

SIXTY-FIVE DROWNED IN PUGET SOUND STEAMER CLALLAM BREAKS DOWN NEAR PORT TOWNSEND

Caught By a Terrific Storm She Drifts At Its Mercy---The Tugs Sea Lion And Holyoke Go to Her Assistance, But She Founders While In Tow---The Violence of the Storm Prevents Saving the Helpless Passengers

Seattle, Jan. 9.—Twenty-six lives were lost by the foundering of the steamer Clallam in the straits near Port Townsend early this morning. The vessel broke down soon after leaving Victoria yesterday afternoon, and drifted before a terrific storm until she met her fate. She began sinking shortly after midnight. The news of the most terrible catastrophe that has ever occurred in these waters was received in this city at 9:30 a. m. this morning by the marine exchange in a telegram from the masters of the tugs Sea Lion and Richard Holyoke. The former brought 24 survivors and the latter eight to Port Townsend. The latest telegram says the Clallam foundered while in tow of the Richard

Holyoke, between Smith Island and Dungeness Spit. The tug was alongside when she sank, but, on account of the terrible storm running, could save less than one-third of those aboard the doomed vessel. Fifteen women and children and 10 men, mostly passengers, were drowned.

Later.—The list of drowned will probably reach 65.

First News of Danger.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 9.—A report reached here last night that the daily passenger steamer Clallam, operating between Sound ports and British Columbia, had broken down in the straits off Trial Island, and when sighted had drifted to the vicinity of Discovery Island.

A terrific southwest storm prevails,

and, unless assistance soon reaches the disabled craft, she was in great danger of going ashore on the rocky island. Assistance has been sent from here, the tug Richard Holyoke leaving at 7 o'clock, and other tugs will be dispatched as fast as they can be signalled.

Discovery Island is exposed to the full sweep of a southeast storm, and the Clallam will suffer great damage should she ground there. When last reported, the vessel was making poor headway, with a make-shift sail.

Of Course, Its Quiet.

Washington, Jan. 9.—A dispatch from Coghlan at Colon today says the Dixie's marines have landed. All is quiet.

SMOOT MAKES DENIAL

Says He Married One Woman and One Woman Only

Denies That He Has Taken Any Oath Inconsistent With His Duties as a Citizen

Washington, Jan. 9.—Smoot's answer to the charges made against him are made public. The charges are: First, that he is a polygamist; second, that he is bound by an oath or obligation which is inconsistent with the oath required by the constitution, which was administered to him before he took his seat as senator. Smoot denies both. He says he married in

1884 Miss Eldridge, who is still his wife, and the mother of his children; that he never had any other wife or co-habited with any other woman. He denies taking any oath or obligation conflicting with his duties to the country. He holds himself bound to obey the laws of the United States, including those referring to polygamy, and denies that there is a supreme body in the Mormon church, having supreme authority on all matters over its followers. Also denies that the Latter Day Saints' Church inculcates or encourages polygamy, or has done so since the Woodruff manifesto in 1890. He admits the first president of the church is vested with supreme authority in spiritual matters, and also in temporal, as far as they pertain to the officers of the church.

Coroner Still Busy.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—The coroner today examined attaches of the Iroquois theatre established a case of gross neglect against the management. Chas. Sweeney, the only fireman employed by the theatre, swore he had never been instructed in his duties, nor where the apparatus or stand pipes were located. He never had any fire experience. He discovered the flames and tried to put them out by slapping, as nothing else was available.

LATEST FROM THE WRECK

There were 56 listed passengers aboard the Clallam, and a crew of 30. The following is the list of passengers known to be drowned or missing: Captain O. W. Thompson, Tacoma; George Hyson, A. Waldamers, Mrs. Rose, C. H. Jay, B. C. Campbell, W. C. Rockledge, W. Chenet, R. Turner, G. G. Jeffs, Isaac Hewitt, Miss Harris, Mrs. Cas. Cox, Mrs. Romano, W. B. Gibbons, Eugene Hicks, T. Lepiant, Mrs. R. R. Turner, Miss Bellis, E. Boneton, N. P. Shaw, of Victoria, owner of the steamship Ventura; Mrs. Galletly, of Victoria; Miss Galletly, Victoria, daughter of above; Guy Dennis, Charles Thomas, Miss Gill, R. Case, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Thomas Sulling and three children, A. K. Prince, C. F. Johnson, Mrs. A. M. Laplant, Mrs. Lenora Richards, Homer Swaney, Seattle steel magnate; Capt. L. Lawrence, master steamer Gilena, of Victoria; Charles Green, Mrs. S. E. Boulton, H. Buckner, Miss Murray, E. F. Ferris.

The following passengers were saved: T. Morrison, Wm. King, H. D. Doney, Jack Sweeney, L. W. David, John Davis, W. H. Grimes, Wm. Laplant, Ed. Lammer, Thomas Sullina and E. Larson. Only 11 of 56 are accounted for, all of the crew were saved except four whose names are not yet known. The steamer Dirigo is bringing Victoria and Seattle people.

An Aged Nimrod.

Uncle John Minto left this afternoon for three months on the Clatsop benches, where he was married in 1847, and has many relatives. He loves to be by the seashore in winter time, and will do some deer and duck shooting on Cullaby's lake, named after the first white man to meet Lewis and Clark on the coast. Uncle John is quite a sport for a man in his 83d year.

Miss Sarah Baller was married to Mr. John H. Maulding this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Judge Judah officiating. Both are residents of Marion county, and left for their home at Silverton on the afternoon train.

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Genoa, Italy, Jan. 9.—The two Japanese warships, Kasaga and Nisan, which were recently purchased from Argentine, steamed eastward from Genoa this morning, under urgent orders. They didn't stop to take on the ammunition or baggage, which had already been loaded on tenders. It is believed they will steam along the Mediterranean, waiting the turn of events. The officers and crews are intensely excited and keen for a fight.

Port Arthur, Jan. 9.—The newspaper

Novi Kral asserts that Japan has already sent a large armed force to Korea, disguised as immigrants, to be ready for developments.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The foreign office has confirmation of the statement that Russia, in her reply to Japan, made notable concessions. Negotiations for a friendly settlement are proceeding with increased prospect for success.

London, Jan. 9.—A Rome correspondent of the Central News wires that the two Japanese cruisers which sailed from Genoa this morning have been signalled off the Isle of Sardinia, in the Mediterranean sea. They are being followed by two Russian warships.

Tokio, Jan. 9.—The Russian minister today transmitted another note from the Japanese foreign minister to Russia. It is believed to be in the nature of an ultimatum. The war spirit is still high.

National Bank Closes.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The comptroller this morning advises that the national bank at Alva, Oklahoma, won't open today. He appointed Bank Examiner Sturtevant receiver. The liabilities and resources, according to the November statement, are approximately \$160,000.

CHINA GETTING GIDDY

Old Girl Now Making Goo-Goo Eyes at the Little Jap

Quits Flirting and Takes Advantage of Leap-Year to Propose a Closer Alliance

London, Jan. 9.—A dispatch from Hong Kong from a trustworthy source says the Chinese grand council has taken a stand for Japan and against Russia, and will submit the following propositions to the empress dowager, China to assume the offensive if Russia fails to withdraw from Manchuria, also that she make an offensive and defensive alliance with Japan against Russia, and that government officials be sent immediately to Tokio, to arrange such an alliance.

JANUARY

News for busy shoppers



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