

## STEAMER CLALLAM FOUNDERS

### Went Down Off Victoria--Tug Richard Holyoke Arrives Just in Time to Rescue Eight Survivors--Tug Sea Lion Rescues Twenty-Four Others The Lost Includes Well Known Tacoma People--Complete List of the Drowned and Saved

Special to the Tacoma Times.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 9.—During a terrible storm in the Straits of Juan de Fuca, the Puget Sound Navigation company's steamer Clallam foundered at 1:15 o'clock this morning. When she went down the ocean tug Holyoke was alongside of her, but in the face of the gale that was blowing and the heavy sea she could do nothing towards saving the ill-fated vessel.

The efforts of the crew of the tug were directed toward saving the lives of the passengers on the steamer. Less than one-third of them were rescued. The others went to their death beneath the waves.

The scene was never to be forgotten by those who survived. Men, women and children were drowned while the waves were dishing over the vessel on which they were passengers.

Those who were strong enough to make their way to the tug or to hold on to life-rafts until help arrived were saved, but the great majority went down and were seen no more.

Those who were drowned were mostly women and children, who were too weak to battle with the waves long enough to hold out until help came. The crew of the ocean tug worked like heroes to save the drowning. The latest reports put the number of missing and drowned at 65.

Nearly all of those who perished were residents along the Sound. The greater number were from Seattle, although a number of people from Tacoma and other cities were on the steamer when she foundered.

When the tug Holyoke located the Clallam last night she was in a sinking condition, between Smith's island and Dungeness spit. The passengers were huddled in the cabins.

It was a hard task to get a line aboard the Clallam. The steamer was sinking rapidly and had been in a sinking condition since midnight.

The tugs Holyoke and Sea Lion reached here this morning with 32 passengers, survivors of the wrecked steamer. They were put on board the steamers Garland and Dirigo and are now on their way to Seattle. They will probably reach there about 6 o'clock.

When the Clallam foundered the Sea Lion was near the Holyoke and rescued a large number. The Sea Lion had 24 passengers on board when she reached here and the Holyoke eight.

Nearly every woman and child on the steamer was lost.

There were 56 listed passengers on the steamer and she carried a crew of 32 men. It is believed, however, that there were a few more on board the boat, as there generally more passengers on board than those who have registered.

The total number of people on the boat is estimated at about 95.

According to the story told here, the accident to the Clallam resulted from the breaking of the deadlights in her portholes. The heavy seas struck the lights with terrific force and the glass was broken.

The water rushed in through the open portholes and it was but a short time before the fires under the boilers were

extinguished. The hold was rapidly filling when the vessel hoisted her sails and attempted to make headway.

Later.—The exact location of the wreck is now said to be eight miles north of Protection point. The vessel took the final plunge at 1:15 o'clock this morning.

#### SECOND DISPATCH.

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 9.—The steamer Clallam foundered shortly after midnight this morning a short distance from Smith's island, about 15 miles from this city.

The vessel reached within eight miles of Victoria, when the heavy seas broke in her deadlights and the water rushed in. This put out the fires under the boilers. Three boats were launched and filled principally with women and children.

Two of these boats were seen to founder, all aboard being drowned.

The third is thought to have shared the same fate.

The steamer drifted helplessly until 10 o'clock p. m., when the tug Holyoke, sent from here, came to her assistance and took the Clallam in tow.

The passengers and crew had in the meantime hove the cargo overboard and kept three lines of men bailing the steamer with buckets, thus keeping about even with the incoming rush of water.

After the Clallam was taken in tow the water came in faster than before, and about 1 o'clock she went on her beam ends and filled.

The tug Sea Lion arrived meanwhile and the two tugs set about saving life.

Thirty-one survivors were picked up from the steamer and from planks and rafts and brought here this morning at 9 o'clock.

Captain Roberts and the officers of the Clallam, who stayed with the steamer to the last, were all saved.

Captain Roberts says he thinks he had 53 passengers and the crew, numbering 32.

