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NORTH PACIFIC BREWERY

HELEN W. ALMY TURNED TURTLE

Wrecked Off the Golden Gate While Bound to Alaska.

SEA WITCH MAKES DISCOVERY

No Word From Passengers or Crew and All Are Supposed to Have Been Lost—Too Much Klondiking.

THE HELEN W. ALMY WAS ONCE A SOUTH SEA TRADER AND WAS QUITE FAMOUS FOR HER MANY ADVENTURES AMONG THE REEFS.

San Francisco, March 22.—(Special to the Astorian.)—On the arrival of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Santa Rosa from San Diego today the news was received here of a horrible accident, indirectly attributed to the Alaskan gold excitement, which is believed to have cost the lives of forty passengers and sailors.

Captain Alexander, of the Santa Rosa, reported that early this morning while nine miles off Point Bonita at the mouth of the Golden Gate he sighted a derelict, bottom up. The tug Sea Witch was immediately despatched to the point indicated and found the derelict to be the bark Helen W. Almy, Captain Hogan, which sailed hence for Copper river points with 27 passengers and a crew of 12 last Sunday. The bark lay upon her starboard side with her stern low down in the water, her deck house badly wrecked and several planks of her hull washed loose by the seas which broke over her. While there were no signs of boats among the wreckage it is not believed that her passengers and crew escaped by putting off from the vessel in them, as there had been a very heavy sea for several days past. Furthermore, no word had been received from the survivors, if any existed, although the derelict was sighted within 10 miles of this port and fully 48 hours have passed since the wreck occurred. According to the tug boat men there was a pretty stiff breeze when the Almy sailed, but off the Golden Gate Sunday and next night it was blowing a gale. She left here under topsails and when last seen was standing out for the offing. There was a heavy sea running, and it is supposed that some time during the night she was struck by the squall and turned turtle.

Following is the list of her passengers and crew:

Passengers—A. Alderson, David Anderson, A. B. Beach, D. Cinotto, Theodore Creber, T. P. Currier, Oscar M. Djerander, Fred Franks, Julius Gilli, J. T. Gotsky, Gus Journer, M. R. Lemley, John Levick, William McCray, R. Nichols, James Ronald, T. Reason, James B. Saxon, King Shell, William Sniddon, C. H. Spike, Chas. H. Smallwood, John Vance, Adolph Waldo, John Walker, John Westwick, and an unknown man.

The crew—W. J. Hogan, captain; V. B. Crantz, chief mate, a native of Boston, 35 years of age; F. Mackie, second mate, California, 28; John Higgins, cook, Massachusetts, 30; W. C. Hopkins, steward, Illinois, 46; Ira Cook, cabin boy, Connecticut, 40; Fred Cromwell, apprentice, 20. Seamen—P. Bronson, United States, 40; J. B. Underwood, New Jersey, 24; Charles D. Leach, Connecticut, 24; Earnest Tallam, England, 20; William McKeon, New York, 25; Antone Nicols, Australia, 20.

The Helen W. Almy was once a south sea trader and was quite famous for her many adventures among the reefs. Her commander was Captain Luttrell and he operated her in the interest of John Wightman, who retained an interest in her when she entered the Alaskan trade. The vessel was in good condition for an old one and perfectly seaworthy. She was on the dry dock some days before being put on the berth and her owners spent $3000 in repairing her. She had a temporary house on the deck. When the Almy left port she had 125 tons of ballast in her. She carried besides the provisions of the passengers and their outfits. She was a vessel of about 250 tons and was therefore ballasted sufficiently to make her "stiff."

CALIFORNIA WINES.

San Francisco, March 22.—Internal Revenue Collector Lynch, of the first district, and H. C. Bell, of the fourth district, have received complete returns of the production of sweet wines in this state up to the 1st of March. Nearly all of the wineries have finished their season's run and the total for 1897-98 will exceed the returns so far made by only a few thousand gallons.

A recapitulation shows the total production of the state to be 6,649,263 gallons. Now that these figures have been secured the total output of wines in the state in the last vintage can be given. In round numbers it is 31,500,000 gallons, of which 25,000,000 gallons were dry wines. This is the greatest production for one season in the history of the state.

COAST DEFENSES BEING IMPROVED

New York Harbor to Be Placed in Position to Repel Attack.

OUR UNPROTECTED SEACOAST

Much of It Not Worth Defending, but Principal Forts Will Get a Share of the $50,000,000.

