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MIMI CAPSIZES; 26 FIGHT FOR LIVES

Big Bark Turns Turtle When Pulled From Spit Early in the Morning.

CRIES FOR HELP HEARD; OCEAN HOLDS FATE SECRET

Efforts to Rescue Men on Ill Fated Ship Foiled by Heavy Wind and Seas.

(Special to Democrat.)

Brighton, Ore., April 6.—Twenty-six men, including several prominent civil engineers and marine men from Portland, are struggling between life and death on board the four masted German bark Mimi, which capsized today after being pulled into deep water from the sand beach where she struck and grounded February 13. The bark is now tossing in a raging sea 800 feet off Nehalem sandspit. The fate of the men is held a secret by the fury of the ocean, which has made rescue impossible. Darkness tonight saw the figures of the men clinging to the boat, and the wind brought their cries for help to the ears of 1000 or more people gathered on the shore nearby, but every attempt at rescue met with failure. The United States lifesaving crew from Garibaldi worked almost within hailing distance of the men and employed every means to get a line or a life-boat to them, but without success. Unless the men can hold out on board the vessel until the sea subsides it is believed every one will be drowned, there being no possible means for them to escape, and the efforts of the lifesavers having been suspended as hopeless until then, after darkness enshrouded the scene.

The wreck occurred about 2 o'clock this morning, soon after the bark was dislodged from the sand which has held her since February 13, when she pushed her nose into the beach while attempting to get over the bar at the entrance of Nehalem bay. She was dragged into the ocean by means of donkey engines, and upon reaching deep water was struck by a heavy sea.

A list of the known men on board the ill-fated ship at the time of the accident is as follows:

- Charles Albert Crows, Portland.
- Charles S. Fisher, of Portland and McMinnville, president of the Fisher Engineering Corporation of Portland.
- Russell Blackman, Julian apartments, secretary Fisher Engineering Corporation, Portland.
- Captain J. Westphal, captain of the Miam, resident of Germany.
- W. E. Keen, 134 Kerby street, Portland, contracting plumber.
- Clavin J. A. Wood, mate of the Miam, resident of Germany.
- W. S. Estes, hooktender, Brighton, Ore.
- W. Sibb, fireman, North Plains, Ore.
- Jack Fitzpatrick, hooktender, Erling, Ore.
- J. E. Holyfield, superintendent of the Brighton mill, Brighton, Ore.
- Watt (first name unknown), resident of Brighton and employe of Brighton mills.

In addition there are between 15 and 20 members of the crew, mostly Germans, and five lumbermen, formerly employed in the logging camp of the Brighton mills, names not known.

It will be remembered that Mr. Russell Blackman, who is a well known young engineer of Portland, and who was one of those employed in the engineering crew to float the bark, was married Tuesday evening in the Rose City to Miss Mae Roberts a former Albany girl. An account of the wedding appeared in the Democrat Wednesday.

J. P. Roberts, father of the bride of only a few days, received word from Portland yesterday afternoon of the disaster and was called there to comfort and remain with his daughter until her husband's fate is learned. He left for Portland late last night.

FARMER HAS GOOD WORD FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB

Mat Smith, a well known and prominent resident of Crabtree, was transacting business in Albany this morning and while conversing with one of the local business men, congratulated the Commercial club of Albany upon the movement recently made by the members to secure better roads in Linn county. He stated that in this campaign the club has the support of the rural districts.

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YOUNG MEDICAL STUDENT SUCCEUMBS TO TUBERCULOSIS

Howard Longbottom Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon at Salem.

Mr. Howard Longbottom, a young medical student at the Willamette university of Salem, passed away at the home of his parents in that city yesterday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock after a lingering illness with tuberculosis. The deceased was 22 years of age.

The funeral services were held this morning at the parent's home in Salem and the body was brought to this city for burial. A short service will be held at Fisher & Bradens undertaking parlors at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and will be conducted by Rev. E. Hicks, of the Baptist church. The deceased is survived by two sisters and two brothers besides his parents who reside in Salem, who are Mr. and Mrs. Langbottom, Mrs. S. C. Worrell and Miss Lucille Longbottom, both of this city, Mr. Buney Longbottom, of Seattle and Mr. Benj. Longbottom, of Prineville.