The Clallam left Seattle at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning. When within a few miles of Victoria, off Clover point, at 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon, she was sighted. At first it appeared that she was at anchor, but soon it was evident that she had broken down and was drifting. A favorable wind carried her past Trial and Discovery rocks and when she passed the southeast point of Vancouver island she was on a clear course. She had her mainsail and jib set at the time.

Agent Blackwood of the steamer, at Victoria, could find no available tug at Victoria. At nightfall he secured the tug Iroquois, which he dispatched from Sidney.

The tugs Holyoke and Sea Lion were sent out after the Clallam from Port Townsend.

After the Iroquois had cruised for several hours in search of the Clallam she returned to Victoria and reported that the vessel had not been sighted. The tugs Magic and Bahada joined in the search for the disabled steamer during the evening.

The Clallam was a wooden craft and was built at Tacoma last year, going into commission July 3. Since that date she has been continuously on the Seattle-Victoria

run. Her general dimensions are: Length 167 feet, beam 32 feet, depth of hold 17 feet. The vessel is licensed to carry 350 passengers and has berth accommodations for 122. In commission she cost \$100,000.

She was owned by the Puget Sound Navigation company. Captain George Roberts, her master, is well known in Tacoma.

#### HIS LUCKY ESCAPE.

Silas Smith, a resident of Tacoma, thinks he is a mighty lucky man, although yesterday his feelings were just the reverse. Mr. Smith went to Seattle yesterday enroute to Victoria, and would have been a passenger on the ill-fated Clallam, which foundered early this morning, but for the fact that he missed the boat by a few minutes. Mr. Smith regards the circumstance as a very narrow escape. He says there were a number of Tacoma people who made the trip, but does not know the names of any of them.

#### REPORT DENIED.

Mr. E. W. Heath, builder of the Clallam, denied a report circulated that the steamer was top-heavy. He says a stauncher built boat was never turned out of a yard on the Sound.

Captain Carter, now of the steamer Whatcom, but who formerly commanded the Clallam, laughs at the idea of the Clallam being in any way a poor sea boat, and says that she would live in a gale that the tugs sent to her rescue could not weather.

#### LIST OF MISSING

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—The following is a complete list of the passengers of the ill-fated steamer Clallam, who are missing:

- CAPTAIN C. W. THOMPSON, Tacoma.
- GEORGE HYSON.
- A. WALDEMERS.
- MRS. ROSE.
- C. H. JAY.
- R. G. CAMPBELL.
- W. C. ROCKLEDGE.
- W. CHENNET.
- R. TURNER.
- G. G. JEFFS.
- ISAAC HEWITT.
- MISS HARRIS.
- MRS. CHARLES COX.
- MRS. ROMANO.
- W. B. GIBBONS.
- EUGENE HICKS.
- MRS. R. R. TURNER.
- MISS BELLIS.
- E. BONETON.
- N. P. SHAW of Victoria, owner of the steamship Ventura.
- MRS. GALLETLY of Victoria, wife of Mr. Galletly.
- A. J. C. Galletly, manager Bank of Montreal, Victoria.
- MISS GALLETLY, Victoria, daughter of Mr. Galletly.
- GUY DENNIS.
- CHARLES THOMAS.
- MISS GILL.
- R. CASE.
- MRS. REYNOLDS.
- A. K. PRINCE.
- C. F. JOHNSON.
- MRS. SULLIVAN AND THREE CHILDREN.
- MRS. A. H. LAPLANT.
- MRS. LENORA RICHARDS.
- HOMER H. SWANEY, Seattle.
- CAPTAIN L. LAWRENCE, master steamer Galena, of Victoria.
- H. W. LAPLANT.
- CHARLES GREEN.
- MRS. S. E. BOULTON.
- H. BUCKNER.
- MISS MURRAY.
- C. G. BIRNEY.
- E. F. FERRIS.
- MRS. LAPLANT AND TWO CHILDREN.
- MRS. THOMAS SULLINS AND THREE CHILDREN.
- MISS ETHEL DIPROSE, nurse in the Fannie Paddock hospital.