New York, March 22.—The importance of adequate defense for the great commercial and manufacturing interests of this city should war be declared has been pointed out emphatically and the decision of the president to use a portion of the $50,000,000 appropriated by congress for the coast fortifications affords much pleasure to the corps of engineers in charge of the work about New York harbor. The construction of additional means of defense at Forts Hamilton and Hancock on which depends the opposition to a hostile fleet that might attempt to force its way up the narrows is in charge of Colonel Ludlow. Colonel Ludlow said:

"We are glad that a portion of the $50,000,000 is to be used to go on constructing coast defenses. Instead of waiting for the regular appropriation we will have the benefit of the emergency fund. While we are glad of our share if not large, we are glad to be able to go on with our work at Forts Hamilton and Hancock, just as we are completing what the previous appropriation allowed us to do. It enables us to do the work more satisfactorily and to keep our men together. The future work will be a continuance of the plans long ago prepared for defending this harbor with modern ordnance. We do not expect to make use of the ground secured several years ago adjoining the Fort Hamilton reservation as a site for a mortar battery as there are not funds enough for this purpose allowed at the present time. Neither will we make any use of the site for a mortar battery on Plumb island between Sheepshead bay and Barren island, which was bought at the same time. Nothing has been done so far as I know in regard to the erection of a mortar battery or any other means of defense on the western end of Rockaway beach. The government owns no site there. This country is well enough equipped for war with Spain, Argentina, or any other second-class power, but in case of war with a first-class power such as we call ourselves, where would we be? We do not want to have to call upon the navy to defend our seaports, but we should have our harbors so well defended that vessels cannot put into them for supplies and then sail out again to annoy and harrass the enemy. We have more than a thousand miles of unprotected sea coast, but war ships will not shell a comparatively bare coast. Such places as Atlantic City and Long Branch are at the mercy of any armed foreign vessel in case of war, but nothing would be gained by wasting ammunition on them, so there would be no fear for them. An enemy will not strike unless the blow is likely to be effective."

The bad weather made the regular army soldiers camping at Fort Hancock on Sandy Hook uncomfortable and they protested against the shelter afforded them. A demand was made upon the quartermaster department, on Governor's island for more tents. Orders were sent to Philadelphia at once for the number needed and they will be shipped. The work on the new barracks is to be hurried as much as possible and as fast as they are made ready they will be occupied. There are 39 new structures being erected by the government on Sandy Hook, including officers' quarters, barracks, a hospital and houses for married men and their families.

A METHODIST TALKS.

New York, March 22.—In his address at the meeting of the Methodist preachers in the Methodist Book Concern building last night, Bishop J. M. Walden touched upon the Cuban question. He said in part:

"I do not think that the Latin race with its present ability can govern itself. We do not want Cuba; we want Hawaii, but we do not want Cuba. Suppose we discover that the Maine was blown up? The question still remains, whether that is sufficient to cause us to go to war."

(A voice from the rear of the hall: "Yes, it is.")

"Autonomy for Cuba, I think, would answer every purpose. It would make Spain responsible. Meanwhile Cuba would learn how to govern herself."

ANOTHER BIG BLAZE.

The Pacific Shingle Mill at Tacoma Burned to the Ground.

Tacoma, March 22.—The Pacific mill, the largest shingle mill in the world, operated by Metcalf & Wade, was completely destroyed by fire today. The property is owned by the Sather Banking Company, of San Francisco, and their loss will be about $100,000. There were 3,000,000 shingles in the kilns and within thirty minutes from the alarm the immense plant was a total ruin. No insurance on the stock.

THERE MUST BE AN END TO IT

Report on Maine Disaster Will Reach Washington Friday.

EXPLOSION NOT AN ACCIDENT

President Will Take Time to Consider the Voluminous Report—Intervention Is Possible—Spain May Respond.

THERE IS A VERY EVIDENT INTENTION TO CONSIDER ALL THE EVENTUALITIES OF THE CASE, INCLUDING RECOURSE TO INTERVENTION AND THE RECOGNITION OF CUBAN INDEPENDENCE, IF NECESSARY.

Washington, March 22.—The cabinet meeting today lasted something over an hour and was devoted exclusively to the Spanish situation in general and the forthcoming report of the Maine court of inquiry.

The tone of the discussion was very firm and determined that there must come an end to the present state of affairs in Cuba. Secretary Long authorized the statement that the understanding before the cabinet was that the report would reach Washington next Thursday or Friday; that it was very voluminous, and that the publication and transmission of it to congress would not occur until next Monday or Tuesday, as the president would require that much time to give the document the mature consideration which its momentous character required.

Other cabinet officers state that the general plan included the sending of the presidential message along with the report stating that Spain had been called upon to make a suitable response to the case presented by the court of inquiry.

