

SHIPS COLLIDE IN FOG AT SEA; NO LIFE LOSS

Pacific Freighters Suffer in Series of Accidents—43 Sailors Picked Up From Floridian—Tugs Tow Vessels to Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—(AP) Collisions in dense fog off the north Pacific coast over the week end caused heavy damage to four steam freighters.

One of the vessels, with a great hole amidships today was approaching San Francisco under tow, another was either sunk or a derelict, and two were steaming for port to undergo repairs.

The worst damaged of the freighters was the American-Hawaiian steamship Floridian, which was abandoned by her crew Saturday night after collision with the Pacific Steamship company's freighter Admiral Pike, 45 miles south of Delos, on the Washington coast.

The crash tore a great hole in the Floridian's side, and the Pike's bow was damaged.

The 43 men on board the Floridian, which was en route from Boston to Seattle, took to the lifeboats and were picked up by the Admiral Pike, which later headed for Seattle. The rescuee sailors reported their vessel sunk, but later her bulk was sighted by lookouts aboard the Pike. Three vessels, the U. S. coast guard cutter Algonquin from Astoria, the Salvage King from Victoria, B. C., and the John Cuddey from Grays Harbor, Wash., today were hunting for the missing steamer or for wreckage which would prove she had sunk.

The Pike was enroute from Seattle to San Francisco with freight.

The other collision occurred yesterday between the freighter Calmar, owned by the Calmar Steamship company, subsidiary of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, and the Canadian Rover, operated by the Canadian National Steamship company.

They crashed in a fog seven miles southwest of Point Arena, at a point about 100 miles north of here.

A large hole was torn in the Calmar's port side at the water line. The steamer anchored, with the Canadian Rover standing by, until a tug arrived on the scene from San Francisco and took her in tow. The Calmar was formerly the Albert Jefferson, and before that the Eastern Importer.

The Canadian Rover of 2422 gross tons, was bound for San Francisco to north coast ports with a cargo of fish products.

LA GRANDE MISS HELD CAPTIVE FOR MONTH IS FOUND

LA GRANDE, Ore., Sept. 3.—(AP) Missing from her home since Aug. 6, Nina Case, 13-year-old Elgin girl, was found late yesterday by Sheriff Jess Brodhears in a dense thicket in the forest about 15 miles from Elgin, near the shack of James "Bud" Metcalf, 45, who was arrested and is held on an open charge. A complaint will be filed against him tomorrow, the sheriff said.

The girl, sobbing, told officers she did not know where she was, and said Metcalf had taken her from her home Aug. 6, supposedly to meet another man.

She was taken to the woods during the night, and since has been in the thicket with a rough, dirty bed to sleep upon, and afraid to leave or try to find her way out.

She was returned to her parents last night. The girl told the sheriff that when the "other man" Metcalf was to meet failed to show up, Metcalf told her he was going to take her to British Columbia. She said Metcalf told her her parents "didn't want nothing more to do with her."

Passing of the Early Pioneer

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 3.—(AP) John Nelson Voorhies, a resident of Portland for nearly 40 years, and a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home here yesterday. He was 84 years old. He is survived by two sons, Amos E. Voorhies, publisher of the Grants Pass Daily Courier, and Chester R. Voorhies of Stella, Wash.

The veteran's son, Amos, his grandson, Elsie E. Voorhies, and his great grandson, John Elsie Voorhies, came to Portland Saturday for a family group picture of the four generations. The picture was taken Saturday afternoon.

The elder Voorhies expressed a desire to attend church services Sunday, and when his family went to waken him, found him dead. He had passed away quietly in his sleep.

CHEFOO, China, Sept. 3.—(AP) Chefoo again transferred its allegiance to the nationalist cause today. The southern Chinese flag was hoisted. Soldiers and police changed badges accordingly. There was no disorder.

ANDERSON BACK FROM CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS

A. J. Anderson of the "Anderson Studio" arrived home Saturday night from Portland where he attended the annual convention of the Pacific-International Photographers association. Mr. Anderson reports a very successful convention, full of helpful suggestions in lectures and demonstrations. J. Anthony Hill of Cincinnati, Ohio, an outstanding figure nationally as a portrait photographer, gave two fine and instructive lectures and demonstrations. Harry Elton of New York City, a commercial photographer of national reputation, gave two lectures and demonstrations on "Color Separation and Copying Old Pictures."

The convention next year which will be held in San Francisco.

