

FAKE REPORT OF THE SHIP SIBERIA

WIRELESS REPORT SENT OUT SEEMS TO HAVE CAUSED MUCH CONFUSION.

MAKE SOME INVESTIGATIONS

International Sign Sent Out When Only Simple Message Was Reported.

Tokio, June 15.—Some light has been thrown upon the "wireless" mystery of the reported stranding of the Pacific Mail Steamer *Siberia*, May 1, off the coast of Formosa, yet not enough to say that the mystery has been cleared. While people of two hemispheres were in dread that the vessel had sunk, and a dozen warships were searching vainly, the *Siberia* sailed into Manila Bay, saying that there must have been some mistake as she had had no accident whatsoever.

Mistaken Signals.

The company officials here believe that the confusion was caused by the signal of the *Persia* being mistaken for the international distress signal "SOS" while the *Siberia* was giving her position to the *Persia* and they explain in detail their reasoning. But the Japanese operator at the Ozeaki land station insists that he really heard the distress signal which claimed to come from the *Siberia*. He said he did not think the signal "MBS" (the name of the *Persia*) could be mistaken by a trained operator for "SOS."

No word has come to Japan yet from the Captain of the *Siberia*, giving his log or any theory as to the mystery. Always admitting the *Siberia* log may afford light, the Pacific Mail Company officials offer this explanation which was first suggested by the wireless operator of the *Persia*.

The "SOS" distress is: three dots, three dashes and three dots; thus: (S) . . . (O) . . . (S) . . .

The *Persia* call (MBS) is two dashes, one dash with three dots, and three dots. It would be sent this way: (M) — (D) — . . . (S) . . .

The static condition being bad it is thought the operator at Ozeaki picked up "S" the last letter of "MBS". Then he caught the two dashes of "M" and joined them to the dash of the letter "B". The final three dots of the letter "S" gave him his "S", and he had "SOS."

Silence Not Explained.

Having found this explanation in an effort to get at a solution of the mystery, the steamship officials admit that it does not explain the silence of the *Siberia* on May 1, after the reported accident through-out the day the high power apparatus on the Japanese and Formosa coasts and on the British warships *Minotaur* and *Yarmouth* as well as on the American warships *Wilmington* and *Galveston*, were unable to get any answer from the sea. The company thinks it may have been due to atmospheric conditions which permitted communications between the *Siberia* and the *Persia* but not with other ships.

Interesting Narrative.

The stories of the various persons and ships concerned with the *Siberia* affair form an interesting narrative. The distress message, supposed to come from the *Siberia*, was received at 5:10 a. m. May 1. The log of the *Persia* shows that at 5:50 a. m. that day the *Persia* received a message from the *Siberia*. At 8:30 a. m. she exchanged positions with the *Siberia*; at 9:50 a. m. she received two messages from the *Siberia* and at 1:35 p. m. the *Persia* sent two. The Captain of the *Persia* sent two. The Captain of the *Persia* continues his narrative:

Hailed Other Vessels.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, May 1, the *Siberia* was sighted and two steamers passed each other at a very short distance. They were then 11 miles south of Cape Bojedor, or about 260 miles south of the position in which the *Siberia* was reported to be in distress. Another message from the *Siberia* was expected by those on the *Persia* at 8 o'clock that evening, May 1, but this was not received.

At 1:10 o'clock the following morning a message from the British warship *Yarmouth* that the *Siberia* was "all right." This message naturally puzzled those on board the *Persia* for they could not understand why such a message should have been considered necessary. Twenty minutes later, at half past one, the *Persia* received a wireless from Nagasaki saying that the *Siberia* was in distress at a point 22.40 north and 121.10 east, namely, 751 miles north of Manila. The *Persia*'s officers realized that there had been some mistake, for the *Siberia* had already been sighted far south of that position, which was still north of the *Persia*'s position.

At Four O'clock.

At ten minutes past four another wireless call was received, this time from the Korea, then lying in port at Hongkong. The Korea said: "*Siberia* in great danger in lat. 22.40 north and long. 121.10 east. Information received in regard the same from Nagasaki and Yokohama. Mr. Morton, agent in Hongkong desires you to hurry up to *Siberia* in order to render assistance. Nelson." Captain Hill of the *Persia* replied: "I met the *Siberia* at 2 p. m. yesterday—looks like a mistake. Left Manila on April 30. I am now off Guam Point." Half an hour later a message was received from the *Siberia* herself, saying that

she was 125 miles north of Manila, "all o. k."

A Static Storm.