While the cabinet associates of the president maintained their usual reserve as to the exact character of their deliberations, yet it was conceded that the discussion proceeded on the theory that the coming report would show that the Maine explosion was not the result of accident, but was due to an external cause. There is no doubt that substantial unanimity exists on the part of the president and his cabinet both as to the Maine question and to the general subject of Cuba. The possibility of recourse to intervention in case Spain declines to make suitable response to the representations we will make after receiving the Maine report has been fully discussed, although necessarily it has been an abstract discussion thus far and no conclusion has been reached, nor is it possible, until the vital question as to the court's findings is before the president and the cabinet. At the same time there is a very evident intention to consider all the eventualities of the case, including recourse to intervention and the recognition of Cuban independence, and other methods which appear suitable to meet the requirements of such a condition. It is believed to be the intention of the president, however, to bring about a very material and satisfactory condition in Cuba by what shall seem to be the best and most practicable method of obtaining this end. It is the hope of the administration that Spain herself will so far realize the situation as to see the necessity of such radical action on her part with respect to Cuba as shall command the approbation of this country and thus at once put an end to all differences.

Pending the decision on the government's final policy, no overtures or intimations have been conveyed to the Spanish government and there is no official knowledge as to how Spain would regard the recognition of Cuban independence or intervention.

Outside of the cabinet meeting the day was exceptionally quiet. Secretary Long was able to clear his desk at 3:30 o'clock for the first time since the Maine disaster occurred and left the department before office hours closed to enjoy a walk.

The cruiser Brooklyn was at Newport News and the monitor Puritan was under orders to proceed there, so that these vessels will be near Hampton Roads to rendezvous if it is determined to establish a squadron there. Orders for this move have not yet been given or has Commodore Schley received any information from the officials that he would be placed in command of the squadron.

The navy department continues to keep informed as to the Spanish torpedo fleet now stopping at the Canaries. Word of its departure has not yet reached the department. It can be stated positively that the report that President McKinley has protested against the coming of the flotilla is unwarranted. There has been no such protest.

THE BURNED LODGING HOUSE.

Butte, Mont., March 22.—The management of the Hale house claims to have accounted for all but four of the men supposed to have been asleep there at the time of the fire. They are Frank Kriegbaum, Dan Sullivan, Mastin Rooney and Tom Star.

SPAIN'S FLYING SQUADRON HELD

Not Yet Ready for Service Because of Needed Repairs.

ANOTHER SQUADRON PLANNED

Will Be Formed in Cadiz With Torpedo Vessels, Destroyers and Gunboats—Preparing for Defense.

New York, March 22.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says:

The Madrid papers, including the ministerial organs, the Correro, Correspondencia, Liberal and the Globo, print by permission these items of news regarding naval preparations:

The flying squadron is detained at the Canary Islands for two reasons; one is the necessity for repairing the torpedo vessel Arcte, the other is to give time to the battleship Cristobal Colon to coal and complete her outfit before joining the squadron at Las Palmas to escort it to Porto Rico.

Orders have been given to hurry the preparations of the battleship Pelayo at Marseilles, Emperor Carlos V. at Havre, and Newmanca and Victoria at Cartegena to enable them to join Admiral Cervesas' squadron of evolution at Cartegena.

The squadron also includes the first-class cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa, the second-class cruiser Alfonso XII., the fourth-class cruisers, and the new first-class cruiser Varez of 7000 tons, bought from Italy.

Another squadron is to be formed at Cadiz with three torpedo vessels built in Spain, two destroyers recently handed over by English firms and the torpedo gunboat Dena Maria Melina, whose trial trips at Ferrol this week showed nineteen knots. For the present the second flying squadron and the fleet of Admiral Cervera will remain on the coast of Spain. Other ports in the peninsula have called the government's attention to providing land and submarine defenses, offering to contribute a part of the expense.

No marine reserves have been called out yet as two battalions of marines are returning from Manila. The crews of the coast guard vessels at the depots and arsenals of Ferrol, Cadiz and Cartegena have enough men available to man the new war vessels.

The minister of marine, Admiral Bermejo, has said frequently of late that he declines to make known his preparations. He wants the country to understand that they are intended only to meet any emergency on purely defensive and pacific line of conduct all along proclaimed by the present government. The papers say nothing of army preparations.

CUBAN RELIEF SUPPLIES.

No Shipments Should Be Made to Gulf Ports.