#### LIST OF SAVED

Passengers saved—T. Morrison, William King, H. D. Manley, Jack Sweeney, L. W. David, John Davis, W. H. Grimes, William Laplant, Ed Lannan, Thomas Sullins, P. Larson.

The Clallam carried the following officers: Captain George Roberts, wife and children in Victoria; Mate and Pilot G. W. Downing, Seattle; Chief Engineer S. A. Delaunay, wife and child, Seattle; Acting Assistant Engineer J. Smith, Seattle; Quartermasters Harry Arnold and L. Meyer, both single, Seattle; Purser F. C. Freer, family in Bellingham; Freight Clerk E. Lockwood, wife in Seattle; Steward J. R. Watson, wife and son, Seattle; Customs Officer B. H. Lehman, Tacoma.

Following is a partial list of the crew of the Clallam. It is not known whether all were aboard the vessel. They signed

articles at the beginning of the new year: Seamen—H. Sears, C. Manson, J. Jeffs, A. McKern, J. Anderson, Firemen—G. White, C. Manson, S. Mattach. Oilers—E. Parker, J. Atkins. Cooks—Toy, Ting, Hing (all Chinese). Pantrymen—Ching Ling, Porter, James Caldwell. Waiters—A. Davis, William Jones, George Kelley, A. King, A. Hudson. Mess boy—Harvey. Members of crew saved—Captain George Roberts, G. W. Downing, first officer; S. F. C. Freer, purser; H. Arnold, quartermaster; F. Meyer, R. Griffith, seamen; S. A. Delaunay, first engineer; James Matlock, fireman; G. Atkins, oiler; Edward Parker, oiler; J. R. Watson, chief steward; James Caldwell, Archie King, A. Davis, William Jones, H. Johnson, Toy Sook, cook; Ting Sing, cook.

The survivors given are those rescued by the Sea Lion. Eight more are known to have been picked up by the tug Holyoke. Their names have not yet been learned.

#### TACOMA PEOPLE LOST

Bruno Lehman, the customs officer on board the steamer Clallam, and reported among the lost, was a Tacoma man and has been connected with the customs department since 1897. He was popular with his brother officers and expressions of grief come from them all over the news of his death.

He married about two years ago and has since resided at 204 North Tacoma avenue.

His brother, Paul Lehman, is a photographer.

C. W. Thompson was a mining man, president of the Montezuma Mining company and Washington Mines company, and was also interested in the Tacoma company. Mr. Thompson was 53 years of age and leaves to mourn his loss seven children and a wife. Yesterday morning the deceased started from Seattle on a business trip to the Cawston smelter on Vancouver island, in which his companies are interested. For 15 years he had been a resident of Tacoma.

G. G. Jeffs, reported among the lost on the Clallam, formerly lived in Tacoma and at one time attended the public schools here. For a time Jeffs followed the sea. He has a brother in Olympia in the employ of Harris Brothers of that city.

H. B. Arnold, quartermaster on the steamer Clallam, is well known in Tacoma and has a brother, Burt Arnold, who is a clerk in Theodore & French's store on Pacific avenue.

W. C. Rockledge, one of the missing passengers, worked a few days ago as a painter at Wheeler & Osgood's mill. He is well known to the employes of that company, but little is known of his relatives.

Miss Ethel Diprose, a nurse in the Fannie Paddock hospital, who was enroute to Victoria to spend a vacation with relatives, is reported among the missing of the ill-fated steamer.

#### SMOOT ANSWERS ACCUSATIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—Senator Reed Smoot's answer to the charges made against him was made public today.

The charges are as follows: 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 of the United States, which was administered to him before he took his seat as a senator.

Senator Smoot denies both charges. He says he was married in 1894 to Miss Eldridge, who is still his wife and is the mother of his children. He says he never had any other wife or cohabited with any other woman. He denies taking any oath or obligation conflicting with his duty to this country.