George W. Dufur of Oakland, Cal., was elected president of the association for the ensuing year. Ralph Young of San Francisco, vice president; Claude Palmer, Portland, secretary; and Sam Walters, Seattle, treasurer. Harry Elton's lecture on methods of copying and restoring daguerotypes and old and mutilated photographs was alone worth the trip.

Mr. Anderson exhibited in both the portrait and commercial class, winning a blue ribbon in each class. Selection being based on outstanding distinctive samples of photographic work. Mr. Anderson's display will be sent to Salem where it will be hung in the art exhibit during the state fair, when it will be returned here to be displayed in his show case at 128 East Main street.

Mr. Anderson states that he is getting ready now to make an exhibit for next year's convention at San Francisco.

The Anderson Studio has undergone a real cleanup with new paint, wall paper and draperies the past week, and with the very latest and best in equipment breathes an air of refinement which cannot be equaled anywhere between Portland and San Francisco.

The studio will be open for business Tuesday morning, September 4, your inspection of this popular and up to the minute studio will be well worth your while.

NO HOLIDAY FOR
FRUIT WORKERS
OR WOOD MAN

While today was a very quiet one in the business district with all the county and city offices, postoffice, stores, banks, barber shops, general offices, and most other places of business closed, except the service stations, tobacco stores and news stands, restaurants and hotels, the orchards and packing houses were in full operation, preparing pears for shipment.

Hence the packing house district was the usual bee hive of industry, with all their attendant fruit harvesting activities, and a common sight on the streets was the hurrying of big wagon loads of loaded pear boxes. The delivery wagons of the fuel companies were also noticed scurrying around the city delivering winter wood at the various homes, as usual.

There was no formal celebration of Labor Day, and the only amusement features besides the moving picture theaters were the baseball game between the Medford and Marshfield teams, and the ball to be given at Hilarity hall tonight under auspices of the American Legion drum corps.

FORMER RESIDENT,
ILL IN TURKEY,
IS NOW IMPROVING

Harold McDonald, former well known Medford young man, and son of Rev. John E. McDonald, pastor of the local Free Methodist church, and Mrs. McDonald, is seriously ill with typhoid fever in Constantinople, Turkey, but a cablegram received here last Saturday, by Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, following a cablegram received by them a week ago, saying that he was gravely ill, stated that while his condition is still serious the attending physicians thought the worst was over.

These cablegrams were sent by Mrs. Harold McDonald, formerly Lucile Saunders, a widely known Oregon newspaper writer and formerly of the Oregonian staff. Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald have been residing abroad for over a year past, where he is exploiting manager for the American Trade Company for the Europe, Asia and Africa territory, with headquarters at Constantinople. They have a child, which was born in Europe months ago.

LOST FLYERS RESCUED
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of the rescue to watchers at the radio station at Mount Evans.

In New York, Dick Hafferty, one of the Times operators, suddenly heard the radio crackle: "Urgent, urgent, 210." "210" are the call letters of the New York Times station. The call came from Operator Haer of the Mount Evans station and word of the rescue followed.

JUDGE THOMAS IN A REPLY TO HOUGH LETTER

Local Jurist Explains Position in Article to Press—Urges Fullest Publicity Be Given to Withdrawal of Support.

In response to a letter from Attorney A. C. Hough, of Grants Pass, withdrawing his endorsement of Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas for re-election, Judge Thomas yesterday mailed to the press of Jackson and Josephine counties the following letter, explaining his position. The letter of Attorney Hough is appended.

August 31, 1928.
Mr. A. C. Hough,
Attorney at Law,
Grants Pass, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Hough: Your letter of date August 29, 1928, requesting "the withdrawal of your name and the use of it" from the document of recommendation referred to in an editorial appearing in the Mail Tribune August 28, last, and all other documents of like import, etc., and especially that further publication referring to the "odium" that might come to you as a result of the publication of such documents, came to me as a surprise.

I am very sorry indeed that the editorial annoyed you, and that you are apprehensive of further publications of a like nature, but when you suggest that the editorial was from my pen, or prompted by me, your mind may be at ease. I was at Crater Lake lodge at the time it appeared and had been there for more than two weeks. I had no knowledge or intimation of it until after its publication.

It now appears that the Mail Tribune, Daily News and Ashland Tidings approve my work on the bench and are supporting my candidacy in conjunction and in cooperation with all but two attorneys in the district, among whose supporters you have so often told me you were to be counted.

When my candidacy for re-election was announced I was just recovering from a long illness, concerning which you were unusually sympathetic. Without my solicitation you, yourself, too, you told me that you intended an endorsement of my candidacy and with your co-operation it was circulated, approved and signed by every member of the bar of Josephine county. You signed it first and when you later told me about it you seemed to feel it was a privilege for your name to appear first on the list.

