Tillamook Headlight, April 10, 1913,

THE GERMAN BARK MIMI he could hardly move. He died about an hour before the lifes wers made the rescue TURNS OVER.

16 Persons Drowned--4 Saved After Terrible Sufferings on the Ill-Fated Ship.

- She went with a rush, with every

every man on the upper deck work-

in her bottom, the impact was ter

rific. The deck forward was crushed like so much cardboard, a shower of

broken and splintered wood, metal

and pieces of the ship flying in every direction. One or two of the

heavy steel masts snapped like matches.

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lliam Sipp, North Plains,

ck Fitzpatrick, Brighton. C. Koen, 1181 Kirby street,

Vergt, cook on the Mimi. P. Fischer, ship carpen-

Behrens, engineer. Meyer, sailmaker, and rs W. Birchendin, H. H. H. ensen, N. Jorgensen, H. sen, W. Kruschert and H. aus, all of Germany.

SAVED.

Charles S. Fisher, of Port-nd and McMignville ptain J. Westphal, of the in, residence Germany. Ludwig and Yohon Kus-German sailor boys, of kfurt.

AND DESCRIPTION OF TAXABLE PARTY.

(From the Oregonian). r hanging to a steel bar waist their way by inches. until they got in water for 29 hours, part of in where it was dry and where there were in pitch darkness, S. Fisher, of Portland, and Westphal, of Germany, reach them. German sailor boys were the German bark Mini, which the German bark Mini, which and the imprisoned men hardly realized where they were. They stool there waiting for death. Grad-Spit.

spit. een other persons, including al Portland people, were ned. So far only two bodies been recovered, one being f a German boy and the other of W C Kenn 1181 Kirby of W. C. Koen, 1181 Kirby in Portland.

with the upper deck perpendicular. four were the only ones sav-Steel bars running across the ship under the deck was the only thing om the crew and the list of nen on the vessel, all ot ers available to catch a hold. The water drove them until their heads r having been swept from the the accident first oc when were almost against the side of the d or having been washed into boat. The water rose waist deep, sea from the boat during the sea the terrific sea of Sunday ning dashed over her steel which barely protruded above and rose and fell with the waves, which forced through the broken deck forward. Many times the men were up to their necks in water.

o Sailors Lashed to Deck.

e sailor plunged into the sea night and was lost almost in y. Two others were lashed deck during the low tide and black. watery prison got lower, and by daylight it was possible for them died from the cold and expos-Their bodies were cut down e Garibaldi hfesaving crew to to work their way to the stairs and look out. t and are now occupying a orary morgue on the sand The bodies of the others are

Rescue Starts at Early Dawn. With the first break of day this morning the lifesavers were on hand and the sea had subsided considerably and a rescue was planned. It was shortly after daywere near the exit to their prison. As the lifesavers, headed by Cap-tain Farley, drew near they could see two dead men lashed to the boat. They pushed alongside and then came the rescue. Mr. Fisher col-lapsed in the arms of members of "Although we should to attract attention for

nected from various points. As she put into deep water one of the cables either broke or gave way and the boat turned broadside to a heavy sea. With a terrific crash the waves swung the vessel high into the air and dropped her to the bottom of the ocean 800 feet out sailors, who are mere youths of 16 and 20. All were in a dazed condition and were unable to speak. from shore. With 800 tons of ballast

They were rushed to the shore as fast as possible and hurried into a buggy to a house on the sand spit morning, as I was walking forward to be onging to C. W. Atwood. All tell the donkey engine man not to pull seemed paralyzed and unconscious. the Mimi further seaward, but to anseemed paralyzed and unconscious. Stimulants were administered and they were given every care possible. Mr. Fisher, who is 61 years of age,

