

STEAMER WALLA WALLA WRECKED AND SUNK

Collided with a French Bark at Night in Unusually Thick Weather—A Number of Passengers and Ship's Officers Lost

Some Were Crushed to Death in the Collision—The Steamer Went Down in Thirty-five Minutes After Her Bow Was Stove In—Officers and Crew Worked Heroically to Save Passengers—The Awful Disaster Occurred Off the California Coast.

(From Saturday's Statesman.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—A collision at sea, Thursday morning, between the steamer Walla Walla and an unknown sailing vessel resulted in the sinking of the steamer and the probable loss of at least twenty lives.

The Walla Walla was owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, and sailed from San Francisco on January 1st, for Puget sound ports. She carried thirty-six first class passengers, twenty second class, and a crew of eighty men. When off Cape Mendocino, on the California coast, at 4:10 Thursday morning, an iron bark, believed to be French, loomed up in the haze and crashed into the Walla Walla's bow. Then the sailing vessel slid off into the darkness, and was seen no more.

All passengers and the crew of the Walla Walla, except the few on watch, were asleep but were roused by the crash. The steamer quarters were in the bow, and it is believed that some of the steamer passengers and crew were crushed to death. A big hole was made in the steamer's bow and she sank in thirty-five minutes.

The officers and crew maintained strict discipline, and boats and life rafts were lowered. All who were not killed in the collision got off, except Captain Hall, who went down with his ship. He was picked up later by the exception of a few bruises. There was a choppy sea running, and the small boats could not make a landing on the shore a few miles distant. They drifted about all day, and finally sixty-five people were picked up by the steamer Dispatch, which took them to Eureka. Another boat, under command of Engineer Brown, containing thirteen people, attempted to land at Trinidad, but was swamped. John Wilkinson, quartermaster; William Martel, fireman; L. Drube, a passenger, and three unknown men were drowned.

When the Dispatch reached Eureka this morning, with the survivors, there were immediately sent out for the missing boats. The tug Ranger picked up one containing eleven passengers and three of the crew.

At 6 o'clock tonight the reports of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company stated that their latest advices from the Company's agents in Eureka accounted for 115 persons, who were on the Walla Walla. This leaves twenty-seven missing.

There are still one boat and two life rafts missing, and some hopes are entertained that possibly a majority of those unaccounted for may have been on these, and will be, or have been, picked up at sea.

Account of Disaster.

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 3.—Captain A. L. Hall, master of the wrecked steamer Walla Walla, gives a graphic account of the disaster. He says:

"We left San Francisco Wednesday, bound for Victoria and Puget sound. The weather thickened as the night advanced, and Thursday morning a heavy fog, accompanied by light rain, set in. About 4:10 a. m. I was suddenly awakened by an awful crash on the port side, well forward. Second Officer Luke was on watch at the time. The housing especially in the vicinity of my cabin was badly shattered, the main force of the collision striking her just forward of my stateroom. My bunk was struck and thrown across the room onto my table. After the crash the vessel, which I think was a French bark, judging from the language used by her sailors, rebounded and groped alongside. I called to her to stand by. She drifted away, and was lost to view. I could not tell how badly she was injured, but I do not imagine she was severely hurt.

"Those of the passengers who had not been awakened by the crash were aroused at once. The vessel began to fill immediately, and she sank in thirty-five minutes. There was no confusion on board; the officers and crew kept the passengers from becoming panic-stricken. The crew was immediately ordered to man the lifeboats and rafts, and an effort was made to save baggage. This was given up, however, the vessel filling at such an alarming rate that no thought was given but for the safety of the passengers. I gave orders to have the port boilers blown out, it being necessary to give the vessel list to keep the gaping hole in her side out of the water.

"In a few moments all the lifeboats and rafts were out, with the exception of two, which were smashed. One of the boats contained nine or ten passengers. All were thrown into the water but managed to board the life rafts which had been launched a few minutes previously. The second boat was smashed by striking a heavy object in the water, but all the passengers were rescued by another life raft. We had no knowledge of the approach of the vessel striking us, the weather being so thick she was not seen until we were struck. It was very dark at the time, and the uncertain light interfered to a great extent with the rescue of passengers.

