

OVER 140 LIVES LOST

PACIFIC COAST STEAMER VALENCIA WRECKED; FEW ESCAPED.

Was on Way From San Francisco to Puget Sound—During Heavy Fog Valencia Run on a Rock, Making a Great Hole—She Filled Rapidly and a Heavy Sea Consumed All.

Victoria, Jan. 24.—With 94 passengers and about 60 in her crew the steamer Valencia went ashore about 10 miles east of Cape Beale in a thick fog about 12 o'clock Monday night. She is on the rocks against a high cliff and is likely to go to pieces at any time. One boat's crew of six men reached Cape Beale about 8 p. m. Tuesday.

The survivors say that a great number were drowned in trying to leave the ship. Some reports say 100 lives are lost. Nine men got ashore about 15 miles from here. Two men are prisoners on the face of the cliff and can not get up or back to the ship. The sea will likely reach them when the tide is high.

The men report very pathetic scenes. One woman dropped her child in the sea in trying to hand it to her husband. A little boy of 5 years is running around the deck trying to find his mother who is among the drowned.

There are still about 150 persons on the ship, with almost certain death staring them in the face. The steamer Queen has left for the wreck. Cape Beale is on Vancouver island at the southern side of the entrance to Barclay sound.

When the steamer Valencia left San Francisco at 11 a. m., Saturday, the weather was clear, but since has been thick, and Captain Johnson had consequently to navigate by reckoning. The officers of the steamer thought they were near the U'masilla reef lightship, when the vessel drove in on the Vancouver island coast.

Soundings had been taken, 30 fathoms having been secured a few minutes before the vessel struck. When she hit the rocks her engines were reversed, and the steamer succeeded in backing off into deep water. She immediately began to fill, so quickly that the engineers and firemen were driven from the engine room, and the only chance to save the life of anyone on board was to drive the vessel ashore.

When the six survivors who have arrived at Cape Beale left the Valencia was head on to the sea and was about 30 yards from the high bluff on shore, with the water over her main deck.

What were left of her passengers, a large number having been previously drowned, were huddled on the saloon deck. When the boats were lowered soon after the vessel was driven into the shore she began to fill, and there was great loss of life. The boats, filled with women and children, were smashed against the side of the steamer, and all in them were lost. The lights had gone out by this time, and the crew could not see to work. Several boats and three rafts were lowered. Only two of them have been heard from.

There are thought to be about 100 persons still on the wreck, and the survivors who reached Cape Beale say at least 50 were drowned alongside the steamer before they left. The boatswain and five seamen were sent to secure assistance, and are the only ones to reach Cape Beale. The steamer Queen City passed the wreck without sighting her. The weather was thick at the time.

Later Report. Of the 154 persons on board the steamer Valencia when she struck near Kianaway rock, five miles from Cape Beale, but 15 were saved. Seven passengers and eight were members of the crew. The dead number 139, the greatest loss of life in the north Pacific since the "Pacific" was lost in 1873.

The Valencia, in whose rigging about 30 persons were clinging frantically waving for assistance, which could not be given when the steamer Queen left the scene at 11:30 a. m., broke up about 8 p. m. Wednesday, sweeping to death those few who had survived these terrible hours of privation, chilled and numbed to the limit of human endurance by clouds of spray which swept over them. The tug Lorne, which Mayor Morley of Victoria sent at 11 o'clock Wednesday after the sad news was brought by the Queen of men clinging to the rigging of the partially submerged vessel and the hincaskets who went on her by order of Captain Parry of the H. M. S. Egretta with surf boats to endeavor to reach the wreck, will arrive too late, as the sea had claimed all before the Queen reached Victoria.

The steamer Queen, which arrived at 6 o'clock Wednesday night from the scene of the wreck of the Valencia, reports that when the Queen left the wreck at 11:30 Wednesday morning, being relieved by the steamer City of Topeka, from Seattle, there was still from 30 to 50 persons clinging to the rigging of the afloat, the fore part of the steamer being submerged. The steamer lay broadside against the shore. By 1:30 p. m., when the tide would be at its flood, it was expected the greater part of the hull would be submerged. With the heavy southwest sea then running the afterhouses would without doubt be washed away with the rigging, in which the few remaining survivors were still clinging, frantically signaling for assistance. The only hope when the Queen left was that a rescue could be effected with lugs from land, or if the sea should go down and the unfortunate still survive, rescues might be made from

smaller tug, which could approach closer to the wreck than the tug Cesar, which tried vainly Wednesday to reach the passengers.