REV. D. H. LEECH PREACHED GOOD SERMON LAST NIGHT

The Power to Forgive is the Highest Gift of Mankind Says Pastor.

In a strong message before a large Methodist congregation last night Rev. D. H. Leech, pastor of the church, declared that the highest power in the gift of man according to his opinion was the power to forgive. He contended that the power to forgive was the primary basis for all good fellowship of mankind. "If you are intending to do me an injury," said the minister in a direct statement to the congregation, "you are forgiven right now. If there is any ill will existing between you and anyone straighten the matter out at your earliest convenience. If the other party refuses to reciprocate the favor do not hold a grudge but let your conscience feel clear of any wrong doing."

It is for the brother who we have failed to love as we should, said the pastor, who in turn has rendered us a service for which we have a feeling of deep gratitude toward him, that we should always be ready to forgive and good will should always reign.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Oangon this morning returned to their home at Irvington, Portland, after a visit here and an outing of a month or two at Newport. Miss Grace, who was with them, will remain for a longer visit, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. D. Cusick.

J. D. Guiss, drug drummer, a former Albany young man, this morning went up to Mill City. Mr. Guiss was at Tillamook two or three days ago, and saw the efforts being made to get the wrecked Mimi off the sand spit. It looked to him as if the lifesaving crew ought to have been able to have gotten the men marooned on the vessel off.

E. A. Thompson, after spending Sunday with his family, returned to Mill City to complete the improvements of the Hammond Mill properties.

S. A. D. Hamilton, of Scio, made his usual Sunday trip here to see the pictures move.

Rev. Gilchrist and Mr. Holstein, of Oakville, went to Portland this afternoon on the Oregon Electric to attend the Presbytery of the U. P. church.

C. O. Anderson went to Portland this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scruples, of Newport, were in the city today.

Conrad Myer, Jr., went to Salem this afternoon to consult with his architect, Mr. Post.

Mrs. Trumbull, of Goltra, returned home this afternoon, after a several days' visit with Albany friends.

Labor Commissioner Hoff, of Salem, passed through the city this noon on his way home from a trip south.

C. W. Tebbalt went to Portland this afternoon.

Editor Tip Humphrey of Jefferson, arrived this noon to look after Albany business.

Marry Upman, of Portland, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Upman.

C. W. Goodwin was paid \$2 today by the county clerk as bounty on a near Foster and killed the cat March bob cat hide. Goodwin is a farmer 20 near his home.

Miss Lucy Hamlin, of the O. A. C. returned to Corvallis last night after a two days' visit as the guest of Miss Eva Hoffmich, of this city.

Miss Gertrude Jewell, of Independence, returned to that city this forenoon by the Oregon Electric, after spending Sunday with her folks, in Sunnyside.

E. H. McCune returned Saturday evening from Portland where his dog carried off the honors of the big show. In addition to several Hibbons he brought home two sterling silver trophies which are highly prized.

JAIL BIRD SETS FIRE TO CITY JAIL

Otto Lesch Is Alleged to Have Dropped Lighted Match in Papers.

YELLS LUSTILY FOR HELP AFTER STARTING FIRE

Saved in Nick of Time from Suffocation by Policeman Marshall.

Resenting the fact that he was arrested on a charge of drunkenness, Otto Lesch, a tailor of this city, is alleged to have deliberately set fire to the city jail yesterday afternoon at 5:50 o'clock.

Lesch happened to be the only prisoner in the jail and his lusty yells for help attracted the attention of Policeman Marshall who happened to be in the neighborhood at the time. Marshall rushed to the jail and released the man and then turned in an alarm over the telephone. By the use of small extinguishers the fire was gotten under control before the fire department responded but shortly after their arrival the blaze took a new lease and it became necessary to bring the big hose into play. The extent of the damage is not known but the building is covered by insurance.

