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MORE VICTIMS OF THE COLUMBIA

Captain "Charlie," of the Jessie, Missing--Another Man Drowned.

THE SMALL BOAT ADRIFT

A Short Time After He Started from Shore for the Jessie—Harry Banquist the Second Victim.

A lone boat, drifting down stream yesterday afternoon with a strong ebb tide, without an occupant, suggested to those on the O. R. and N. dock that perhaps some one was in distress or had been foully dealt with. Investigation proved that in all probability Captain "Charlie" Swanson, of the schooner Jessie, had been drowned while attempting to go aboard from his small boat yesterday afternoon.

Sunday afternoon the pilot schooner Jessie, in charge of Pilot Malcolm, with Captain Swanson and crew, came into the harbor and anchored just above the O. R. and N. dock in the main channel; it being the schooner San Jose's turn to go outside. Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock the crew were paid off in full, and the captain, according to custom, drew his wages and prepared to return on board, as he is the watchman of the vessel while she is in port. At 1 o'clock he went down to the dock, and started in one of the small boats of the Jessie for his vessel. As he passed the San Jose he hailed the captain and asked him to go out with him and look at his trim little ship. The San Jose skipper replied that he could not just then, to which Swanson answered that he would return in half an hour. That was the last heard of Capt. Swanson, as he was seen to go on towards the Jessie.

Only a few minutes after this the small white boat of the Jessie was seen floating down the main channel in a direct line with the Jessie, with no one in it. O. R and N. Watchman Erickson at once lowered his boat and went to capture the runaway. By hard work he succeeded in getting around the dock into the channel, and despite the swift ebb tide caught the painter of the Jessie's boat and towed her to the rear of the dock. There it was discovered that the runaway boat had no water in her, and that the rowlocks had been taken down and the oars placed on the seats—all ship-shape. An investigating force was at once organized, and towed the small boat back to the Jessie, where it was soon found that no captain, or watchman was aboard.

When seen last night Captain Carruthers, owner of the Jessie, said that he only knew his skipper and watchman by the name of "Charlie," and could only account for his disappearance upon the theory that after leaving the San Jose he proceeded to the Jessie, got alongside, took down his row-locks, placed his oars inside; took the painter in his hand and in attempting to climb over the rail onto the deck of the Jessie lost his hold by the rolling of the boat in the gale and slipped into the swift current of the river.

"Charlie" Swanson was a well known and popular pilot, having hosts of friends in Astoria. For years he was in the employ of the O. R. and N. Co. on the San Jose, and last night Agent Lounsberry said he was one of the most faithful and skillful men they had ever had. His friends are still hopeful that there is some mistake and that he will yet be found somewhere ashore, but up to a late hour no further tidings had been received.

HARRY BANQUIST DROWNED.

The Columbia claimed two victims yesterday, the second being Harry Banquist, a fisherman in the employ of the Scandinavian cannery. The accident occurred about 7 o'clock last evening. From what could be learned last night, Banquist had been fishing on the river and was returning home. All went well till the boat arrived off the Scandinavian cannery, when, in attempting to come about, the boat was struck by a heavy squall. The boom swung around so quickly that Banquist had not time to get out of the way, and he was struck a terrific blow on the head, knocking him into the icy water. He was probably rendered unconscious and sank before assistance could reach him. The body has not been recovered. The weather was very rough all day yesterday and the unfortunate man chanced to be a victim. It could not be learned last night whether or not Banquist had a family. He was an old-time fisherman.

FREE COURSES OF STUDY BY CORRESPONDENCE.

To meet the needs of large numbers of people both old and young who live in remote sections of country or in places where the schools are not advanced, the university of Oregon has made arrangements to conduct a four years' course of study by correspondence. The plan is to make this course entirely free except a small charge which will cover the actual expenses. This charge will be in the form of a small sum for each lesson sent out. It will not exceed what is actually paid out for postage and clerical work in conducting the course. Students will be expected to order their textbooks either through local dealers or from the Portland book stores. It is hoped that large numbers of people will avail themselves of this opportunity to do intellectual work under competent guidance. It is also hoped to interest the press of the state in the undertaking so that it may become very widely known. No newspaper can be paid for publishing the announcement of the course, since it is not a plan for making money, but it is hoped that a wide spread public spirit may be awakened and that the press will lend its powerful assistance toward the success of the work. The course will be divided into five departments of study: English literature, Latin, history and civics, mathematics, science. Four years of work have been planned in each of these departments. Any person may take up one or all of the departments as he chooses.

