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THE WRECK OF THE CLEVELAND

All Hands Take to the Small Boats in
Barclay Sound.

BROKE HER SHAFT IN A GALE

Captain Hall Landed His Boat in Safety,
But the Other Boats Are
Missing.

Victoria, Dec. 15.—The steamer Cleveland, Captain Hall, was stranded in Barclay Sound, and three boats containing twenty members of the crew and two passengers, are missing. The captain, James Lathbury, and the boat's crew reached Ucluelet, after spending the night in the open boat with a big storm raging. This is the story told by Purser Whitbeck, who arrived at Nanaimo at 2 o'clock this morning from Alberni, and proceeded then to Victoria on the noon train.

The Cleveland, an iron steamer of 72 tons, was wrecked by Charles Nelson, of San Francisco, and was coming between that city and Puget Sound, left the Goldens Gate on the 4th instant for Seattle. She had been on the way two days and was well out to sea when during a most severe gale her shaft broke. She was then hoisted, and effort made to get to Cape Flattery. Heavy winds, however, drove her northward, and after being buffeted about by the storm for four days being carried northward all the time, and in towards Vancouver island, she drifted into Barclay Sound on the night of December 12 by the west entrance and dangerously close to Starlight reef. There was a big sea running and the wind was blowing great guns. Knowing that she would strike on the reef, and knowing that if she did there would be no hope for her, her officers decided to take to the boats. Four boats were lowered and they started out to seek for a place of safety. An attempt was made to land on one of the small islands, but it was unsuccessful, the wind making it impossible. They then started for another island, and the captain's boat made the Aloupi passage, in which a big surf was breaking. The captain signaled to the other boats to follow, but they failed to do so, and it is supposed that being unable to see the captain's boat after the signals were given, they concluded she had been swamped.

After that time nothing was seen of the three boats. Captain Hall landed his boat safely on the beach after going through Aloupi passage, and spent the night there. The next morning his party made their way to Ucluelet village, where they were cared for by John Markowitz, the storekeeper. In the meantime the steamer had drifted further into the sound, having miraculously missed striking the many islands and reefs that lay in her passage. She finally went ashore at Anderson camp, Lyall point, on the northern shore of Barclay Sound. As soon as she had been located, Captain Hall again took charge, but he found that the Indians had been there and looted the vessel. After waiting for some time for the other three boats, Captain Hall decided to send the purser to Alberni by telegraph to Victoria for assistance. The purser started from Ucluelet in a boat manned by two Indians, but did not get far before his canoe capsized. By threats the purser induced the Indians to take him back to Ucluelet, where he secured a crew of white men to take him to Alberni. Arrived there he found the wrecked down, so he came on to Victoria. There is little doubt that the three boats containing twenty members of the crew and two passengers have met with disaster. Two boxes of biscuits and a pillow believed to have been in the boats, were picked up next morning on the beach. One of the boxes was at the entrance to Ucluelet arm and the other further north. The vicinity where the Cleveland went ashore has a bad reputation for among many men, there being many dangerous reefs over which a terrible surf breaks. Captain Gaudin, agent of the marine and fisheries department, says it is almost impossible for a boat to live in such places. Captain Hall's good fortune in making Aloupi passage was all that saved himself and his companions.

The men who are missing are: W. L. Dietrich and Frank Graham, passengers; S. B. Durfee, first mate; L. F. B. Anderson, second mate; John Melvin, third mate; E. P. O'Neil, first assistant engineer; J. Hammond and D. Crawley, firemen; M. Munroe, steward; Walter Davis, cook; W. T. Boykin, assistant cook; Robt. J. Hubert, carpenter; John Peter, Peter Martin, Berg Larsen, A. Robinson, A. McGill, A. Paulkne, Hendrick Dunlop, seaman, and another seaman, unknown.

THOSE WHO WERE SAVED.

Twenty-two Not Yet Heard From of the Cleveland's Crew and Passengers.

Victoria, Dec. 15.—Following is the list of the steamer Cleveland's crew that reached land in safety: Captain, Charles E. Hall; chief engineer, C. Purser; purser, J. W. Whitbeck; fireman, James Fern; seaman, Alexander Leach; Joseph Costa and Jens Hansen, and a passenger, James Lathbury. The others, two passengers and the remainder of the crew, twenty in number, have not as yet been heard from, although five days have elapsed since the wreck. The government steamer Quadra has received instructions to coal in haste and proceed to the spots of the disaster with a rescue corps, to make a diligent search for any traces of the missing passengers and crew. She will get away this evening.

WHAT THEY SAY IN WASHINGTON

Much Favorable Comment on President's Message.