The sight of those who thronged the rigging and waved signals to the steamer was heartrending. Nothing could be done; the Queen could not approach closer than half a mile, and to lower boats in the heavy sea would have been madness.

The tug Cesar ran toward the wreck, then in a haze, and returned, not having seen any one on board. The Queen reported the existence of the survivors in the rigging, but the message probably was not understood, for soon afterward the tug left, and with the steamer Salvador proceeded around Cape Beale toward Bamfield.

The sea rolled high. There was a strong wind, about 30 miles an hour, blowing from the east, seas at times washing over the tug Cesar, which rolled heavily. The Queen stood off until half an hour after the steamer City of Topeka arrived from Seattle with Captain Patterson, port captain, and Navigating Agent Pharoah of the Pacific Coast Steamship company on board, who ordered Captain Cousins back to Victoria immediately to continue his voyage to San Francisco, asking him to report to the city of Topeka, en route outward.

MAY GIVE IRELAND PARLIAMENT Event Foreshadowed by Liberal Victory in Britain.

One of the most prominent politicians in England, speaking of the tremendous victory of the liberal party, said to the Associated Press:

"It is useless to minimize the present revolution and we might as well begin to take a new view of the situation. In my opinion a parliament sitting in Dublin may be looked for within the next two years. Assuredly John Redmond, leader of the nationalist party, and Prime Minister Campbell-Bannerman have reached a working agreement, and it is inconceivable that Mr. Redmond would be content with anything less than an Irish parliament. I have no idea that such a parliament would mean separation, and have good reasons to believe that a plan is now under consideration by which the religious question can be eliminated from the deliberations of such a parliament, which would act under the imperial parliament and at least try the experiment of administering Irish affairs under the conditions which have changed in the last century."

Within the last eight days the political complexion of the United Kingdom has been changed by the tide of liberalism, which even now is higher than the most sanguine radical dared hope for. The new parliament will be overwhelmingly liberal. Up to this time the total number of members elected is 480, of whom 247 are liberals, 114 unionists, 40 libertarians, 78 nationalists and one socialist. This leaves 190 seats still vacant.

The liberals thus far have gained no less than 177 seats, counting labor gains as liberal or government gains, and if the same proportion is kept up for the remaining 190 seats the liberals will have 407 votes in the next parliament, to which may be added those of 42 libertarians, one socialist and 83 nationalists, which would give Prime Minister Campbell-Bannerman 533 votes against 127 for the conservatives.

PROMINENT MEN APPOINTED. To Represent United States at The Hague Conference. Secretary Root announces that the American representatives to the approaching conference to be held at The Hague will be Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to England; Horace Porter, former ambassador to France; and Judge Rose of Little Rock, Ark., ex-president of the American Bar association.

Wondrous Changes in 10 Years. Wondrous changes have come to the Northern Pacific company in the past decade. It earned last year, according to its official statement to Olympia, nearly as much in Washington state as it was earning 10 years ago on the entire system. Its gross earnings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895, on the entire system in Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, were about \$18,000,000; and after it had paid operating expenses, there remained for interest on the bonded debt only \$6,115,298, a sum falling short of interest requirements by about \$3,000,000.

According to the company's report, just submitted to the state railroad commission, it earned in this state alone last year over \$14,000,000.

Police Killed a Burglar. One burglar was killed and another fatally wounded at Des Plaines, a suburb of Chicago, in a battle between detectives of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad and five men detected in an attempt to steal from a repair shop.

The detectives had surrounded the shop and the fight began when the robbers attempted to escape with the plunder. The three men not wounded escaped after they had exhausted their ammunition.

Long Task. Ethel—You better be careful how you kiss me, Jack. Father just said he was going upstairs to read a bit. Jack—Oh, he is good for six hours. He is going to read the president's message.

The savings banks of Italy contain over \$66,000,000.