The course will be conducted as follows: Any person who wishes to take one or more of the studies may send in his name to the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. The words "Extension Department" should be written on the envelop. He should state clearly what lines of study he wishes to take up. Directions will be sent to him at once for procuring text books and instructions concerning the details of the course.

Questions will be mailed to students covering definite portions of the textbooks from time to time as they are needed. These should be carefully answered and the answers mailed to the Extension Department of the University. They will be corrected and returned, together with a new set of questions. This is in brief the scheme of the course. The university has been carrying on this work in a limited way for two years, but it is now hoped to make it much more extensive and more generally useful to the people of the state. The experience of the past, however, places the extension department in a position to manage the practical details of the course accurately and promptly. The only charge which will be made will be for the lists of questions and for marking the answers which are sent in. It is thought that this can be reduced to ten cents for each set of questions and ten cents for examining each set of answers. This small fee will probably cover the actual expenses of the course and nothing further is desired by the department.

It is to be noted that this course is open to all persons who desire to engage in study. It will cover the ground of the usual good high school course, and the questions and suggestions which will be sent out may often be used with profit in reviews and examinations in city high schools. No person should feel that a course of this kind is a complete substitute for a good school, but if the school is not available for any reason then much advancement in sound learning may be made by taking a correspondence course.

Full outlines of the course will be sent free upon application.

C. H. CHAPMAN.

NORTHERN PACIFIC SALE.

Milwaukee, Wis., February 15.—The sale of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company's property and the transfer to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the purchaser, has been fully completed. Judge Jenkins having entered an order in the United States court confirming the action of Master Carey in executing the deeds transferring the property and sanctioning a disposition of the proceeds as made by the master. This is the last act in the disposition of the property, but years will elapse before the court is done with the litigation.

SETTLERS DESTITUTE.

Juhastra, Idaho, February 15.—Ranchers in today from the Nez Perce reservation report considerable destitution among the settlers. Many who went on the new lands with insufficient funds to tide them over to the first crop are subsisting entirely on potatoes and using burned barley for coffee. Neighbors are doing everything to tide them over till the spring, but seed wheat must be brought in to enable them to put in a crop.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpol, February 15.—Wheat, spot, firm; demand poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 4d; No. 1 hard Manitoba; not quoted; No. 1 California, 6s 6½d.

Hops—At London, Pacific Coast, £3 15s

San Francisco, February 15.—Hops—9@11c for fair to choice, and 12@12½c for fancy.

Portland, February 15.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 80@81c; Valley, 82@83.

MAJOR McKINLEY ILL.

Canton, Ohio, February 15.—Major McKinley was confined to his room tonight and his doctor advised him to see no visitors until tomorrow, or until he has recovered from his cold. This is the first time he has been inaccessible to callers since his return from Columbus over a year ago.

Mr. D. Slaughter was in from the Nehalem yesterday, and brought thirteen head of cattle which will be purchased, it is said, by Ross, Higgins & Co. at 5½ cents per pound, dressed.

DEMAND MADE FOR SURRENDER

Startling Turn of Affairs in the Turkish-Grecian Fight Over Crete.

THE PEOPLE WILD WITH JOY

Powers Have Landed Troops—Effort Will Be Made to Prevent Further Hostilities in Candia.

Athens, February 15 (Monday evening).—Colonel Vassos, aide de camp of the king of Greece, and commander of the Greek army corps at Platonics, only an hour's distance from Canea, has issued a proclamation to the Cretan people. He has also demanded a surrender of the Turks.

Troops from foreign men-of-war have landed at Canea. The Russians, French English and Italians each have furnished a hundred men and the Austrians fifty. With the consent of the Turkish authorities the whole detachment was landed under the command of an Italian officer. A similar second detachment, commanded by a French officer, will be held in readiness to land. The Russian, French, English, Italian and Austrian flags have been hoisted on the ramparts of the town. The commander of the Greek squadron has been notified of their landing.

GREECE'S POSITION.

Athens, February 15.—Replying to a collective note of the powers, the Grecian government had declared that its intervention in affairs in Crete is justified by the massacres there and is not due to a desire to disturb the island. The Greek government announces that it is determined to continue to dispatch troops for the purpose of restoring order. Great excitement prevails here. The reserves of 1872-'73 have been called upon in order to rejoin their colors within forty-eight hours. Crowds continue to throng the room of the legislature chambers, anxious for news from Retimo, Candia and Canea, where the Christians are in the minority. Two steamers full of insurgents started for Crete at midnight.

PEOPLE WILD WITH JOY.