After every attorney in Josephine county, including my present opponent, had graciously endorsed my candidacy and "hoped that I would be re-elected without opposition" it was mailed to me.

The receipts of the above document brought the first knowledge of the attitude of your entire bar and, as I expressed to you all later, I considered it and do now feel it a most considerate act.

Being gratified by the unanimous act of your bar, I naturally showed it to the attorneys of the Jackson County Bar, who of their own accord circulated and placed in my hands a like endorsement containing the names of all but

two of the attorneys of this county. These documents were published in full in the local papers at the time, and it was assumed by such newspapers that inasmuch as the entire bar of the district, including my present opponent of Josephine county "hoped I would be re-elected without opposition" that there would be no candidate from your bar.

You refer to other endorsements. I presume you have in mind the exceptionally strong letters for which I was at the time, and am now extremely grateful, sent to the president of the United States, the attorney-general of the United States, and the Oregon senators, by all the members of your bar, including yourself and my present opponent, in which all recommended me strongly for appointment to the honorable position of federal judge.

For these splendid endorsements I was then and am now extremely grateful. These endorsements are now public documents.

I go into this detail to show you that all these letters and endorsements having long since become public documents are no longer subject to my control and certainly you would not assume that I have any control over the editorial page of any newspaper.

I am unable to understand your viewpoint as expressed in your letter. My opponent has not requested that his name be withdrawn from his endorsement of my candidacy. Apparently he still hopes that I "will be re-elected without opposition." All of the members of the bar of both counties signed after you and knew you were supporting me. After Mr. Norton became a candidate you told me at great length that you could not understand how he could run and face his own endorsement of me and that regardless of the fact that you were from the same town that you fully expected to keep your written word of honor and that I could depend on you at all times for support.

With this in mind, and the further fact that my present opponent, signed almost immediately under your name and joined with you, fail to understand your annoyance. However, I would gladly comply with your request if it were possible to withdraw your name, but in view of the facts given you will understand that it is not within my power.

You are however entitled to have the voters correctly advised of my withdrawal. To this I cheerfully agree.

Therefore in order that the widest possible circulation be given to your intention to withdraw your endorsement of me, I am today mailing to the press of this judicial district copies of your letter and my reply.

As you know, court work will prevent my active participation in the coming campaign. Of necessity what is done in my behalf will be done by my friends. They may or may not use these public documents. It is for them to decide. However, you may at all times point on my assistance in presenting your true position to the public. Very respectfully,

C. M. THOMAS,
Circuit Judge.

A. C. Hough (Copy)
Lawyer
Grants Pass, Oregon
August 29, 1928.

Hon. C. M. Thomas,
52 Ross Court,
Medford, Oregon.

Dear Sir: My attention has been called to an article or editorial published in the Medford Mail Tribune on August 28, last, wherein certain documents were set forth, in one of which, dated Grants Pass, March 15, my name appears.

I desire to withdraw my name and your use of it from the document or recommendation referred to in that article or editorial and also from all other documents and letters of recommendation of you and I most respectfully, but emphatically request you, through this medium, to strike my name from that and all other documents of like import and refrain from

publishing or circulating by print or otherwise the document referred to or any other similar document or paper to which my name may be attached, unless you omit my name therefrom.

This letters is not written in anger or enmity toward you and I sincerely hope it will be received without anger or enmity on your part toward me. The requests herein contained are expressed only in a desire on my part to be eliminated from criticism or odium, due to misunderstanding on the part of the voters, or controversy with respect to the documents referred to and I may add that it is written without consulting my other person or without consideration or any action that any other signer or signers may

take or have taken in the premises. I am desirous of being held alone responsible for my acts and not to be held accountable for the acts of others. Your very truly,
A. C. HOUGH.

LABOR URGED TO VOTE
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bert Hoover today observed labor day by abstaining from work, with the intention of spending the holiday very quietly with his family and a few friends at home.

The week-end letup in his drive for the presidency gave the republican candidate opportunity to review the work thus far done and to study some of the suggestions which came to him in his recent conferences with the party

leaders from various sections of the country.

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 3.—(AP) Senator Joe Robinson of Arkansas, arrived here today to open his drive for the vice-presidency on the democratic ticket.

In keeping with the day—labor day—the senator chose as the subject of his first campaign address, the attitude of his party toward labor, a subject untouched in his acceptance speech last week.

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