It is alleged that the blaze was started by Lesch with the use of a match. The man was confined in a cell in the west side of the bastille on the upper story. Upon the wall of this cell is arranged a rough paper rack which was littered with old papers, placed there from time to time for the benefit of the jailbirds. It is believed that Lesch, in a fit of drunken rage deliberately dropped a lighted match among the papers, as there was no fire in the stove or any other visible means for the origin of the blaze. It had only been a few minutes before that the man had been arrested and placed in the jail, and before he was locked in he was thoroughly searched, and the officers supposed that they had relieved him of everything of a dangerous nature.

Lesch is one of the most stubborn characters that has come before the police court in some time. About two weeks ago he burst into the limelight quite conspicuously, when he refused to work on the streets or to pay his fine on a separate charge of drunkenness, whereby he was given five days on bread and water. After he had eaten the best part of a loaf of bread, a friend came to the rescue of the wayward man and bought his release from the jail by paying the fine. It is said that Lesch at the time had plenty of money to pay the fine but out of pure stubbornness or stinginess he refused to pay it.

Lesch is employed by Peter Paulus, the First street tailor, and has been a resident of this city for several months. He gives no reason for his rash act but claims that it was an accident. He says that he did not realize that it would have meant his doom had it not been for the prompt response of Policeman Marshall. While he was not overcome with smoke and was able to walk out of the door when it was opened by the officer, it is believed that relief arrived at the physiological moment, for had Lesch been left in the cell 10 minutes longer there is no doubt but that he would have been overcome or perhaps suffocated.

When brought before Police Judge Van Tassel this morning, Lesch pleaded guilty to the charge and was severely lectured. However, the police judge sprinkled some good sound advice into the lecture. "You perhaps did not realize how close you came to losing your life last night did you?" said Van Tassel, "and it was all on account of booze. You are your worst enemy and you have a lot of friends and you would be all right if you kept the booze out of your system."

Lesch was assessed a fine of \$20 and costs, this being the second offence, and in failing to pay the fine he was placed to work on the streets this afternoon for 10 days.

A HARRISBURG MAN IS MARRIED HERE TODAY

Clarence Grimes and Jessie Tutt were married at the Baptist parsonage in Albany April 7th, 1913, Elbert H. Hicks officiating. They went north for a short honeymoon after which they will be at home to their many friends at Harrisburg. Mr. Grimes is deputy marshal of that city and is well known here.

FIRE BUGS ARE AT WORK HERE AGAIN

Blaze of Incendiary Origin Is Discovered in Nick of Time at Old Church.

MARSHALL'S PROMPT ACTION AVERTS BIG CONFLAGRATION

Saw 2 Suspected Fire Fiends Run Away From Building After Dropping Match.

For the second time within two weeks the old South Methodist church, building, corner Third and Montgomery streets, was discovered on fire early Sunday morning about 12:45 o'clock. The fire was discovered by Night Policeman Marshall who happened to be in the neighborhood at the time, and turned in the alarm.

This time there is no question in the minds of fire department officials that the fire was of incendiary origin as any amount of coal oil was discovered strewn on the board walk and around the outside of the main entrance of the building. Officer Marshall reached the scene just in time to see two men dash around the corner and disappear in a southern direction. These men, judging from their actions, were undoubtedly the incendiaries and it is believed that the recent fires of incendiary origin can undoubtedly be laid at their door. The officer started out in pursuit of the men but concluded that it was imperative to call out the fire department as the fire was gaining considerable proportion.

However, a prompt response from the fire department checked the flames before much damage was done. The fire was started at the base of the tower and leaped upward, gradually eating its way up to the roof and to the interior of the building. The damage is considered very slight in view of the quantity of coal oil spilled over the front of the building. It is conceded that had it not been for the presence of the officer in the neighborhood at the time that it would have resulted in the total destruction of the building. Mr. Marshall's prompt action in turning in the alarm at the time he did undoubtedly prevented one of the most serious fires in the annals of the city. The old church is regarded as a regular tinder box, the timbers being very dry and old, and in view of the hour and the close proximity of several splendid homes it is believed that had the fire not been checked at the time considerable damage would have resulted. The fire which broke out in the building two weeks ago was supposed to have started from matches in the hands of children of the neighborhood who are accustomed to congregating on the inside of the building where they have used it as a play-house. This fire happened in the forenoon and was extinguished before much damage was done.