"I remained on board assisting them in every way possible. I went down with the ship. After I had been down, I don't know how long, the social deck broke off and I floated to the surface with it. Sighting a life raft I com-

menced swimming and succeeded in reaching it after a hard struggle, and was pulled on board by the other three occupants.

"We floated about nearly all day, and early in the evening were picked up by the steamer Dispatch, en route to Seattle. When the vessel went down I was struck by a heavy spar and badly bruised. A number were injured by falling timbers. It is almost certain a number of the steamer passengers perished in this manner, the housing to the forward being split into match wood."

Twenty-Seven Missing.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—At 10 o'clock tonight it is impossible to determine the names of the lost and missing in the wreck of the steamer Walla Walla. According to the compilation of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, all but twenty-seven have been accounted for. The known dead are seven, as follows:

John Wilson, quartermaster; W. J. Ham Barton, fireman; L. Drube, a passenger, and four others, the names not known.

Word was received from Trinidad, by telephone, of the boat which put in there. The survivors had a terrible experience and only five or six are left out of the boatload. The dispatch stated that thirteen were lost. The boat capsized several times Thursday morning, and each time several lost their lives.

A citizens' committee has arranged for a patrol system, covering forty-five miles of the coast north and south of Eureka.

The Sunken Vessel.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The Walla Walla was valued at \$250,000. She was formerly used as a collier and about ten years ago was converted into a passenger vessel at a cost of \$175,000. The vessel was insured for about \$200,000.

THE CONTEST IN OHIO

NEITHER SIDE HAS SUFFICIENT VOTES TO GAIN CONTROL

Republican Factions in the Legislature Fight Are Preparing for the Battle Sure to Result When the Caucus Is Called to Order.

(From Saturday's Statesman.)

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 3.—On the eve of the Republican caucus, the so-called Foraker-Hanna contest over the organization of the Ohio Legislature is an open battle, with neither Price nor McKinnon assured of the thirty-five votes necessary for the Republican nomination for the Speakership of the House.

Congressman Dick and others are having lively times in holding their men in line. Members on both sides are accompanied by friends, wherever they go, even to meals and to bed. There are sentinels about the hotels and at the station, to see that none get away or into strange company.

Blown to Atoms.

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"COMMENCE" OR "BEGIN" WHICH IS BETTER?

Commence or Begin? The best writers, and the best speakers also, prefer "begin" to "commence" for all every-day purposes. The reason for this preference is not, as some have said, that "begin" is older, for "commence" is of very respectable antiquity; nor is it, as others have said that "begin" is of Anglo-Saxon origin, for words of French or of Latin origin that have been fully adopted into our language are just as good English as native words; it is rather that "begin" has the strength of simplicity, whereas "commence" has fallen into disrepute from being associated with the cheap finery of writing.—Elizabeth A. Whitey, in the January Ladies' Home Journal.

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THIRD WELL DRILLED DOWN TO WEALTH AT NEW WHATCOM

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NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Jan. 1.—This afternoon, at a depth of 955 feet the drill at well No. 3, of the Pacific Oil Wells Company, entered an oil body the extent of which is not known. The baffle brought to the surface was half filled with a paraffine base oil of superior quality.

TO SAVE THE ROPE

GOVERNOR GEER RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PORTLAND

Pleading for Clemency for Dalton and Wade—The Letter is Written by a Woman and Urges a Commutation of Sentence.

Gov. T. T. Geer is in receipt of a letter, from a well known woman of Portland, interceding for Wade and Dalton, the two men condemned to be hanged on January 31st. The letter, which speaks for itself, is as follows: "Portland, Oregon, January 2, 1902. Governor Geer, of Oregon: Dear Sir—Pardon me for taking the liberty to write you. I have been reading in various papers of the unfortunate boys Dalton and Jack Wade. People say, 'Isn't it awfully?' But they don't know anything about the awfulness of it, unless they could read the miserable boys' hearts, and see the wretched, white, drawn faces of their mothers, whose success is measured by the number of persons he manages to put behind the bars. We do not have a public defender, whose duty it is to see that criminals shall have a friend in court. Could every man and woman read the development of the unborn child and know the condition of their mothers during this stage, I believe one and all would have sympathy for these two boys.

