

# Thirteen Persons Saved After Spending Five Days On Ice Coated Peninsula

KODIAK, Alaska, Jan. 6 (AP)—Thirteen persons, including a mother and her six children, sped toward Kodiak aboard a coast guard cutter and navy tug today for hospitalization after being rescued from an ice-sheathed point of the Alaska peninsula where they had been stranded for up to five days.

Ten of the frost-bitten survivors were aboard the wrecked cannery tender Spencer, which smashed into the rocks opposite Kodiak island New Year's Eve and broke up in the pounding swells.

All are reported suffering from frost bite and exposure but are not believed to be in serious condition.

The other three were volunteer rescuers from the navy tug Mataco who struggled to shore after their small boat overturned Saturday night in a daring attempt to reach the stranded party.

The Mataco and the cutter Clover and expected to reach here around noon (5 p. m. EST) today.

The rescue, halted for three days by 60-mile-an-hour winds and gale-tossed seas, was completed yesterday during a lull in the storm. Although only five miles from the village of Kanatak, the scene was unreachable by land because of high cliffs and impassable terrain.

Six of the cannery tender's personnel are aboard the Clover, including two women and a young boy. They are Miss Alva Skonberg, Mrs. Gus Skonberg, Calvin Skonberg, 14, Bert Larsen, Andrew Skonberg and Jacob Osbekoff, all of Chignik, Alaska.

The other four members of the Spencer's crew, also from Chignik, are aboard the Mataco. They are Capt. Axel Carlson, William Skonberg, Dan Skonberg and Arthur Skonberg.

**Navy Men**  
The three navy men were saved by a party from the Clover and transferred to the Mataco. Lt. (jg) E. J. Kratochvil of Washington, D. C., and two enlisted men, E. W. Kelley and S. J. Komola (home towns unavailable) comprised the volunteer trio.

Oldest of the survivors is Mrs. Skonberg, in her middle-fifties. She is the mother of the six other Skonbergs aboard the tender.

The vessel was en route from Chignik to Kodiak when it piled up in the Shelikof strait. Chignik is along the Alaska peninsula approximately 150 miles southwest of Kanatak.

## Elkhorn To Get Bridge Today

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP)—Residents of the community of Elkhorn, marooned since last Tuesday when the only bridge link with other towns collapsed, waited anxiously today for state workers to complete a temporary span across the Santiam river.

Three women of the logging and ranch area village are expecting babies and the road crews were working in a race with time for the safety of the expectant mothers.

Supplies have been carried to the families by rubber boat since the older bridge collapsed. Highway engineers said the temporary type span, a prefabricated unit used in emergencies, should be in use later today.

## Transportation News

Retirement on January 15 of C. N. Christopherson, Great Northern Railway general agent at Bellingham, Wash., and formerly of Klamath Falls, was announced today by R. P. Starr of Seattle, western traffic manager.

His successor will be R. C. Ramsey, now traveling freight agent for the railway at Spokane. Ramsey will be succeeded by M. W. Elsting, city freight agent at Spokane.

Christopherson, with Great Northern since 1913, has been general agent at Bellingham since 1938. He was city freight and passenger agent at Vancouver, Wash., and traveling freight agent there before going to Klamath Falls as general agent in 1927. He remained at Klamath Falls until going to Bellingham in 1938.

Joining Great Northern in 1914 as clerk in the general agent's office in Spokane, Ramsey served as chief clerk there from 1916 to 1920, when he became traveling freight agent.

## Ranger Gets Pay Boost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—William J. Butler, assistant chief ranger at Rainier National park, who turned down a \$500 reward for finding a missing marine transport plane on the slopes of Mount Rainier, has been given a pay raise of \$126 a year.

The raise, which lifts Butler's salary from \$3989 to \$4024, was announced by Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug.

The transport and its 32 marine passengers and crewmen crashed December 10, 1946. Butler found it last July 4 on a day off and was legally entitled to accept the reward.

Krug, in a letter to Butler, said: "Your extraordinary act in rejecting a large monetary reward, which I understand, was actually placed in your hands by the parents of marines who died in the crash, is one which impresses me as an outstanding illustration of the high caliber of the men who find their way into public service."

### BODY FOUND

AMITY, Jan. 6 (AP)—The body of Mrs. Sarah M. Warner, 70, a widow living alone, was discovered yesterday in a tourist cabin here after firemen extinguished a fire that partially destroyed the furnishings.

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Light snow fell in Ohio and lower Michigan and was expected to extend into Pennsylvania and New York. There was rain in the Pacific Northwest.

Temperatures in the eastern quarter of the country were reported slightly below normal but in many sections of the Midwest the mercury was expected to climb above freezing, duplicating yesterday's marks. The coldest spot on the morning weather map was in Northwestern Minnesota where the mercury touched near zero.

Clear skies were promised throughout the South, the Great Plains and in sections of the Midwest. Rain fell in Washington, Oregon, Northern California and parts of Idaho.

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