By this time the *Siberia* had entered what is known as a static storm, an atmospheric condition frequently met with in tropical countries, which renders wireless communications difficult and sometimes impossible. The *Persia* was therefore unable to inform the *Siberia* of the unaccountable messages she had been receiving from different quarters. The *Persia*, however, at once transmitted the message she had received from the *Siberia* to Hongkong, but got no reply, and therefore could not tell whether it had been picked up or not.

Persia Received Messages.

The *Persia* continued to receive messages from different sources, one from the wireless station in Formosa, urging her to go to the rescue, while others told her that the *Siberia* was safe.

At half past seven the same morning, the *Persia* reached the position where the *Siberia* was described to be in distress, and here sighted a Japanese cable ship, which signalled that she has seen nothing in the nature of a vessel in want of assistance. Half an hour later a message was picked up from the H. M. S. *Yarmouth* which was now in the immediate vicinity, on the lookout for steamer in distress, requesting any information. Captain Hill replied that he had seen the *Siberia* the previous day, and added: "I expect she is now in Manila. Think there must be a mistake somewhere."

About the time of the *Persia*'s arrival an important point in the mystery was cleared up when the *Nippon Yusen Kaisha*, as the result of an investigation announced that the *Siberia* distress signal given out by the company's steamer "Bingo Maru" and transmitted to the Formosan government and thence to the Japanese navy had not been received directly from the *Siberia* but from the Ozeaki land station. The company explains that the mistake was made by the Fukikaku wireless station at Formosa which handed the message along as a "Bingo Maru" report when, in fact, it was an Ozeaki report. This so far as is known, leaves the Ozeaki station the only one hearing the *Siberia* distress signal.

Jap Letter.

What the Department of Communications of Japan thinks about the question at issue may be seen from the following official letter which was sent to the agents of the Pacific Mail company:

"On May 1st, at 5:10 a. m. the 'SOS WUU' (Distress *Siberia*) call was received suddenly and repeatedly at the Ozeaki wireless telegraph office. However, as the telegraphic effect was weak the receiving instrument was set in order so that a reply might be given after getting the said call positively confirmed. In a short time the call came as above was repeated. Immediately a reply was given repeating 'WUU DE JOS OK YR SOS Give Posn' (*Siberia* here Ozeaki all right your distress give position). It being ascertained that the said ship's position was 22.40 north latitude and 121.10 east longitude a message was repeated saying 'What kind and cause of distress' but as sunrise was approaching the communications became difficult. Although a clear reply could not be received in the approaching dawn it was considered by the office to be beyond doubt that there was the distress anyhow and necessary measures were immediately taken."

Could Not "Raise" *Siberia*.

Inability to "raise" the *Siberia* subsequently led to the report that the ship was sinking and messages to that effect were sent to Nagasaki from Ozeaki and thence to Tokio. Official bulletins from the Formosan government and the Japanese navy reported the *Siberia* had met with disaster. Investigation thus far shows that all these reports emanated from the same source, namely, the original distress signal at Ozeaki. So convinced was the Japanese navy of some serious disaster that it did not wait for George W. Guthrie, the American ambassador to request the sending for help, but quickly ordered two warships out from Formosa. One of them, the *Kanto Maru*, was later sighted by the *Persia*.

Shipping officials and naval officers in the Far East are very anxious that a complete investigation be made into the *Siberia* incident.

They believe it imperative in the interest of the future usefulness of wireless telegraphy in the saving of life. Meantime, the Pacific Mail Company will probably change the call letters of the *Persia*, feeling that the constant repeating of the *Persia* signal by the *Siberia* was misread for the distress call by the operator at Ozeaki.

Club Notes

The Mothers' club of Winfield township met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Wm. Farley, at the residence on Fourth avenue S., Jamestown. The guests numbered 26, 14 being members and the others visitors. The subject of the meeting was "Woman's Suffrage" and excellent talks were given by Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson and Mrs. Charles Rathman; also, by County Superintendent Mary McGinnis, who is the only honorary member of the club. Musical numbers were given by the three little Misses Baena and a reading by Miss Mae Farley. Lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

The Mothers' club of Mott met at the home of Mrs. E. H. Younka, on Tuesday evening. At the close of the business session, a dainty luncheon was served. This was the last meeting of the year and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mrs. E. H. Younka, president; Mrs. B. D. Beery, first vice president; Mrs. Arnold Bannan, second vice president; Mrs. R. A. Grant, secretary; Mrs. L. V. Duncanson, treasurer.

City News

GONE TO MISSOULA.

Mrs. Judge Spaulding left on No. 3, for Missoula, Mont., yesterday, to visit her daughter.

GONE TO MINNEAPOLIS.

