

MEN BATTLE 31 DAYS WITH STORM

Six Men Escape After Terrible Hardships—Boat Sinks, But Men Reach Island Frostbitten—One Becomes Snow-Blind.

SEWARD, Alaska, March 12.—After a 31-day battle with ice, blizzards and hunger, four of the six men who rowed away from the wreck of the steamer Farallon January 7 are safe in Seward today and the remaining two are safe at Kodiak.

The four men were brought to Seward on the revenue tug Tahoma, which left Seattle February 8 to search for the missing men. They are: Gus Swansen, second mate of the Farallon; Charles Peterson, seaman; Albert Bailey, passenger en route to Kodiak; Otto Nelson, seaman.

The other two were Charles Bourne, a resident of Afognak, now safe at Kafiak Bay, and Captain Widder, master of the launch Sea Wolf, who remained at Kodiak.

For a month the Tahoma searched for the missing men, with never a word. March 7, as the revenue boat was leaving Karluk straits, she spoke the schooner Mattie, whose crew shouted that the six men had been at Uyak, leaving there two days ago in a dory headed for Afognak.

The Tahoma headed full speed for Afognak and there on the evening of March 7 found the men. The four now in Seward will return to Seattle on the Tahoma, which leaves here Sunday night. The men tell a marvelous story of their two months' battle for life and a final victory.

Leaving the wrecked Farallon on the morning of January 7, they headed for Ursus Cove, where they put in for the night. Putting out the next morning they ran into a north-west gale, the heavy sea nearly swamped the boat and the spray froze on them until they resembled animated icebergs.

Just off Douglas Island the boat sank under the weight of the ice with which it was coated, but the men managed to reach the island, all terribly frost-bitten. They huddled in a sheltering nook for 48 hours until the blizzard subsided. Then setting off to the camp of Michael Pablov, a

trapper, he shared his provisions, but refused \$200 to attempt crossing the straits, saying that it meant certain death. They remained storm-bound with Pablov until February 7, when they started out again. Nelson became snow-blind and wandered away and was not found for 28 hours.

Reaching Kagnak, the party found an old skiff which they dug out of the snow and made their way to Kafiak Bay, living the entire time on whale oil and dried fish flour. There they managed to kill a seal, but in attempting to cross the straits their boat was wrecked in a gale just as they reached Cape Ugat.

After more hardships and suffering they made their way to Uganek village in a native canoe and from there with two native guides went to Afognak, where the Tahoma found them.

GUGGENHEIMS STILL IN CONTROL OF CLAIMS

CLEVELAND, O., March 12.—Efforts to show that the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate considers its option on the Cunningham coal land claims in Alaska still in force were apparent by the government today.

The government attorneys cross-examined Clarence Cunningham at great length in an attempt to show that the syndicate still considers its agreements with the Cunningham entrymen valid according to the statement of Stephen Birch, managing director of the syndicate. Birch's statement tended to support the agreement made several weeks ago when he, in company with John N. Steel, general counsel for the syndicate, appeared before the congressional committee investigating the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy at Washington.

Cunningham, who has declared that he would make his affidavits denying the existence of any agreement after the negotiations with the Guggenheims had failed, insisted today that when the entrymen refused the Guggenheim terms all agreements were thereby abrogated.

Ellis Votes With Democrats. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—The McCall bill, which provides for the publication of campaign contributions to various political parties, was finally ordered to be reported upon favorably to the house today. Congressman Ellis of Oregon, voted with the Democrats as favoring the bill.

FAIRBANKS MAY AGAIN GET IN

Former Vice-President States That at No Far Distant Date He May Go Back Into Politics.

LONDON, March 12.—Former Vice-President Charles Warde Fairbanks, who sailed for America from Liverpool today, declared that he may re-enter politics at no distant date, according to an interview with Fairbanks published in the London Evening News this afternoon.

Fairbanks is quoted as having said: "I will not say that I am out of politics. I may, in fact, re-enter politics at no distant date. For the present, however, my time is occupied in working for a limitation of international armaments. As a result of this movement, the civilized world may expect to see a material reduction of the world's war expenses soon."

Fairbanks declined to state just

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what particular field of politics he is considering entering.

HALLS PAY TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF SHAEFER

CHICAGO, Ill., March 12.—As a tribute to Jake Shaefer, the veteran billiard player, who died in Denver Tuesday, all play in the local billiard halls will cease between 1:30 and 3:30 o'clock tomorrow while his funeral is being held.

Shaefer's body arrived here yesterday from the Colorado city.

Sounds Bad, Whatever It Is!

ROME, March 12.—J. Pierpont Morgan is preparing today to undergo an operation for the removal of a polypus of the nose, which interferes with his breathing. The growth is not serious, but its excision requires careful and delicate surgical work.

Aside from the nasal trouble, the American millionaire is in excellent health.

CABINET TRYS OUT NEW COTTON SEED

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Members of President Taft's cabinet who ate cookies and pastry made from cotton seed yesterday were unanimous today in asserting that the confections were "just as good" as anything they had tasted where wheat flour was used instead.

The feast was provided by Secretary of War Dickinson, who received the viands from his nephew in Texas.

The unique banquet was given with the view of showing that the cotton seed flour could be used in the place of wheat flour. It is not expensive and its backers claim that the use of the flour would lessen the cost of living to some extent.

The cookies, bread and other foods made from the cotton seed flour have been sent to Dr. Wiley of the department of agriculture to analyze. He will submit a report on its nutriment value in comparison with other flours.

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Upon arriving at Coalinga, the program provided for a most strenuous hill-climbing contest on what is described as an "almost perpendicular" hill. There were seventeen starters in the free for all, the event being won by a Buick-40 driven by Kratzler, a Buick-40 driven by Waterman was second, and four of the starters failed entirely to reach the summit.



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