NEWS OF NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON, IDAHO, MONTANA AND OREGON NEWS ITEMS.

A Few Interesting Items Gathered From Our Exchanges of the Surrounding Country—Numerous Accidents and Personal Events Take Place—Fall Trade is Good.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Approximately half of the state funds will be taken out of the Capital National bank in Olympia and distributed in depositaries selected by the state treasurer in other parts of the state.

General Ashton of Tacoma, who went to San Francisco some weeks ago in the interests of the tideland pool, is now on his way to Chicago to consult with railroad officials of the Harriman system as regards the tidelands wanted for terminals in Tacoma.

A new industry which may possibly attain importance in Garfield county has been undertaken by C. W. Fitzsimmons and A. M. Sibley. This is the cultivation of the famous ginseng plant.

Following the example set by the Washington Retail Lumber Dealers, the retailers of British Columbia and Oregon have advanced their list.

It is reported that Gov. A. E. Mead has decided to turn down State Fish Commissioner T. B. Kershaw and to name a new man to fill that position when Kershaw's term expires in March.

Professor W. J. Spillman, whose able work at the Washington State college at Pullman led to his employment by the United States department of agriculture as its agriculturist, is establishing object lesson farms in various sections of the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rigg, living on Rattlesnake flat, 20 miles south of Hittsville, recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Rigg is 71 and Mrs. Rigg 72 years of age.

A rousing meeting of farmers was held in Rosalia Saturday morning. Between 300 and 400 people assembled, crowding the hall, many being obliged to stand. The announcement by D. C. Corbin that he would pay \$5.75, or 50 cents more than the present price, for beets, if he could obtain 50,000 tons, or \$6 for 60,000 tons, together with the announcement that the business men of Rosalia have pledged themselves to pay a bonus of 10 cents a ton for all beets raised in that vicinity the coming season, caused much enthusiasm.

The second annual convention of the Washington Live Stock association was brought to a close at Spokane last Wednesday. The association will meet for its next convention in Spokane some time between the 16th and 20th of December. The executive officers of the association were unanimously re-elected.

James Haddock of the People's store accompanied by a friend was walking up Ninth street during a heavy rain-storm the other evening. When in front of the Yellowstone saloon, between E street and Tacoma avenue, Haddock stepped off the sidewalk and fell into a flume that serves as a gutter. The water was running like a millrace and Haddock was carried down in the torrent for two blocks before being dragged out by his companion.

The Inland Empire Railway company, recently organized in Spokane with a capital of \$20,000,000 by Jay P. Graves and associates, is credited by a Seattle report with intending to build an electric road from Spokane to the Okanogan country and Phoenix, B. C.

The body of Alfred Gressner, a resident of Green Lake, near Seattle, who disappeared from his home December 1, leaving his wife and seven small children destitute has been found floating in the lake. Gressner is supposed to have fallen into the lake while intoxicated.

The Phoenix theatre of Tacoma was burned recently. The fire started over the stage and is supposed to have caught from a defective electric wire. It was owned by Peter Sandberg. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$3000. It will be rebuilt.

A 38 caliber Colts revolver, discharged by the jolt of the horse he was riding, ended the life of Elmer Lathrop, a young man employed at the Maxwell farms, 16 miles southwest of Walla Walla, Wash.

Lieutenant Governor Coon of Washington has taken up the work of the executive, and Governor Mead 'as started for Salt Lake to attend the "See America" convention.

Ed Paulner, who was injured at Spokane in the Northern Pacific yards some time ago, and whose leg was amputated near the thigh in consequence, is now able to be around again. His recovery is due to fellow members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who gave about 40 pieces of their skin to be grafted upon the stump of his leg. George Carr gave 17 pieces, each about half an inch long. M. V. Pitts gave about the same number, and Henry Rhoder gave several pieces from his arm.

The Milwaukee railroad has established the camps along the Snoqualmie pass route, 150,000 ties are to be cut between the pass and Renton.

John T. Alderson camp, No. 5, United Spanish War Veterans, has been formed at North Yakima.