He considers himself bound by the laws of the United States, including those referring to polygamy, and denies that there is any supreme body of men in the Mormon church having supreme authority in all matters concerning the followers of that church. He also denies that the Church of Latter Day Saints inculcates or encourages polygamy or has since the Woodruff manifesto in 1890.

He admits that the first president of the church is vested with supreme authority in spiritual matters; also in temporal matters as far as they pertain to the officers of the church.

#### THEY ARE UP IN ARMS

Residents of Parker and Toppings have petitioned the county commissioners to compel members of the National Guard to desist from promiscuous shooting in that neighborhood. They claim that citizens passing to and fro are in constant danger of being killed. The matter is now in the hands of the prosecuting attorney.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—The foreign office has received confirmation of the report that Russia, in reply to Japan, made notable concessions. Negotiations for a friendly settlement are proceeding, with increased prospects for success.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News wires that the two Japanese cruisers which sailed from Genoa this morning have signaled, off the island of Sardinia, in the Mediterranean, that they are being followed by two Russian warships.

## CHINESE GRAND COUNCIL WANTS TO HELP JAPAN

LONDON, Jan. 9.—A dispatch from Hongkong from trustworthy sources, states that the Chinese grand council has taken a stand for Japan against Russia and will submit the following proposition to the empress dowager of China:

To assume the offensive if Russia fails to withdraw from Manchuria; also to make an offensive and defensive alliance with Japan against Russia, and government officials be immediately sent to Tokio to arrange such alliance.

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 9.—The newspaper Novi Krai asserts that Japan has already sent a large armed force to Korea, disguised as immigrants, to be ready for developments.

GENOA, Jan. 9.—The two Japanese warships, Kasuga and Nisano, which were recently purchased from Argentina, steamed eastward from Genoa this morning, under urgent orders. They did not stop to

take on ammunition or baggage, which had already been loaded on the tenders. It is believed they will steam along the Mediterranean, awaiting events. The officers and crews were intensely excited.

## GRIM FACTS

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The coroner today examined the attaches of the Iroquois theater to establish a case of gross neglect against the management.

Charles Sweeney, the only fireman employed in the theater, was the first witness. He is a mere boy, who acts as a teamster in the daytime. He never worked in a theater before and had never been instructed in his duties nor where the fire apparatus or the standpipes were located. He never had any fire experience. He discovered the flames and tried to put them out by slapping them, as no apparatus was available.

## SEVEN FIRES IN ONE NIGHT

Every piece of fire apparatus in Tacoma was turned out at some time last night. Seven alarms were responded to by the firemen and this morning the laddies were pretty well tired out.

At 5:34 o'clock last evening hose wagon No. 6 was called to Fifteenth and C streets by a burning chimney. A half hour later company No. 1 was called out by a similar alarm from 901 North G street, Company No. 4 responded to an alarm from the Donahue mill on Twenty-first street at 7 o'clock. There they found a hot fire burning in a slab pile. Owing to the way the slabs were piled and the strong wind blowing, the company had a hard time getting the flames under control. The put in two hours' hard work before the fire was extinguished, and on leaving left a line of hose laid in the yard for use in case a fire should break out there again during the night.

A burning chimney at South N and Eighth streets at 7:58 called out more apparatus.

At 9:25 came the alarm from the Rob-

inson mill, and at 10 o'clock company No. 3, from the North End, was called to 524 North G street to put a quietus on a burning chimney.

The only chimney fire that did any damage was at the White Front saloon in South Tacoma. Company No. 7 responded to this alarm and found a defective flue the cause of a small blaze.

## FIENDS LOOSE

VIENNA, Jan. 9.—A dispatch from Constantinople states that a telegram was received from Armenia saying that the inhabitants of Sassoun, in Turkish Armenia, are greatly excited over the possibility of a repetition of the Kurdish massacres of 1894.

A number of the inhabitants have fled and bands of Kurds, who are old-time enemies of the Christian Armenians, are stationed at many points on the frontier to prevent the escape of the fugitives.