At the time of the wreck all of those aboard were dashed into the sea excepting about eight, who managed to grab the rail on the side of the vessel and clung fast. Gradually these men worked their they were able to eat. Tonight they were sufficiently recovered to be any signs of lif able to be taken by boat from the the ship at all. sand spit to Brighton, a distance of a mile. They are being well cared for and, if possible, will be sent to Portland tomorrow morning. "The donkey engine, mounted there, had slid into the sea. After a two-hour endeavor to prevent sailors from leap-ing overboard and telling them that way to the stairs leading into the hold and got beneath the deck. As to the number who succeeded in escaping in this manner there is

It is expected all will recover, as considerable doubt, but there were at least six, including the four who medical attention has been secured and it is reported no serious results were rescued and the two whose bodies were secured fast to the are expected. The life crew had been on the beach since Sunday morning and after the rescue went to get dry. At 4 o'clock this after-noon they again launched a boat With the sea dashing over the boat with a roar that almost deafand fought their way to the scene of the wreck, recovering on this ened the men, they worked them-selves through the darkness, feeling trip the bodies of the two men lashed to the boat.

No More Bodies Visible.

No other bodies were visible and the lifesavers removed their equipment and returned to Garibaldi night. No further attempt will be made to reach the ship, the bodies, it there are any, and the big steel hull being left to the waves and the ually the water rose in the hold and dashing sea. The beach is being watched for bodies, but there is thought to be but little chance of coming ashore at this time

The lifesaving crew under Capt-The boat was lying on her side ain Farley is being severely critic that was lashed on deck near the star cised here tonight for the lack of board bulwark. Two minutes after action when they first arrived at this a peaceful expression came over the scene of the wreck. It was de-lared by many that when the boat unto his face and he fell limp and passed clared by many that when the boat unto his God. clared by many that when the boat was first eeen Sunday morning the waves were not high and a boat could have been pushed to the rescue. Lack of action is attribut-ed to the general belief of those on shore that there could be no one on board alive. The crew is con-demned for such taking the opinion for granted. It is anoneent that Fortunately they were shielded from the cold wind, the bottom of for granted. It is apparent that the meu and Captain Farley did the boat facing toward and the wind blowing in from the sea. As the tide fell during the early hours their best when they learned for certain there were some on board, but at the time they were unable to act because of the bad sea. The men were at the scene wet through and without sleep for 36 hours. and without sleep for 36 hours. The crew comprised Captain Far-ley, O. C. Hawthorne, M. Adam-son, F. C. Robinson, C. Bowers C. Loll, E. Erickson, B. Chatterton,

Captain's Statement.

During an interview last Monday evening Captain Westphal said:

"When the wave struck the ship I was standing well forward. It caught me and carried me aft, hurling me into the mizzen ratlines. Here I clung. break when the lifeboat was placed in the water and the Garibaldi crew started to show here lifeboat was placed in the water and the Gariband clear started to shove her to the boat It was 5 o'clock before the crew, after a desperate s.ruggle with the waves, finally got aiongside the wrecked ship. The imprisoned men were near the exit to their prison. and Koen were clinging to a lifeboat close to us. We lashed the boy fast,

the life crew. Captain Westphal was our cries failed to attract attention for within an hour. Koen lasted sometime longer, I do not know how long. It was horrible

"Shortly after three o'clock Sunday chor where she was, a sudden lurch took the vessel and I was pinned to the they were given every care possible. took the vessel and I was pinhed to the Mr. Fisher, who is 61 years of age, was probably in worse condition than any of the others. He was tu unable to speak for hours At noon the men were recovering and later they were able to eat. Tonight they any signs of life on the forward part of

endeavor to prevent sailors from leap-ing overboard and telling them that their best course was to stay by the ship, my efforts proved all for naught by their plunging overboard.