New York, March 22.—The central Cuban relief committee gives notice that no shipment of Cuban relief supplies should be made to gulf ports. The Plant system sailing from Havana and Tampa, Fla., will furnish free transportation, but these vessels being small, can carry only supplies originating on the line of the Plant system of railroads. All other shipments from any other part of the United States should be consigned to the Cuban central relief committee at New York. The committee requests all shippers to give notice before shipments are made. The committee has decided to charter a vessel of not less than 200 tons to take 600 tons of cornmeal and 200 tons of bacon to Cuba within 10 days from Saturday last. The supplies have been purchased at a cost of $50,000 and will be delivered in the city during the week. The receipts daily are so large that the committee has opened a warehouse at 48 Ferry street and here the goods are carefully examined, repacked and arranged in shipments and then forwarded to the various American consuls. Rev. Corta, writes from Tampa, asking for aid for the 15,000 refugees there, 2000 of whom he says have no means of making a living. They must be fed, clothed and healed, he urges.

Mr. Barton, president of the committee, explained that no supplies would be sent to Tampa which have been expressly obtained for Cuba. He said the committee was perfectly willing to forward such supplies as are marked for Tampa.

"I understand the destitution of the refugees in Tampa is ery great. Of course we will do what we can for them."

CASTLE ISLAND CLOSED.

Boston, March 22.—After being opened to the public for more than five years for recreation purposes, Castle Island, in Boston harbor, has been closed. Orders from Washington to this effect have been expected ever since the work of handling explosives was begun at Fort Independence on the island some three weeks ago. More than a score of men have been at work painting torpedo shells and getting ready the wiring and other necessary preliminaries to laying them in position in the harbor if necessary.

PETER THE GREAT KNOCKED OUT

Laid Up Against the Ropes in the Third Round.

UNEXPECTED RESULT OF FIGHT

Jackson Not Equal to His Young and Fresh Antagonist—Made No Showing Except in the First Round.

JACKSON DID NOT MAKE MUCH OF A SHOWING AFTER THE FIRST ROUND.

San Francisco, March 22.—(Special to the Astorian.)—Jim Jeffries, of Los Angeles, easily defeated Peter Jackson in the third round tonight at Woodward's pavilion. Jackson did not make much of a showing after the first round. He displayed some of his old time cleverness in ducking and jabbing with his left, but could not land hard enough to stop the rushes of his younger and stronger antagonist. Jeffries showed considerable improvement in cleverness, using his hands with both judgment and precision.

The second round was lively until Peter got a hard left swing on the jaw which sent him on his back. He rose only to go down again from the same blow and was saved by the gong sounding time.

Jackson came up looking fairly fresh in the third round, but soon received a hard left on the jaw which made him wobble helplessly about the ring. Another blow from Jeffries sent him against the ropes, where he hung unable to lift his hands. Jeffries magnanimously stepped back, awaiting the recovery of his opponent, but as Peter was plainly out the referee stepped between them and declared Jeffries the winner.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Louis Gebbhard, of Cascade Locks, Murders His Wife and Suicides.

Portland, March 22.—(Special to the Astorian.)—At the Cascade Locks last night Louis Gebbhard, aged 70, shot and killed his wife, aged 65, and then blew out his own brains. The shooting was heard last night but no attention was paid to it and the bodies were not found until today. Gebbhard had lived with his wife here for the past ten or twelve years on a small farm.

Frequent quarrels have occurred between them for many years and when intoxicated, it is said he was very abusive. Blood stains were on the bed and about the room, showing that a struggle had taken place. Mrs. Gebbhard evidently started to flee from her infuriated husband but she only reached the front porch where he shot her and the body was found lying on the edge of the porch. After committing the murder he walked into the house, and lying down upon a lounge placed the pistol to his head and sent a bullet into his own brain.

Gebbhard had been in ill health and of late, it is said, imagined his wife was trying to cause his death.

The aged couple leave one daughter, Mrs. Morin, who resides with her husband at Fort Stevens, Oregon.

OCEAN RACE.

San Francisco, March 22.—Two ocean races through the Pacific and Atlantic have just been completed. The British ship Olivebank came out the winner, but with little time to spare. The Olivebank and the British ship Primrose left here for Great Britain October 27. The British bark Drumalis sailed on the following day. A dispatch was received at the Merchant's Exchange today that the Olivebank had arrived on March 17 and the Primrose and Rrumalis on the 18th. This was close sailing, but for time none of the vessels compared with the Italian ship Salvatore irampa. The latter vessel and the British ship Inchiaperock sailed from here for the United Kingdom, November 4. The British ship Aberfoyle left two days later. The Salvatore arrived on February 25; the Inchiaperock on the 27th, and the Aberfoyle on the 28th.

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