BOLD STAND ON CURRENCY

Only Way to Stop the "Endless Chain" — Banks to Issue Their Own Currency.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—(Special correspondence of the Astorian.)—Of course the president's message and the recommendations of the secretary of the treasury on the currency question are the chief subjects of discussion in Washington this week. And it may be added that the comment upon them is extremely favorable. Aside from a few people who are determined not to be satisfied with anything the President does, the expression of views upon his message and recommendations were favorable in character and the commendation of his attitude on leading questions were in such clear and vigorous terms as to leave no doubt that the lands of President McKinley are being cordially upheld by the people of the United States irrespective of party.

ACCUSED OF FORGERY.

Seattle, Dec. 15.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of H. H. Harding, who is accused of forging an eight thousand dollar draft. The draft was drawn on the bank at Greenville, N. C., and was cashed by Dexter, Horton & Co. of this city. Harding left town immediately after cashing the draft.

DESPERATE FIGHT WITH AFRIDIS

March of Gen. Westmacott's Brigade
Down Bara Valley.

Troops Behaved Splendidly and Inflicted
Most Severe Punishment on
the Enemy.

Simla, Dec. 15.—Details from the front regarding the march of General Westmacott's brigade down Bara valley show it to have been accompanied by the most desperate fighting since the Dargat ridge affair. The enemy for the first time in the whole campaign exposed themselves in their efforts to cut off the rear guard, and poured in a constant rifle fire in reply to which the British troops exhausted their pouches of ammunition. While the rear guard was worn out by the constant attacks and in a difficult position, the enemy made the coup of the campaign by an open rush upon it. The tired soldiers stood firm and a withering fire swept the advancing tribesmen, who charged almost to the bayonet's point. Afridis wavered, and then retreated to cover, from which they continued a harassing fusillade. Action recommenced with the rising of the sun. The troops behaved splendidly and inflicted the most severe punishment upon the enemy which the latter has yet sustained, 400 men falling.

HAMMOND'S ENTERPRISE.

Extending the O. & C. E. Into California
and Eastern Oregon.

Albany, Or., Dec. 15.—Articles of incorporation were filed today incorporating the Corvallis and Eastern Railroad. The capital stock is \$2,500,000. The principal office is in Albany, and the object as set forth in the construction and operation of a railroad line from Yreka, Calif. to the Snake River in Malheur county, Oregon, also the construction of a branch road from a point of the proposed line at Prineville to California through Lake county, and the purchase of the O. & C. E. railroad. This move is in reality the re-organization of the O. & C. E. railroad for the purpose of extending it eastward. A. B. Hammond, president of the O. & C. E., is at the head of the new company and is the chief stockholder. His representatives here say he has ample capital at his command to carry forward the work which will be commenced next year. It is learned that supplemental articles will soon be filed for the construction of a branch line from a point near Prineville to Pendleton.

DURRANT AGAIN SENTENCED.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—(Special to the Astorian.)—William Henry Theodore Durrant, the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, was sentenced this morning by Superior Judge Bahrs for the fourth time to suffer the extreme penalty of the law, the date of execution being set for January 7, next.

THE CUBAN QUESTION.

The president's expressions upon the Cuban question are also earnestly and warmly commended by members of all parties. The present sentiment upon this subject, compared with that of a few months ago, is strongly marked and a high endorsement of the course of the president which he took immediately after his inauguration in the face of much adverse criticism, even in his own party. Those who a few months ago were criticizing savagely what they considered an unnecessary and improper delay in the Cuban matter, now see that the president's course at that time was a wise one, and that it has from the beginning to end been humane, firm, patriotic and dignified, and one likely to result in honor to the nation and the exercise of humane methods in the neighboring island of Cuba. While the final result of the proposition for autonomy and peace in Cuba, which is now in progress, is of course uncertain, it is perfectly clear from the forceful and vigorous utterances of the president upon this subject that any further action necessary or advisable will not be neglected, even should it carry this nation to the point of forcible interference, to prevent a renewal of the cruelties and inhumanities which existed when this administration came into power.