'Had it not been for the seven-foot "Had it not been for the ship we board that ran around the ship we board that ran around the way. To would have all been washed away. To these alone we owe our escape. Until we reached the extreme aft part of the vessel no sign of life was to be seen. although we searched all that part of the vessel that was out of water. Here, clinging to a lifeboat lashed to the aft deck, we found Captain Fisher and Tom

Keen. "Grasping for a lifeboat which was lashed round to the aft deck, we stayed tinued. The wreck was lying on till daybreak, when we discovered that one side with the deck toward the had slipped down into the water and was nearly submerged. Here we by gigantic waves, some of them heard Koen call for help We hastened 30 feet high, and at times it was TILLAMOOK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, to pass a line under his arms, with the obscured from view, being com-assistance of Captain Fisher, and were pletely covered by water able to raise him about two feet, but "From what I learned it appears owing to his weight ve were unable to that they sent up a rocket about 10 get him higher. Koen, with a final ef-fort that seemed to sap his remaining over and it appeared to begin to vitality, threw his legs up over a spar that was lashed on deck near the star

"The other sailors died during the beach, so we fe course of Sunday night. One man went were drowned. crazy early Sunday morning, after the first lurch and before she capsized.

"We called for three hours before any effort was made by the crew to launch their boat. I guess they could not hear us and it was then that we undertook the dangerous efforts to at-tract attention by climbing up in the scupper and waving to those on shore. With the coming of darkness we gave ourselves up for goners, as we knew the tide was higher than that of the night before and that almost covered the boat. All night long we cheered each other by telling of the wrecks and

Fred Goldman and Rudolph Lesvik, re fusei to stay on board and came ashore. The day mail brought Blackman a letter from his bride, the first he had received since they were married.

WHISTLES ON BARK SOUND DISASTER.

The Garibaldi Lifesaving Crew Promptly on the the Spot with Boat.

plant is about a mile from where the Mimi was stranded, said that trouble on the vessel was when the heard product of the vessel was when the strand product of the vessel was when the strand product of the vessel was when the trouble on the vessel was when he heard prolonged whistles from the unable to move and had to be carried out by the men, as did also the two sailors, who are mere youths of 16 when we were removed. The boy died the launch Meta M., came to the mill for assistance.

'I called the Garibaldi lifesaving crew and they responded at once said Mr. Watt, who was in Portland yesterday "They started down the beach with their lifeboat, it being on a wagon and drove it to the mouth of the Nehalem River and after crossing the stream they draw after crossing the stream they drew the boat by hand to the scene, about two miles. When it wa+daylight we decided to send to the lifesaving station for the small gun used to shoot a line to a ship, as she was lying in the breakers and a high sea was running.

The only means of getting the weapon there was by rail and when we asked the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company for a special train for that purpose, they agreed immediately. When it reached Brighton we placed the gun aboar 1 a launch and Gansported it across the bay, then by means of a team got it to the beac'i. This shows how

the place is, Attempt to Reach Wreck Fails.

"Meanwhile the lifesaving crew made an unsuccessful attempt to reach the wreck and the terrific Tillamook - - Oregon. power of the waves caused us to be lieve that there could be no living person aboard and, as the tide rising, further work was discon-tinued. The wreck was lying on beach and it was continuously swept

break up immediately, for soon after doors and other wreckage began coming ashore, also a pig they had kept and some hens all drowned But there were no bodies of the men or even clothing washed on the

Although several persons said they had heard shouting, there was nothing really definite of that character to work on until one of the survivors raised himself above the rail of the bark and waved his hat. While he waved great waves raced while he waved great waves faced over the hull and it looked as if he would be swept away. That was the first knowledge we had that Tillamook - - Oregon, there was someone aboard.

Current Defeats Lifesavers

"About 4:30 o'clock Sunday after noon, when the tide was pretty well C. Loli, E. Erickson, B. Chatterton, C. O. Shaverton and M. F. Robin-son. The lifesaving crew from the Point Adams Station arrived on the scene shortly after 5 o'clock this morning, after the rescue had been made. Inasmuch as they could be survived is a wonder call.

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and securing the two bodies. made as complete an investi n of the ship as possib'e under e boat to hunt for bodies. water inside rose and dropped

ath. No further attempt will ade to invade the ghastly conof the vessel unless plans are gred.