## TACOMA MAY LOSE COLLECTION

Negotiations are now being carried on with Captain Tozier of the revenue cutter Grant to place the almost invaluable collection of Alaska curios now in the Ferry museum in a museum in either Chicago, Pittsburg or New York. The collection has been in Tacoma for several years and is a point of interest to visitors in this city. An effort will undoubtedly be made by Tacoma men to have the rare collection left in this city.

The collection has been got together by Captain Tozier at an expense of about \$30,000, but it could not be purchased for double that amount. It contains 4,500 Indian baskets of rare workmanship, besides 6,000 other curios.

There are numberless face masks and house posts or totems in the collection that are now almost impossible to secure. A complete index of the collection has never been made. A partial list of the curios follows:

- About 100 ancient stone chisels and axes.
- Ancient pipes, carved and plain, made of stone and jade and ivory.
- Over 200 stone hammers, no two alike.
- A number of ancient boxes of wood, fastened together with bear sinews. These are plain, carved and painted.
- A number of wooden fish dishes, sufficiently large to hold a hundred gallons of water.
- Numbers of whale and seal harpoons of ancient workmanship, flint arrow points and stones for killing game, native ammunition boxes, duck spears, made of wood, bone and ivory; arrows of all kinds and cases for same, made of leather and wood; war clubs of bone, copper, wood and stone; knives of shell, copper, ivory and iron.
- Ancient medicine and cooking stones.
- The latter are stones which, in days long before stoves were thought of, were heated in a fire and then dropped in water-tight baskets. In this way the long dead and gone tribes did all their cooking.
- One large racing and a large war canoe of old workmanship.
- Carved wood and stone images.
- Cooking, carrying, burden and fishing baskets, made of cedar twigs, bark, split roots and grass.
- Stone and iron tomahawks.
- Ancient native rope, made of cedar bark and sinew from whale and bear.
- Gambling sticks of ivory and bone, nearly all elaborately carved.
- Ivory torture needles.
- Probably the largest collection of ancient stone lamps in existence. Cedar bark, sticks of all kinds and sometimes whale oil were burned in these. They are

the earliest known lamps found on this continent.

Fishing lines made of kelp and of small strips of whalebone cleverly woven together.

Hooks for halibut and other large fish of whalebone, carved wood, brass, copper and iron.

Paddles, plain, carved and painted and representing all the known tribes that have lived in the Northwest.

Clothing of all sorts made of bark and skin.

## STEAMERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Two Tacoma steamers suffered considerably in the gale yesterday.

The Desance, Captain McDowell, in making the landing at Des Moines last night during the storm struck the dock. The port side of her house was partly torn away. The extent of the damage will be about \$500.

The Eliza Thomson, which has been laid up at Quartermaster harbor, was blown from her moorings during the high wind and was almost on the beach before two anchors brought her up.

## LIBRARY REPORT

Superintendent Jonathan Smith has completed his annual report of the public library. The people of Tacoma show their preference to light reading. Of 115,788 books read, 55.8 per cent were fiction; juvenile, 28.8 per cent; history, 2.9 per cent. Of all the other many classes the percentage varied from 1.8 per cent to .7 per cent.

## SHUT DOWN

The St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber company closed down its old mill yesterday for repairs. It will reopen Tuesday morning.

from afternoon on the subject, "Why Men Reject the Gospel." Mrs. C. H. Derbyshire, contralto of the First Presbyterian church quartet, will sing.

## LATE TELEGRAPH

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 9.—The condition of ex-Governor Charles Foster, who was stricken with paralysis last night, continues extremely critical. Later.—Governor Foster died at 11:30 a. m.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—A dispatch from Admiral Coghlan, at Colon, today states that the Dixie's marines have been landed. All is quiet.

## BANK FAILS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—The comptroller of the currency was advised this morning that the National bank of Alva, Oklahoma, would not open its doors. He appointed Bank Examiner Struveant receiver. The liabilities and resources, according to the November statement, were approximately \$100,000.

## Y. M. C. A. MEETING

Rev. J. Lewis Smith, pastor of the First Baptist church, will speak at the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow.