinage, taken from the box which they had, at the risk of their lives, secured from the sinking ship.

All hands thanked the Indians again for their kindness, and Captain Morrison calling the roll, the steamer left for Nanaimo, where she arrived this morning. Everybody speaks in glowing and enthusiastic terms of Capt. McAllister, who, with unrivaled coolness and steady perseverance, had succeeded in saving so many lives.

Where Birds Eat The Dead.

"The Towers of Silence" are five in number and stand within an inclosure measuring about eighty thousand square yards. There are also within the inclosure a house of prayer for persons attending a funeral, a temple in which the sacred fire is kept always burning and from which its rays, escaping through apertures in the wall, fall upon the towers, and a well laid and well cared for garden. In the garden is an excellent model of a tower, which is explained to visitors by the attendants. The corpse of a deceased Parsee, clothed in white, is carried up the hill on an open bier covered with white cloth; the male relatives and friends all clothed in white following in pairs, each pair holding a handkerchief between them. Some prayers having been said in the rest-house, the bier is again taken up and the body conveyed to one of the towers. These towers are round, massive-looking buildings with white plastered walls, the circumference of the largest of them being 276 feet and the height of the wall twenty-five feet. At a distance of three feet from the ground there is a door in the wall, through which the corpse bearers push the body, and then, entering themselves, place it in its appointed place. The interior of each tower which is open to the sky, is covered, at a height of twenty-five feet from the ground, with a circular flooring, which slopes downward on all sides to the center, and contains numerous open grooves or receptacles for dead bodies.

The outer ring of this flooring is set apart for the bodies of men, a second ring for those of women and the third or innermost ring for those of children. At regular distances, radiating channels intersect these rings. The body having been deposited in its place, the bearers retire, and immediately a swarm of vultures, which birds of prey may always be seen sitting in dozens on the tops of the walls, swoop down and strip the bodies of every particle of flesh in less than two hours. After a few days, the corpse-bearers return, and, collecting the bones, which are then perfectly dried, place them in the central wall, forty-five feet wide, where they remain to be decomposed by the air and rain. The moisture runs off into the ground through filters of charcoal and sand, and leaves nothing of the human body in the inside of the tower but the dry, crumbling bones.—*Bombay Correspondence Philadelphia Press.*

An Indian Preaching to Indian Women.

There was a curious practice among the Indians on Puget Sound in the early days. It was the lecture or sermon that, at stated periods, was delivered exclusively to the Indian women. An important member of the tribe, the big chief or the medicine man, would select a promontory or island remote from the mainland, and paddle himself there solitary and alone, on a fine day. Soon all the squaws would be seen following him, paddling vigorously toward the common point. No bucks were among them; they all remained on the mainland. The preacher, instructor, exhorter, or whatever he was, often stood in the water up to his knees for a full hour or more while he delivered his discourse; but the squaws and Indian maidens gathered as close around him as their canoes would permit, so as to catch every word that fell from his lips. Savonarola was never more in earnest than this dusky preacher; his face and action showed he realized the importance of his work. He was supposed to be instructing the women as to their proper duties in their savage life; but whatever he said they were eager to hear it all. There was no noise save the occasional chafing of one canoe against another as they moved with the slight swell of the water. It was an exciting spectacle to see the

dusky women, when the service was over, start in an emulative race for the mainland, their dark, sinewy arms plying the flashing paddle as the white canoe cut swiftly the placid waters of the Sound until with laughing banter the prows touched the shore and they rejoined the bucks, who were idly awaiting them.

"A Sort o' Expectin' Look."

A New Hampshire countryman last summer used to do a good deal of observant sauntering around about a house where boarded some city ladies. One of them, not very young, but of rather attractive appearance, came in for much staring, shrewd rather than impudent. Once it came in his way to do her a service by which he discovered her name and also the prefix Miss before it. "Well, I be hanged," he replied, "ef I hain't puzzled over that a bit. I wouldn't ask, fur I kind o' made up my mind long ago I could most always tell. Somethin' about you didn't look married, 'n' then agin somethin' did." "What was it did?" she asked. "Well, a sort o' look es ef you had about settled it; was contented, 'n' done fur, 'n' didn't ask nothin' o' no man!" "Is that look so unusual?" "Well, yes; hereabouts 'tis; but I've seen that look afore in women from down your way (Boston). I used to s'pose them es hed it was always married, but seems not. Well, all I hev to say is 'taint natural!" A woman ought always to hev a sort of expectin' look about her till she's hitched. It helps her market. It does, no mistake."

Miss Lizzie Marcellus, chief equestrienne of Dan Rice's Great Show, met with a very severe accident at Cadiz, Ohio, on the Fourth of July last. It appears the lady was executing a very difficult piece of ring horsemanship, when some of the boys exploded a firecracker, causing her horse to leap from the ring and throw her on her head and shoulders, inflicting very severe injuries. It was thought she would be laid up for a long time, but the use of St. Jacobs Oil for two days completely restored her to health and duty.—*Chattanooga (Tenn.) Daily Times.*



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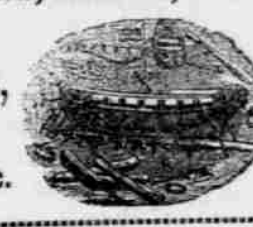
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