Westphal Hears Yells

inton is divided as to the posly of there being more bodies the ship. Captain Westphal he is practically sure there are is in the hold. He could give ames. He says he heard some yelling in the cookroom aft r accident and believes it was the o's cook. Others may be within hold, pinioned under the wreckupper deck. It would be of the afternoon and tonight, but no ies were found. The carcasses ne pigs and a vast amount of chage from the ship has come ore

n the accident occurred, until ing short of miraculous.

Tale of Wreck is Told.

statements of the persons res d as to what actually took place practically the same. The boat, pended in the ich struck the sand February 13, weist deep. I been worked by means of the steel bars as they could.

of the morning the water in the

High Sea Cuts off Deck Trip.

The high breakers shut off the view most of the time, the glimpse at the shore being only when the waves got low. The men stood in itions, but could see no other the water above their knees and es. They could see there was possibility of anyone else on d being alive and that it was action. They saw the crew on sible to have entered the hold shore shoot a line out and saw it fall short.

water inside rose and dropped the waves at such a rate that was danger of any of the who went in, being dashed the waves at such a rate that was danger of any of the was danger of any of the the waves at such a rate that was danger of any of the the waves at such a rate that was danger of any of the the waves at such a rate that the waves at such a rate that was danger of any of the the waves at such a rate that the wave such voices were lost in the din of the mad surf.

In the late afternoon they saw the lifesavers force their boat into the water and saw them make a desper-ate attempt to reach the boat. Mr. Fisher stuck his head out and shouted:

'We're here."

They saw the boat beaten back by the furious waves which were pounding against the bottom of the boat and dashing 30 feet into the air, throwing a white spray over the water for a long distance around. It was at this point that one of the of the upper deck. It would be imprisoned men gave up hope. This man, a German sailor, bade beach was combed for miles his fellow prisoners good by and plunged into the sea. He was seen to go under in the heavy under-current and that was the last.

Night began falling again and Mr. Koen and the German sailor beneath the deck of the ship 2 o'clock Sunday morning, bad nothing to eat or drink and were fatigned from the exposure clock Monday morning, is al-t beyond description. That any Westphal and Mr Fisher and the ur held fast to the rigid two German boys, who were all reand kept their heads above the maining of the imprisoned party, g water in the hold seems to be lashed to the boat so they

could keep from falling into the water in the boat and drowning. Pieces of rope were placed about their bodies and they were sus-pended in the air, with the water

right to be lost forever, the only for their recovery being the ibility of their washing ashore. Me Mimi, as dusk fell tonight, to wave their hands, but apparently they could not make anyone see. As daylight came Sunday morning igned to her watery grave for possibly with a number of es in her hold. Adams, which they did. Captain Farley, when asked for a statement regarding the criticism agains' his early action refused to say any thing, announcing that it is against the rules of the service.

> Reports were circulated yesterday that Superintendent Holyfield, one of the contractors on the job and Thomas Watt, of Brighton, son of John Watt, of Portland, were on the boat Both of these men left the ship before she was dragged off the sand.

The boat is a total wreck and no attempt will be made to rescue her.

In addition to being smashed al-most to pieces she is lodged in a deep sand and has 900 tons of bal-last in her hold. Tons of wooden parts of her have floated ashore. Lifesavers report that it would be impossible to move her and until she is to far gone to be of any use even if it could be raised.

When a lifeboat gets into the breakers it is very easy to understand why rescue or escape was impossible. A boat full of life-savers this alternoon was pitched about like a cork and seemed as though it would be dashed to pieces. Often it stood almost on end.