Canea, Crete, February 15.—The people her are wild with joy over the news of the landing of Greek troops on the island of Crete.

POWERS TO INTERFERE.

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Constantinople, February 15.—The opinion in official circles here is that the fleet of the powers will be instructed to occupy the Island of Candia very shortly and that pressure will be brought to bear upon both Turkey and Greece in order that open war may be avoided. Should actual hostilities commence, Turkey would have little difficulty in sending an overwhelming force of troops into Thessaly. But the Turks fear that the island of Crete in any case is practically lost to the Ottoman Empire.

There are already indications in the Balkan peninsula that war between Greece and Turkey would be followed by a serious conflict there, and it is believed the powers are not yet ready to face such a condition of affairs. In the meantime, Turkey is preparing for eventualities and the calling out of the Greek army reserves of the class of 1893 and 1895 will be met by the assembling of Turkish troops near the frontier of Greece. A large Turkish force at Salonika is in readiness to move at any moment. It is believed, however, that war will not be declared.

NOW THEY MUST FIGHT.

Stuart Has Completed All Arrangements for the Corbett-Fitz. Mill.

Carson, Nev., February 15.—Dan Stuart today took out a $1,000 license for the Corbett and Fitzsimmons contest to take place here March 17. He paid for it by check and now nothing in a legal way can prevent the big fight from taking place. It is understood the local railroad has made arrangements with the Southern Pacific to switch all excursions on their track and bring them straight through without transfer. Sleepers will be side-tracked here and will furnish sleeping apartments for passengers arriving in them. Stuart has been busy all day working plans for the arena, but refuses to take the public into his confidence as to just what the seating capacity of the arena will be, or what the exterior of the building will be like, beyond that it will cover a piece of ground 300 feet square and will be octagonal in shape. Carpenters are expected to start work Wednesday or Thaursday and seats will be placed on sale at the same time.

TO REGULATE FISH TRAPS.

Washington Senate Appoints a Committee to Investigate the Matter.

Olympia, February 15.—The lower branch of the legislature convened this morning at 10 o'clock and the senate at 2 o'clock this afternoon, after a Sunday recess. The house passed several bills, none of which are very important, but devoted most of the day's session to routine maters. The senate passed but one bill. It was a house bill providing for the appointment of county sheep commissioners, and it now goes to the governor for his approval.

The main feature of the day was the postponement on the part of the house until Wednesday of consideration of the bill abolishing fish traps, wheels, etc., and the passage of a resolution in the senate providing for the appointment of three hold-over senators as a committee to investigate the fish traps question and report at the next session of the legislature.

APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

Carries An Enormous Amount—No Action on Arbitration Treaty.

Washington, February 15.—The coup arranged by the house leaders for the passage of the sundry civil appropriation bill, under suspension of the rules, was a complete success and this big appropriation bill, carrying $50,644,743, was passed without opposition or amendment just as it came from the committee. The main opposition was directed against the river and harbor items in the bill. The house made the best of the fact that today was suspension day, and quite a number of bills of more or less importance were passed, among them the senate bill appropriating $250,000 for closing the crevasse at Passe 'l Outre, on the Mississippi; to equip the national guard with uniform Springfield rifles, 45 calibre; and the senate resolution to authorize the secretary of the navy to transport the contributions of the Pacific coast states to the famine sufferers in India.

The report in the contested election case of Benoit vs. Boatner, from Louisiana, confirming the latter's title to his seat, was unanimously adopted.

Owing to the brief time of this session yet remaining, extra night sessions will be held, beginning tonight, for consideration of private pension bills, of which many hundred still remain on the calendar.

ARBITRATION TREATY.

Washington, February 15.—The arbitration treary was not pressed in the legislative session today and it may not be called up again until Thursday. Senator Sherman said today that he would press the treaty against all other legislation except the appropriation bill. He did not intend to have it stand in the way of the appropriation bills.

Sherman will not make a motion to postpone the treaty, but it is understood that such a motion will be made. It is believed by many senators that the motion will prevail. It is the desire of Senator Sherman to have a vote, as he does not feel that he should consent to put the treaty over without testing the sense of the senate. No one now believes there is any hope of a direct vote on the treaty at this session.

THE ROBBER'S FRIEND.

Joined a Posse and Successfully Effected the Prisoner's Escape.