The old building has not been in use for many years and has been lying idle save from its use as a play ground for the children. It cannot be surmised for what reason the persistent firebugs of Albany directed their efforts to its destruction.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Worrell returned this noon from Salem, where they had been called by the death of Mrs. Worrell's brother, Jas. Howard Longbottom. They were accompanied by Mrs. Worrell's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Longbottom, and Bernie and Lucille Longbottom.

J. H. Liggett, a prominent theological student of the Christian Theological Seminary at Eugene, a former Albany College student, was in the city today on his way home from Crawfordville, where he preached yesterday.

County Clerk Marks issued a marriage license today to Clarence Grimes age 22, and Jessie Tutt, age 21, both of Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fisher, of the Fisher-Bradens Co., went to Portland Saturday evening for a visit with Mrs. Fisher's brother, Judge Cleland and family.

F. M. FRENCH & SON MAKE CHANGES IN THEIR STORE

Carpenters have been busy today remodeling the interior of F. M. French & Son's jewelry store preparatory to the installation of a set of the latest wall cases along the East wall of the store. The work will be completed before the end of the week and when the splendid new cases are fully installed the appearance of the interior of the store will be materially changed.

KELLY-ROBERTS WEDDING SOLEMNIZED SATURDAY

Ceremony Was Performed by Popular Methodist Minister, Rev. D. H. Leech.

Mr. C. J. Kelly and Miss Carrie A. Roberts were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Blackburn, on West First street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. H. Leech of the Methodist church and was a very quiet affair, being witnessed by the immediate relatives and friends of the couple.

Mr. Kelly is a bright young man and is employed in the engineering department of the Oregon Electric railway with headquarters in this city. He has only been here for a few months, coming here from Portland. During his stay here he has made many friends. Miss Roberts is a well known young lady of the younger set of the city and has been a resident here for some time. The couple will make their home in this city.

CATHOLICS OBSERVE AN HISTORICAL EVENT SUNDAY

Father Lane Preached on the Subject; The 16th Centenary of Edict of Peace.

The 16th centenary of the Edict of Peace was the subject of the sermon at St. Mary's Catholic church yesterday.

In all the Catholic churches of the world began last Sunday the solemn observance of the 16th centenary of the Edict of Milan, which was issued by Constantine and Licinius conjointly A. D. 313, and brought freedom of the persecuted Christians of the day. The events which in God's providence were destined to prepare the emancipation of the church, were the sudden appearance of luminous cross in the sky, and the victory won shortly after by Constantine through the power of Christ. From that day the cross was borne in the Roman standards with the monogram of Christ, and the statue erected to Constantine by the Christian symbol with an inscription ascribing the victory to the divine assistance. At the very time of the battle, the Christians were gathered recently in the palace of a Christian woman named Lucina and there they prayed for the freedom and peace of the church. Near the spot where they were gathered were the imperial stables, and there their Bishop Marcellus had been condemned to menial service until he finally died, broken by labor and grief.

The emperor Maxentius, who had persecuted the christians and seized all their property in Rome, was defeated on that 28th day of October, 312, and was drowned in the waters of the Tiber. Near that spot will shortly be erected a magnificent church, the gift of the Catholics of the whole world, and services of thanksgiving have been ordered in all Catholic churches to thank God for the victory of Constantine and the consecration of the Christian people, which followed. These services will be in progress until the 8th day of next December and the Sunday evening sermons at St. Mary's church deal with the history both civil and religious of that period.

GEORGE BALLAD ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF LARCENY

Makes His Escape When He Is Released by Officer When Fire Is Discovered.

Wanted on a charge of larceny in Benton county, young George Ballard, was arrested here yesterday afternoon by Officer Marshall, who was taking him to the city jail when he discovered the fire in that place.