Scene Most Horrible

scene at the boat this morning it. when the rescue was effected as the most horrible it is possible to imagine

were the two dead men, while back in a place where it would not seem possible for any person to survive were the pale, almost unconscious men who were still alive. It was

After the strugg'e to get those waist deep. The others got hold of who were alive on the boar, Captain the steel bars and held on as tightly Farley ordered the boat off intendich struck the sand February ist a been worked by means of hey engines nutil she was ready float into the sea Sonday morn rat high tide. All the men who t been working with her, except fee mates and some of the able n, when high tide came, and ha chugging of dorkey engines cables were drawn and the boat wed to sea. He steel bars andheld on as tightly the steel bars andheld on as tightly farley ordered the boat off intend-ing to rush the victims to shore to rush the victims to shore to the shore it seemed as though the lifeboat would capsize and ha chugging of dorkey engines trables were drawn and the boat who was lashed to the ship so weak were to sea.

stock from which he came

'The most sickening feeling anyone could have was experienced when the last attempt at rescue failed Sunday It looked as though our lives night. were to sink out with the dying sun. But we held fast and prayed. My God, how we prayed and hoped and clung! It is too horrible to relate the horrors of that second night in our danger. We were paralyzed from the cold, sickened exposure and faint from hunger and thirst.

Charles Fisher is 61 years of age and his fight in the watery dungeon is funds and made other preparations equally as heart rending as the story for a journey to Portland when he

afternoon wrapped in blankets he com-

og. It seemed years. All we could the Unaonta or Wallula to Nehalem

thought I would give up my hold and ing that she would be hauled into fall into the water to join the others deep water about midnight Mr. fall into the water to join the others deep water about midnight Mr. we knew had gone before us. Several Blair returned to the mill during times I lost heart but something seemed the night and complained that he to cause me to cling. I was frozen was unable to get on the Mimi and with the cold water, was sickened by soon after the first call for assiswith the cold water, was sickened by fance for the wrecked creaters of the people about us and fance for the wrecked creaters was faint from hunger and thirst. I wage crowd was receive cannot see how I held on as long as I plant. Used the second s

Portland train reached here this after ed to make a pull and haul her in-noon at 3:30 P. M. that he learned that to deep water, they were among his father was safe in the cabin. There the first to volunteer to go to the was a joyous meeting between father rescue of the men on the overturn-ed when the his when the his when the his averturn. and son.

men who were still alive if was and son. with great difficulty that they were taken aboard the lifeboat, inas-much as they had to be carried and the boat was pitching up and down at bounds of about 15 or twenty teet. the boat was pitching up and down at bounds of about 15 or twenty teet. the boat was pitching up and down the boat was pitching up and the matching the boat was pitching up and the boat w We boys saved the captain's life when he was pinned down by the fallen for-ward yard. We felt no ill will towards

ward yard. We felt no ill will towards him, as it was his duty to prevent de-sertion and it was our duty to help him."

temperature for 28 hours. That he shots had been fired with the gain survived is a wonder and a credit to the but every time the line fell short. They made two more attempts but

naraness stopped their work. Residents of Brighton were loath to leave the beach that night, as they were anxious that aid be given those on board and ma volunt ered to help man the life-boat The time the lifeboat reached the wreck it seemed to stand on end at times and I was surprised that

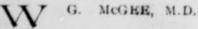
the crew reached land again." Calvin Blair, bookkeeper for the t. The smell of the sea was horri-Brighton Mills Company. I want to forget it all." congratulated on his narr is being congratulated on his narrow escap from probable death, as he obtained Capt. Westphal. heard Saturday evening that the As he sat in the sandspit house this Mimi was to be floated.

He left the mill for the scene, ex mented on the hours he passed. "My whole life put together did not seem as long as the hours between sunset Sunday and daybreak this morn-lane had arranged to send either was wait. "Often during the long hours I been received here Saturday evenvage crowd was received at the

did. I shall return to my home and at-tem ptto recover from the shock and Beach that while Frederick Fischer, Members of the crew describe the central time board this morning the most horrible it is possible o imagine. Suspended in the air by ropes the back for the back ed ship when the lifesiving crew

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