OREGON ITEMS. John R. Goldson, a sawmill owner, while hunting in the mountains west of Eugene, was accidentally killed re-

sented by a shot from his own rifle in contest with a badly wounded and infuriated panther. The rifle struck both marks of the panther's throat. Goldson thought he had emptied the chamber and struck the beast then it exploded. C. H. Walters, a Weston saloonkeeper, was convicted in the circuit court Saturday afternoon of selling liquor to a minor.

IDAHO NEWS. Frank H. Buhl of Sharon, Pa., who is in Chicago conferring with capitalists there for the sale of the Twin Falls Land & Irrigation company property in Idaho, says that the negotiations had been successful, and that the deal would be closed.

Toy Wing, or the Chinaman who was taken to Boise from Rathrum recently to finish serving his seven years term in the state prison from which he escaped 21 years ago, may possibly not be the bad Chinaman he was supposed to be, and unless he is positively identified within a few days he is likely to be turned loose.

It is announced that a new banking and trust company will begin business at Boise about the middle of March. It will have a capital stock of \$500,000. L. A. Cate, who is connected with several enterprises in this locality, is at the head of the project.

A collision occurred in the yards at Sandpoint recently between two trains on the Northern Pacific. A westbound freight and the local freight, east-bound, came together head on at the Hubbard mill, damaging the engines considerably and piling up several cars.

Senator Heyburn's townsie bill has been referred to the subcommittee on public lands, with instructions to form a new bill.

Sam Story, who worked at the B. R. Lewis company camp, No. 2, on Coeur d'Alene lake, met death by a falling tree striking him on the head. No one knows whether he has a family or not. He was practically a stranger there.

It has been decided by the supreme court in the case of J. J. Raaf of Halley that there is no appeal from the decision of the state board of medical examiners in refusing to grant a license for the practice of medicine. The person aggrieved may proceed by writ of certiorari in the district court to determine whether the board has exceeded its powers.

MONTANA SQUIBBS. The amount of wool produced in Montana in the year just ended was \$5,496,000 pounds, against 25,045,000 pounds in the previous year. The average weight of fleeces in the state in 1905 was 6.5 pounds and the number of sheep showed a decrease of 25,000.

Fire recently destroyed Frank Rodder's shoe store at Livingston. Damage about \$2500, building and stock fully insured. W. E. Thompson of Tacoma owned the building.

The jury in the case of James Meddies, tried at Helena on a charge of killing Roy McLaren at the Pyor Indian agency, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Governor Toole has issued regulation upon Governor Cutler of Utah for William Paisley, under arrest in Salt Lake on charges of robbing the Centerville store of D. J. Hennessey & Co. of Butte, Jan. 9, of \$3000. Deputy Sheriff Mike Quinn of Silver Bow county will leave for Salt Lake with documents.

It has just been discovered that Charles Roberts, a laborer in a cyanide plant at Kendall, Mont., is a nephew of Lord Roberts, the celebrated English general. There is quite a history connected with Charles Roberts.

Strange as it may seem, he has been acknowledged as the owner of a princely estate at Dublin, left him by his father a this death, which is occupied by Lord Roberts. The identity was established through a visit of an agent of Lord Roberts to Kendall a month ago. Charles Roberts visited Lord Roberts in August last at the latter's palace in London. He had an understanding with his uncle as to the estate, and will leave the latter in his possession during his life, accepting a stipulated income in money in lieu of the property until the latter's death, when he will take possession.

Roberts was born in Ontario, Canada, is 38 years of age and married. The members of the Montana Press Association will leave Butte Saturday, February 10, on an excursion to Los Angeles as the guests of the Oregon Short Line and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroads. The Montana editors at the last annual meeting in Billings were invited by Senator Clark to take a trip over the San Pedro road and this excursion resulted. It is expected that 50 or more active newspaper men will participate in the excursion.

"Peter Larson of Helena is a sufferer from cirrhosis of the liver, and while his death is perhaps only a question of time, the danger is not immediate," said Dr. William Treacy, his family physician, when interviewed.

The American DeForest Wireless Telegraph company has determined to enter Montana and will install stations at Butte, Helena, Great Falls, Lewistown, Anaconda, Dillon, Missoula, Bozeman, Livingston, Red Lodge, Billings and Miles City.