"Three or four years ago, a well-to-do belle of society, at Washington, D. C., took deliberate aim at a harmless colored boy and shot him down in cold blood. She was acquitted, although she admitted the crime.

"I want to intercede with you to secure a commutation of the sentence. While you may feel that they deserve to be punished, the infliction of the death penalty in this case would be altogether too severe. Days, weeks, in jail must be almost unbearable for one so young. Please do have these unfortunate boys' sentences commuted. It surely will be a noble act. They probably will learn trades and as the years go by, seemingly forgotten, grow to be good men. Commute the sentence and all womanhood will bless you. Many fathers and sons will justify you, and as you hope to receive pardon at the hands of your Heavenly Father, so pardon these boys, whose lives you can save, and your name shall live when you are dead, as does Lincoln's, who set at liberty the helpless slaves.

"If these boys are bad boys, it is not necessary for them to have had bad homes or vicious parents. The cause must be sought for elsewhere. Parents, study, take warning and do not be unhappy nor wish for things you cannot accomplish, so as to leave impressions upon unborn children. Offenses come, but we unto him through whom they come. We permit the sale of pernicious literature. We pay no attention to the enforcement of the laws regulating the sale of cigarettes and liquor to minors. I am aware this is a trying ordeal. My heart bleeds for the boys on both sides.

"Hoping and praying you will commute the sentence to life imprisonment, and that your friends will increase many, many fold, I am, Very respectfully, (Signed)

A TIME LIMIT FOR CASTRO

Germany Has Made a Demand on Venezuela's President

IT'S CLAIMS ARE PRESENTED AND AN ANSWER DEMANDED—NOT AN ULTIMATUM.

Future Action of the German Government Not Outlined—General Botha Advises the Boer Commanders to Continue the War, as the British Nation is Getting Weary of the Hostilities in Africa.

(From Saturday's Statesman.)

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—It is unofficially announced here that the German Charge d' Affaires at Caracas has handed to President Castro a note, in which the German claims against Venezuela are clearly defined, and in which a limit of time is set for Castro's answer.

The note cannot be considered an ultimatum from Germany, since it does not contain any reference to Germany's future action with regard to Venezuela.

Boers Are Hopeful. Johannesburg, Jan. 3.—General Botha has sent a notice to all the Boer commandos, requesting them to keep on fighting, for the British Parliament is to be asked for another war vote, which will induce the British nation to demand that the war in South Africa be stopped.

DEEDS RECORDED.

One United States land certificate conveying to John Schulte 160 acres of land in township 9 south, range 3 east, was filed with the Marlon county recorder yesterday, as were also six deeds to real estate, the considerations of the latter aggregating \$5647. Two mortgages on real estate for \$1000 and \$500, respectively, were also recorded. The deeds follow:

Frank Holmes, referee, to Geo. W. Palmer, 220 acres of land in t. 5 s., r. 1 w., of the G. B. W. Parks estate, r. d. 1, \$3,800

Ernest L. Brown and wife to David Boyes, 65 acres of land in Sam'l Brown and wife d/c No. 55, t. 5 s., r. 2 w., w. d. 1, 1,512

State of Oregon to George K. Jackson, the southeast quarter of section 36, t. 9 s., r. 3 e., 160 acres, w. d. 1, 200

Frank L. Fletcher and wife to N. G. Fletcher, a tract of land in James M. Bates and wife d/c, t. 10 s., r. 2 w., w. d. 1, 100

M. L. Jones and wife to T. J. Gervais, lot No. 4 of block No. 4 of the town of Brooks, q. c. d. John Schulte and wife to Isaac Elder, the northeast quarter of section 36, t. 9 s., r. 2 e., 160 acres, w. d. 1, 10

Total \$ 5,647

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OPPORTUNITY. And must I wait till some mysterious power Upon me hath bestowed the gift to think To speak to act, that in some special hour Some thirsting soul from my life's springs shall drink?