ANOTHER MURDER IN SAN FRANCISCO

Victim Was Wealthy and Had Just Rented
a Flat, Which Was Being
Fitted Up.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—A horrible murder was committed here at dusk this evening. The victim was a woman; the scene of the crime was in the Mission district, about five blocks from Emancipation church. Many of the scenes of the crime and accompanying circumstances resembled the tragic death of Miss Williams and Blanche Lamont. It was about 5 o'clock this afternoon that the dead body was found in the upper flat at 809 Guerrero street by the tenants of the lower flat. The woman had been outraged and her body beaten to a jelly with a coupling pin, which was found in one of the rooms. The victim is supposed to be Mrs. Mary C. Clute, a wealthy resident of Watsonville, California. She had just rented the flat from Miss Blanchard, and the noise of carpenter laying was heard by the people in the lower flat. The tacking ceased and all was quiet for a time then terrible screams were heard. The occupants of the lower flat became alarmed and started to investigate, when they saw a man leaving by the alleyway leading to the rear entrance. They asked him the cause of the trouble but he vouchsafed no reply and made his escape. On going up stairs the dead body was found. The position of the body indicated that the dead woman had been outraged. The police are searching for Miss Blanchard and also for a clue to the carpenter.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—This afternoon in view of hundreds of men in Green's big billiard hall near the board of trade, M. J. Moore, formerly passenger agent at Denver, of the Chicago & Alton, shot and killed himself. Moore, it is said, was despondent over the loss of his position and money.

TO RELIEVE THE YUKON SUFFERERS

McBride's Resolution in the Senate
Called Up.

REFERRED TO THE MILITARY

Provides for Transportation of Supplies to
Klondike and Makes an Appropriation of \$250,000.

Washington, Dec. 15.—In the senate today McBride called up his resolution directing the secretary of war to purchase food and supplies and to transport such supplies as may be offered for the relief of the American miners and other sufferers in the valley of the Yukon river in Alaska, and also to pay \$250,000 to defray the necessary expenses. An amendment to the resolution providing for the transportation of the supplies by means of reindeer was adopted. Hawley's resolution that the resolution be referred to the committee on military affairs, providing that it should have prompt consideration, was adopted. McBride, after stating his reasons for desiring immediate action, said that he was satisfied with the assurances of Hawley, and would consent to a reference of the resolution. It was therefore referred.

PECULIAR SEALING.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Special to the Astorian.—The senate today passed a bill providing for the prohibition of package sealing by Americans. HOW IT HAPPENED. Captain of the Ochterloo Explains His Difficulties.

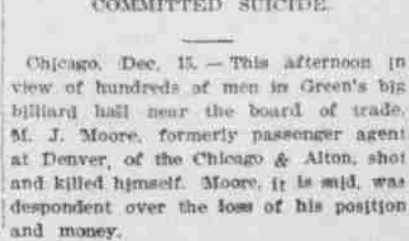
In conversation with an Astorian representative last night, Captain Kennedy, of the British ship Ochterloo, said there had been some misrepresentation in regard to the deserters from his ship. "I was furnished a certain number of men by the sailor boarding house in Portland and by the way most of them never saw a ship before and don't know a yard-arm from a bearing pin, and to insure the detection of the men on board, they put on a watchman by the name of Kennedy (no relative of mine). I was detained in Portland several days and could not come down with the ship. When I arrived Sunday morning I found that several men had deserted, taking with them one of the ship's boats. A search was the next thing in order, and with the assistance of the sheriff, one was instituted at once.

"The watchman who let the men go I discharged. He claimed that he had been previously discharged by the mate. This I denied and refused to pay the full amount of his bill, some \$22, because of the non-fulfillment of his duties. He made complaint to the British consul before whom I offered to pay \$15 to stop his mouthing. This he agreed to accept, but when the money was placed before him on the counter he grabbed it and ran without signing a receipt. The man was arrested and nothing was done with him. "As to the matter of the hiring of the steamer Dwyer to go to the north shore in search of the deserters, I will say that I made a bargain with the captain at the rate of \$15 per day, and explained in the presence of witnesses that as it was then noon, I would pay him \$7.50 for that half day and \$15 for the next day if I needed him. As I did not need him the following day, when it came to my settlement I offered him the \$7.50. This he refused to accept, claiming \$15. Rather than have any more words with the man I agreed to pay him \$10 in settlement, which he took. I endeavored to do the square thing all round under all the circumstances, and am sure Mr. Cherry will bear out my statements. I feel sure that I was first imposed on in Portland, and from what my men tell me on board, I think the work was well finished here."

CREW OF THE LIGHTSHIP THANKFUL TO THE MANANITJA FOR THEIR SALVATION.

Charles Wilson, a member of the crew of lightship No. 57, which went adrift last Saturday, says that there is but one feeling amongst the men for Captain Gregory of the Mananjita. "We all owe our lives to the masterly manner in which Captain Gregory handled his own ship and ours when coming in through the heavy sea at the mouth of the river last Sunday. The waves were running in, ran high, and when the power broke I thought we were all in for it. You know the rest of the story. And every man aboard our ship realized the fate from which we were rescued."

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