Mrs. Irene Leoard and Son Richard left Sunday evening on No. 2, to spend the summer in Minneapolis, with friends.

RETURNED TO HER HOME.

Miss Francis Close left on No. 2 Sunday evening for her home, in San Diego, Calif., after spending the winter in Bismarck with relatives.

HOME FROM TWIN CITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Remington have returned from the Twin Cities, having been in attendance at the Bankers convention in Minneapolis.

VISITED PARENTS.

Mr. L. E. Pierce left for his home at Isabel, South Dakota after making an extended visit with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Pierce and two daughters, Miss Bertha and Mrs. M. R. Showalter.

ENTERTAINED VISITING LADIES.

Mrs. Paul C. Remington entertained a few friends informally at a tea, yesterday afternoon, from 4:00 to 6:00 in honor of Mrs. and Miss Sterette of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Watts of Minneapolis, Minn., who are guests in the city.

VISITING IN FREEPORT, ILL.

Mrs. R. S. Towne is enjoying her visit to relative, in Freeport, Ill., and writes, the trees and flowers especially the roses, are lovely. The parks are beautiful, and ideal for picnics, and she is having an enjoyable outing.

MRS. BRUCE AND FAMILY LEAVE FOR OUTING.

Mrs. A. A. Bruce and son Edward left yesterday for Grand Forks, to spend the summer. Miss Glenn will join her mother at Jamestown, where she has been the guest of Judge Elsworth's family.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

The ceremony of the dedication of St. John's Catholic church of Beach will take place on Sunday, June 21. Pontifical high mass will be celebrated by the Right Rev. Bishop Wehrle, O. S. B., of Bismarck, at 10:30 in the morning. He will also deliver a lecture at the regular evening service hour.

GUESTS OF MRS. RAMSTAD.

Mrs. Sterett and daughter, Miss Muriel, of Detroit, Mich., are the guests of Mrs. N. O. Ramstad, having arrived in the city, on Saturday. The ladies, who are on the way to the coast, have visited in the city before, and will be remembered as the mother and sister of Mrs. Chambers, wife of Dr. C. Chambers who formerly lived here.

PRISON GUARD VISITING.

J. F. Carter, one of the efficient guards at the state penitentiary, arrived from Bismarck and will visit old time friends in Minot and in Mountrail county, his former home. Mr. Carter is one of the most popular guards in the institution, being in charge of the prison hospital. He is not only well liked by all of the prisoners, but stands high in the estimation of Warden F. S. Talcott. Mr. Jack says that Fred Yeager, the young man who broke his leg while scaling the prison wall, in an attempt to escape, is getting along quite well, although he suffered a bad fracture.

TOAST CONTEST.

One year ago the Alumni association set aside a sum of money for a permanent fund, the interest from which to be used as a prize for the best toast written by the graduating class each year. Instruction was given in connection with the High School work, of toast writing and all members were required to do this work preliminary to the contest. Four members, Laura Little, Bartha Burton, Julius Ambersson and Althea Spear, entered the contest. Laura Little was awarded the prize, her subject being, "Our Alma Mater." The judges were Chief Justice Spaulding, Mrs. Budlong and C. L. Young.

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN WOMAN.

Mrs. Raphael Hagle, aged 28 years, died yesterday at her home, near Yucca, N. D., of septicaemia, after a brief illness.

The deceased came to the United States 14 years ago from Russia, and made her home at Bismarck for about six years. For the past eight years she has been living at the farm home near Yucca.

Her husband and six children, three boys and three girls, survive. The funeral was held Sunday from the church at St. Vincent.

Mrs. Hagle was very well known and had many friends, who regret her untimely death.—Mandan Pioneer.

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Correspondence

MEDINA.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Geiseke, Henry Bertsch, H. T. Wall and G. V. Skinner were Jamestown visitors last Saturday.

Thursday evening the graduation exercises were given by the pupils of the Eighth grade in Langer's hall. The hall was nicely decorated with the class flower, pink carnations and colors of royal purple and cream, with a large banner with their motto, "Too much learning is just right." The hall was packed to its capacity with people from far and near, to witness the largest graduation class ever in Medina. The class, 16 in number, is the largest class of Eighth grade graduates of any school in the county this year; the class also has the honor of having the highest average credits of any school in the county. This is something to be proud of and much credit should be given Prof. H. L. Wolf, for the showing he has made for the school the past year.

Friday evening Meyer's Novelty and Trained Animal show gave its exhibit before a large crowd of spectators. All reported to have had a good half dollar's worth of amusement.

Mesdames Will and Tom Higgins had the misfortune of having a razor

cut their throats. They were taken to the hospital and are now recovering.

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