Kingman, Arizona, February 15.—Sheriffs Cameron and Ruffner, with a posse, were following the trail of the Rockout train robber to Grand Canon, of the Colorado. When the trail got hot the intrepid sheriffs sent one man ahead, with Indian trailers, while they rested. The trailers found the robber asleep by a fire and, covering him with their guns, captured him. The white man's name with the trailers is Rogers, who told the Indians to gather wood to make coffee and to stack their guns. While the Indians were gathering wood the robber jumped for their guns, breaking one over a log, and threw one in the river and kept the two others, with all the ammunition, ordering the Indians to "git," which they lost no time in doing. It is supposed Rogers was a friend of the robber, as he is a cowboy of unsavory fame. The whole posse abandoned the chase and returned to the railroad.

IDAHO BANK FAILURE.

Salt Lake, Utah, February 15.—A special to the Tribune from Blackfoot, Idaho, says: The banking house of C. Bunting & Co. was placed in the hands of a receiver today. There have been heavy withdrawals from the bank of late and a receiver was appointed at the request of the principal owners of the bank for the protection of creditors. The liabilities are estimated at $200,000 and the assets will probably be sufficient to pay in full. The bank was one of the oldest institutions of the kind in the state.

STORM ON THE SOUND.

Tacoma, Wn., February 15.—One of the severest storms of the winter is prevailing in the Sound country. During part of last night and today a gale has blown from the southwest at a rate of forty-two miles per hour. During the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m. one and a third inches of rain fell

FOUGHT TWENTY ROUNDS.

New York, February 15.—The Dixon-Downey fight was declared a draw in the twentieth round.

Steve Campbell, the Mill Creek logger, was in the city yesterday.

Meany is the leading tailor, and pays the highest cash price for fur skins.

MITCHELL FORCE IS SCATTERING

Secret Session of His Followers Is the Cause of Civil Strife.

HE CANNOT NOW BE ELECTED

Part of the Senator's Forces Want to Nominate a Compromise Candidate but the Majority Objects.

Special to the Astorian.

Salem, Or., February 15.—Thirty-one members of the Mitchell joint assembly met at the capitol tonight and discussed the senatorial situation at length and in all its phases. It was a secret conference, but it is known that no formal action looking either to the continued support of Mitchell or his withdrawal was taken. Some of the members advocated supporting Senator Mitchell to the end. Taylor made several earnest talks, which seemed to reflect the sentiment of many of those present. It was to the effect that the interests of the Republican party were higher than those of any one man, but he added that the members of this conference ought to have a right to name a candidate, if it is seen that Michell cannot be elected. Reed did not believe in allowing the minority to dictate to the majority. Senator Patterson, of Marion, thought the thirty-one could afford to hold out in their present attitude. There was no attempt whatever to secure an expression binding members to keep up the fight in Mitchell's behalf. The conference adjourned till Wednesday night.

A rumor is afloat that Thursday is the day set for organization, but it can be definitely stated that no specific time has been decided on. It is the purpose of the opposition to organize when it is felt that Mitchell is safely beaten.

MET AND ADJOURNED.

Salem, February 15.—Only thirty-three members were present at today's session of the joint convention. Representatives Hudson, Vaughan, and Wagner sent letters asking to be excused on account of illness. Senator Reed and Representatives Mitchell and Veness, who were also absent, sent no excuses. After roll was called the convention adjourned till tomorrow at noon.

It is not likely that Representative Mitchell, of Marion, will enter the convention tomorrow.

There was nothing done in the senate or either of the houses today.

DITTO DAVIS HOUSE.

Salem, Februray 15.—The Davis house met at 11:45 tonight. Sixteen members were present. Adjournment was taken till five minutes after 12. When that time arrived the house was again called to order and adjourned till 9:30 a. m. Wednesday.

THE MARKETS FLUCTUATE.

Probabilities of War in Europe Causes a Flurry in New York.

New York, February 15.—There was a larger volume of trading on the stock exchange today than for a good many days. The activity was practically confined, too, to the first few minutes after opening, when the whole list tended downward, and to the last hour, which saw a smart rally and general net gains on the day's transactions. The slump in prices at the opening was wholly due to the influence of the panicky condition of mind reported on continental bourses and to the fall in consols and other securities in London. American securities were affected along with the others and option prices were on a level with London quotations.

FLURRY IN WHEAT.

New York, February 15.—The wheat responded to the European war news this morning with an advance of 1⅜c for Saturday's curb, carrying May to 81⅝ on first sales. There was no little excitement among local shorts until later cables, bringing in more peaceful accounts, somewhat allayed their fears. Speculation was larger than it has been in many weeks.

Ed. McKerrin was arrested last midnight by Officer Oberg for disorderly conduct.

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