Nay, opportunity is ever near— At home, put in the world's great busy-marts, A look, a word, a deed, some life may cheer, Give strength anew to some dependent hearts.

Then may I by my thoughts, or word or deed, Unto the world a blessing thereby prove, And give some other soul of these in need, And thus some weary burden help remove.

—Charles McCubbin, in Boston Transcript.

WHERE MARRIAGE IS A LOTTERY. The Chinese Girl, now Nothing of Her Husband Until She is Actually Wedded to Him.

"Marriage is truly a lottery to the Chinese girl, for she knows not what she is getting until she is actually married," writes Sul Sin Far, in the Ladies' Home Journal for January. "Sometimes it is a kind, good husband, an amiable mother-in-law, and much comfort; sometimes it is a tyrant, a mother-in-law who is eternally scolding, and a life that is weariness to both flesh and spirit. The ceremonies of betrothal and marriage cause much trouble and anxiety. The young man's family begin the negotiations. They engage a go-between to call on the girl's family and tender a proposal of marriage. It is the young man's considered eligible by the girl's parents, they consult a fortune-teller, who decides whether the betrothal would be proper. If his decision is favorable the go-between is given a card on which is marked the hour, day, month

and year when the girl was born. This is delivered to the young man's family, who in their turn consult a fortune-teller. If he also pronounces favorably a festival is held by both families, the betrothal contract is signed, and the bridegroom makes a present to the bride of a pair of bracelets, but neither he nor she is present. The betrothal, however, is not considered binding until a pasteboard card has been interchanged by the families. The bridegroom's family provide two of these cards, one having a gilt dragon on its face, the other a gilt phoenix card is retained by the young man's family as evidence of his engagement, while the dragon card is kept by the girl's family. The betrothal is then complete."

EUGENE FIELD'S POEMS IN PICTURES.

"The Patron Saint of Childhood" is Eugene Field's title in some parts of this land, and in Missouri the school-children set aside one day each year in which to honor his memory. Few poets have ever cared so much for children as did he, and for this reason the announcement made by the Ladies' Home Journal that Mr. Maxfield Parrish is to picture some of Field's best-loved poems for that magazine should be a pleasurable one, especially for little folks. Mr. Parrish has a place in the first rank of living illustrators, and his sympathy with the idea assures unusual effort. Among the poems which will be "pictured" are "Little Boy Blue," "Seelin' Things at Night," "A Little Peach in an Orchard Grew," and "Wynken and Blynden and Nod." Each reproduction will occupy a full page of The Journal.

THE OHIO CONTEST

FORAKER CONTROLS THE SENATE AND HANNA THE HOUSE.

The Caucuses Held Last Night Settled the Controversy—The Democrats Also Met and Nominated Candidates for Officers of the Two Houses.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 4.—In the Republican caucuses, this evening, for the organization of the General Assembly, the Hanna men secured control of the house, and the Foraker men of the Senate.

The Senate caucus was short and featureless, but the House caucus was animated and lasted several hours. S. McKinnon, of Ashland, for Speaker, was nominated yesterday. While the Hanna men swept the board in the House the Senate nominations included only one pronounced Hanna man—Richard Lynch, for enrolling clerk.

F. B. Archer, the Foraker candidate, was nominated for President pro tem of the Senate, without opposition. The Democratic Senate caucus tonight nominated Senator W. G. Roudsush, for President pro tem, and the Democratic House caucus nominated L. C. Brumbaugh for Speaker.

The joint Republican caucus will be held next week. As there is no opposition to the nomination of Senator Foraker for re-election, it will be merely a formal affair.

To Receive Bryan. Boston, Mass., Jan. 4.—At a meeting today, the Democratic State Committee refused to co-operate with the Commonwealth Club in the reception and banquet to be tendered by the latter to William Jennings Bryan. The action of the committee was unanimous.

LEGS AS AN INDEX TO THOUGHT. There are many indexes to the mind, but I learned of a new one the other day when I called to see a busy man at his office down on Broad street. When I entered the outer office it was quite evident that he was in, for I could see him through an open door, leaning over his desk quite intent on papers that lay in front of him. I spoke to the clerk in attendance, whom I know real well, and asked that he announce me. He glanced into the other room before speaking.