Articles of incorporation of four subsidiary companies of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company have been filed at Helena. The companies are intended to develop lands, etc., along its seven hundred miles of lines, and conduct lumber mills, whose product will be used in construction work. Each concern is capitalized at \$100,000, it being fully subscribed, presumably by the parent company.

An epidemic of elopements has broken out on the Crow reservation, and 15 bucks charged with deserting their wives are languishing in jail at the Crow agency.

WARM SPELL IN EAST

REGULAR SPRING DAYS IN NEW YORK--VERMONT WARM.

Sunshine Filled the Parks With Pleasure Seekers—Remarkable Weather in New England States—Ohio and Kentucky Also Warm—Blizzard Through Middle West.

New York, Jan. 22.—The continued warm weather of the past few days in this city reached its climax Sunday when, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the official thermometer at the weather bureau station was 55 degrees. At night the weather continues warm, a vapor, typical of early spring evenings, hanging over the water front.

The warmth and sunshine of the day brought to Central park, to Riverside drive and other promenades thousands of pleasure seekers.

Nice Day in New England. Boston, Mass., Jan. 22.—In the greater part of New England the weather conditions were remarkable Sunday. The official thermometer in Boston reached 67.8, which is the warmest January day, with one exception, in the history of the local bureau.

Warmth at Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—With a maximum temperature of 59 degrees and with the humidity average more than 90 per cent, Philadelphia Sunday experienced the warmest 24 hours of the winter. The warm wave extended throughout Pennsylvania.

Vermont is Springlike. Burlington, Vt., Jan. 22.—At a time of the year when Vermont is usually covered with snow and ice the government thermometer here touched 52 Sunday afternoon.

Fine Sunday in Kentucky. The remarkably high temperature which broke all previous January records Saturday throughout southern Indiana and Kentucky was continued Sunday. The highest temperature registered today was 71 at Louisville.

Warm Winter Day at Columbus. Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 22.—The warmest winter day since 1878 was recorded here Sunday when the maximum temperature reached was a fraction over 72 degrees.

Blizzard in the Middle West. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 22.—A blizzard prevailed Sunday night in portions of western Missouri, eastern Kansas and over the northern part of Indian territory. There was a heavy snow and a driving northern wind, with the mercury falling rapidly.

St. Paul Shivers. St. Paul, Jan. 22.—The mercury dropped over 20 degrees in 12 hours in St. Paul, standing at 2 above zero at 8 p. m., and with indications of at least 10 below before morning.

WHEAT CROPS OF WORLD. Great Britain's Prospects Not Out of Ordinary—Yield in Roumania Will Be Short.

The foreign crop report for December shows that over large areas of Europe the prevailing characteristics were unseasonably warm weather and excessive humidity. Crops lightly sown have germinated finely and entered on the winter in strong, healthy condition. Late sowing of crops in Europe, however, were unusually extensive and some anxiety is felt concerning them.

In Great Britain the winter wheat area has been extended. The acreage, however, is still believed to be diminished, as compared with last year. The growing crops have an improved appearance.

In France the wheat area is the average. In Germany weather conditions were unfavorable and there was no marked improvement.

In Roumania the area under wheat is about 15 per cent short of last year. The 1905 crop is now estimated at from 50,000,000 to 55,000,000 bushels. The bulk of it is said to be out of condition, hence no export movement to the north of Europe points is expected until spring.

No important definite news regarding the conditions of winter sown cereals in Russia are reaching the outside world.

Mitchell Satisfied. Indianapolis, Ind.—"There is no political office in the United States which I would resign the presidency of the United Mineworkers of America to accept."

The greatest enthusiasm was created when President Mitchell used these words in Tomlinson hall.

The cattle of Somaliland, says a recent official report, are fattened on date stones, and milk animals fed on such a diet are said to produce better and more copious milk than others.

In a lecture before the Society of Arts, London, Martin Duncan stated that the cinematograph may be traced back to 130 A. D. from a document in the Bodleian library at Oxford.

MINING NOTES.