In a hurry the officer released the boy to unlock the jail door to rescue Otto Lesch, whereupon Ballard escaped. However, Ballard was recaptured two hours later and placed in the county jail. It is probable that his case will come up before the juvenile court of Linn county and the wayward lad will be sent to the state reform school. His age is given as 17 years.

Judge Galloway returned home Saturday evening after holding court for several days.

Edmund Anderson, a prominent freshman of the O. A. C., spent Sunday at home.

Walter Gannit was a visitor in the city yesterday. He returned to his home in Eugene this morning.

Judge Kelly went to Salem this morning to hold the regular April term of circuit court, with a good sized docket for consideration.

ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR OPENING

The New Hotel Hammel Will Be Formally Opened With an Auspicious Ceremony.

NOTABLE MEN TO SPEAK AT SPLENDID BANQUET

Everybody Invited to Attend; No Invitations Were Issued; Announcements Mailed.

The program for the formal opening of the new Hotel Hammel has been fully arranged and everything is now in readiness for the big ceremony to take place on April 9.

In view of the fact that many business men would be unable to attend the big dinner which was planned to take place at 6 o'clock in the evening arrangements for a big banquet have been completed to take the place of this feature. The banquet will be held in the dining room commencing at 8 o'clock in the evening during which the splendid dedicatory program will be rendered. The big hostelry will be thrown wide open at 7 o'clock and will remain open until 12 o'clock. This is in order to give local people and visiting patrons the opportunity to inspect the entire building, from basement to the top floor, that they may see what goes to the making and running of the magnificent hotel. Not many cities the size of Albany can boast of as handsome a hotel and run it on the present elaborate scale that is now being conducted. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the opening. The management wishes to impress it upon the minds of the people that it is not an invitation affair but that everyone has an invitation to visit the hotel during the opening night.

The cards sent out last week were merely announcement cards of which 500 were issued but it is impossible to include everybody in the mailing list and the management wishes to take this chance to invite everybody to attend the ceremony regardless of the fact whether they received an announcement or not. The majority of these cards were sent to non-residents of the city, mainly the patrons of the hotel in order to let them know that the hotel was now in full working order. Those who do not attend the banquet will have an opportunity just as well as those who attend, to hear the program and will be welcomed and made just as much at home as the diners. Provision for their comfort during the program will be made in the lobby, and on the mezzanine floor and the reception room. The ecstacy of the building is such that any happening in the dining room will be plainly audible on the outside and especially the music so they can be assured of receiving full benefit of the program. Visiting guests will be shown through the hotel by prominent young ladies of the city.

The program is a large and varied one and embodies a wide scope of general information. The following is a list of the speakers and the subjects upon which they will deliver short addresses:

- J. K. Weatherford, toastmaster and address of welcome; P. D. Gilbert, A Greater Albany; P. A. Young, Albany as a railroad center; H. E. Morton, Albany's Power Facilities; H. M. Crooks, Educational Advantages of Albany; J. S. VAN WINKLE, Good Roads; W. J. Kerr, See Oregon First; Fred Dawson, Albany from 1908 to 1913; Carl Sox, Hotels the Commercial Man's Home; E. D. Cusick, How Hotel Hammel was Built; Chas. Burggraf, Construction of Hotel Hammel; J. N. Chambers, Benefit of a Modern Hotel; Dr. Davis, Hotels from a Sanitary Standpoint; Phil Metchen, Jr., Management of Hotel Hammel; E. H. McCune, The Difference in Hotels; Gale Hill, Hotel of Today; M. A. Miller, Hotel Legislation; Robt. Strahorn, President of P. E. & E. R. R., Officials.

PRESIDENT OF P. & E. WILL ATTEND BANQUET

Prominent Railroad Officials Will Attend Opening of the New Hotel.

That Robert Strahorn and other officials of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway will attend the formal opening of the new Hammel hotel was the word received here this morning.

A party of Corvallis business men is also being made up in the Benton county metropolis and special reservation has been made for the members at the banquet board.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hogan went to Portland Saturday evening for a few day's stay.