"Wait a minute or two," he said, "it will be better, for he will have you come in the moment I say you are here."

"I didn't quite understand what he meant, but I took a seat to wait a minute or two. I waited five of them and then spoke again. He answered, 'Wait until he crosses his legs,' answered the clerk.

"What has that to do with it?" I asked.

"Everything," he replied. "He doesn't like to be disturbed when he is busy, and I know he is very busy, because he has his legs out straight. A man never thinks hard with his legs crossed. As soon as his mind lets up a little, then he straightens, crosses his legs and is ready for visitors and a chat. When his legs go down again it is time for the visitor to take his leave. I just bear that in mind and see if I am not right."

As he finished speaking up went the legs, and I was announced and received at once.—N. Y. Herald.

THE RIGHT WAY TO BAKE POTATOES. Wash and clean the skins of the potatoes without breaking. Put them on the grate in a moderately heated oven. If the oven is too hot the skins will at once harden, forming a non-conducting surface, preventing the escape of water. Potatoes baked in this way are heavy and waxy, indigestible and unpalatable. As soon as the potato is soft upon slight pressure of the finger, remove it from the oven. Take it in your hand, which should be protected with a napkin or towel, and carefully work the potato as though you were mashing it in the skin, being very careful not to break the skin. When the potato seems soft and meaty throughout put it back on the grate in the oven; and so continue until all the potatoes have been subjected to this process.—January Ladies' Home Journal.

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UNFAIRNESS ON PART OF CHILE

Charged by the Argentine Republic and War Threatens

THE BUENOS AYRES GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS.

And Has Ordered the Army and Navy to Be Placed on a War Footing—Mexican Schools Are Adopting the English Language and Abandoning Latin—The Revolution in Central America.

(From Saturday's Statesman.)

BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 4.—The dispute with Chile is again aggravated, owing to the alleged unfairness of the Chilean diplomats during the negotiations. The Argentine Government having exhausted all efforts for peace, is now proposing to break off negotiations and to suspend diplomatic relations with Chile. It has ordered that the army and navy be placed on a war footing.

ENGLISH IN MEXICO. Mexico City, Jan. 4.—The Department of Public Instruction pays a remarkable tribute to the importance of the English language, by suppressing the study of Latin in the great preparatory school in this city, where young men are prepared for professional careers, and replacing it with English. There has been much opposition to the change among the advocates of the old classical course, but the modernists have triumphed. English is now taught in many important schools here, and in other cities, and in the great schools under clerical care, English has practically displaced French.

The Colombian Rebellion. Colon, Colombia, Jan. 4.—It is reported from Panama, that General Albuca has chartered the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer Chiriqui, and the Pacific mail steamer Sabel, and that with these vessels and the gunboat Boyaca and a canal boat he will leave shortly to attack the fleet of the revolutionists.

Effort to Take Panama. New York, Jan. 4.—A cablegram from General Vargas Santos, chief of the Colombian rebellion, announces that General Rafael Uribe Uribe had effected an entrance into Colombia, from Venezuela. Another attempt to take Panama is now being planned by the insurgents.

To Conciliate Foreigners. Pekin, Jan. 4.—The Dowager Empress has issued another edict, displaying a desire to conciliate the foreigners. She says the friendly relations with the Ministers should be resumed immediately on the court's return to Pekin, wherefore it is desirable that the Emperor grant an audience, and orders that an early date be fixed for the reception of the Ministers. Her Majesty recalls the pleasure she experienced twice in receiving the ladies of the diplomatic corps, and announces that she will soon arrange another reception.

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GLORY TICKETS. County Clerk W. W. Hall yesterday issued marriage licenses to J. P. Blackenship and Miss Clara E. Gritton, J. W. Gritton, witness, and Ernest F. Moore and Miss Mary A. Michel, N. Michel, witness.

A NEW CITIZEN. George Faber, a native of Germany, was yesterday granted full citizenship by County Judge J. H. Scott upon the affidavits of T. J. Kerr and Robert Faber.

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