Shipments for all Kootenay, B. C. districts last week have a record of 23,764 tons of ore. There were 21 shipping mines in Slokan and Kootenay, the chief being St. Eugene, 537 tons; Sullivan, 300 tons; Arlington-Erie, 136 tons; Black Prince, 87 tons; La Plata, 82 tons; Reco, 82 tons; other mines, 702 tons; total, 1901 tons. Marysville smelted 360 tons, the Hall mines 794 tons and Trail 6400 tons of ore.

A cross-cut from the tunnel on the 200 foot level of the Copper Key mine at Republic, Wash., is being pushed ahead to tap another vein which traverses the country at a short distance to the eastward.

Ore has been struck in the lowest level of the Jay Gould, near Chewelah, Wash. It differs from any heretofore taken out, having a considerable value in copper, in addition to its values in silver and lead.

Work has been resumed on the Bodie mine at Bodie camp, near Republic, Wash., under the management of the New York Gold Mining company. Charles McAllister is hauling the new diamond drill to the Betts and Heesperus mines, four miles from Grand Forks, B. C. It is the intention of the management of these properties to thoroughly prospect these claims by means of this drill.

A new record was made by Boundary mines and smelters last week. Total shipments for week, 25,971 tons; total for year, 54,476 tons.

All of the details having been completed for the amalgamation of the Centre Star and War Eagle companies at Roseland, B. C., the two are welded into one corporation, the Centre Star purchasing the assets of the War Eagle.

The owners of the Mabel mineral claim at Roseland, B. C., who reside in Spokane, have decided to resume operations on it.

Boundary smelters treated: Granby smelter, 17,626 tons; B. C. Copper company smelter, 3653 tons; Dominion Copper company smelter, 4927 tons; total for week, 26,000 tons; total for year to date, 58,172 tons.

Theatrical Notes. Florence Roberts is booked for an engagement at San Francisco the first week in March.

Edna May is making her farewell appearance in New York at the Harlem opera house in "The Catch of the Season."

A new play of promise is the operetta "Mlle. Modiste," by Blossom and Victor Herbert, in which Fritz Scheff appears in the Knickerbocker, New York.

Guy Bates Post, leading man of "The Heir to the Hoorah" company, began his theatrical career as an usher in a Seattle theatre and reached the stage by way of the box office route.

The Washington theater, located on Riverside avenue, Spokane, is first-class in every respect. It has a fine bill each week. Performances every afternoon and evening at 2, 7 and 9 o'clock. Admission to all 15c. Reserved seats 25c. Children 10c.

Kennedy & Westfall, managers of Joseph Murphy, vigorously deny the reported retirement of the well known Irish comedian.

Klaw & Erlanger have accepted a comic opera by John Philip Sousa and Harry B. Smith, entitled "The Free Lance," which will be produced in New York on Monday of Easter week, with a cast of players to be immediately engaged and large chorus and orchestra.

That Viola Allen, the actress, has been the wife of Peter Duryea, the horse owner, since last August became known today. Mr. Duryea and Miss Allen were married August 16 last at Louisville, Ky. Friends who made the announcement said that it had been kept secret up to this time because of Miss Allen's professional engagements for the season.

George Ade is in New York, having left his country place at Brooke, Ind., preparatory to a trip which includes some weeks at the Riviera and a season in Egypt.

Heinrich Conreid has received the decoration of the Order of the Iron Cross from Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria.

A "Salon of Music," is a new idea in Paris. Musical compositions will be "exhibited" like paintings. But as they require to be heard, not seen, the scores will not be placed for inspection on tables, but played by an orchestra during the hours of the salon. A jury will examine all works sent in, and choose the best for exhibition. These will then be performed in rotation. When the list is exhausted the orchestra will begin all over again.

Wagenhals & Kemper have arranged for Blanche Walsh's appearance in London for the coming season.

A Romantic Bimble. They were walking out together on a cloudless night under the light of the big round moon, which seemed unusually bright and beautiful. Suddenly he stopped, clasped his hands and cried, rapturously: "Oh, Mary! Look at the moon to-night. Isn't it beautiful—magnificent?" "Yes, ain't it, William?" she replied, with equal enthusiasm. "It looks just like a big fried egg, don't it, dear?" —Judy.

Beyond the Limit. The Customer—Isn't Smith's credit good with you any more? The Grocer—I should say not. He can't even borrow trouble in this establishment.