

BEID FAMILY

DAILY ALASKA DISPATCH

JUNEAU, ALASKA, TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1913.

DIVERS WILL SURVEY WRECK OF THE "STATE"

PASSENGERS AND CREW DEPART ON NORTHWESTERN

Appalling List of Dead and Missing. Seattle Office Can Not Check Up Missing.

Captain Cann and all the officers of the ill-fated steamship State of California, as well as members of the crew, were summoned before the inspectors of hulls and boilers, Whitney and Kell, late yesterday afternoon, their testimony taken down by the office stenographer, and they were then ordered to report to the supervising inspector at Seattle in case there is to be any trial following.

Under the ruling of the department, this testimony is not made public.

The passengers and remaining members of the crew left for Seattle this morning on the steamer Northwestern.

- N. LAWSON, Quartermaster.
- L. MEZZINI, Seaman.
- P. SMITH, Waiter.
- J. CLARK, Waiter.
- B. MADIGAN, Waiter.

The Missing People.

The following is a list of passengers who no doubt perished in the wreck and whose bodies have not been recovered, unless among the unidentified dead:

- AUGUST VIESH.
- LILLIAN NORMAN.
- MRS. C. E. SPITHILL.
- BABY SPITHILL.
- NICK LUKES.
- LESLIE F. HOBRO.
- MRS. ALICE JOHNSON.
- MISS ANNA L. CASSIDY.
- B. A. WADE.
- W. A. DYER.
- E. J. REID.
- MISS MANNETT B. HARLAN.
- MISS BLANCHE FRIDD.
- MISS STELA RIORDAN.
- MRS. MARY R. NIXON.
- J. H. HOLMAN.
- H. AGOFA.
- G. W. O'DELL.
- A. J. WILSON.

The Ketchikan List.

Ketchikan, Aug. 18.—The steamer State of California cleared from this port, northbound, at 7 a. m. Saturday morning with the following list of passengers:

Juneau—Mrs. Jane Wills, Floyd

Juneau, cabled for more news of the wreck, and the story as appearing in the Dispatch was cabled almost verbatim to the big distributor of news. This kept the cable office crew working until after midnight.

DELHI LOCATES ROCK

Captain McCarthy made soundings at Gambler Bay yesterday while the freighter was at that port, and reports 4 1/2 fathoms of water at a 9 foot tide covering the rock.

When Captain McCarthy docked the Delhi at the cannery dock he asked the wharfman "Where is that rock the State struck?" the wharfman told the horrified captain that his ship had crossed squarely over the course taken by the State when she sailed from the dock on her fatal trip. It is needless to say that Captain McCarthy took another course when leaving that port.

DIVER LEAVES SEATTLE

Seattle, Aug. 19.—An expert diver and apparatus sailed from here last night to make soundings.

It is announced today that the steamer Spokane will succeed the State of California on the southeast run, leaving this port on the next scheduled trip of the ill-fated steamer.

Olaim Thirty Perished.

Seattle, Aug. 19.—It is believed by officials of the P. C. S. S. Co. that the death list from the State of California wreck will reach 33.

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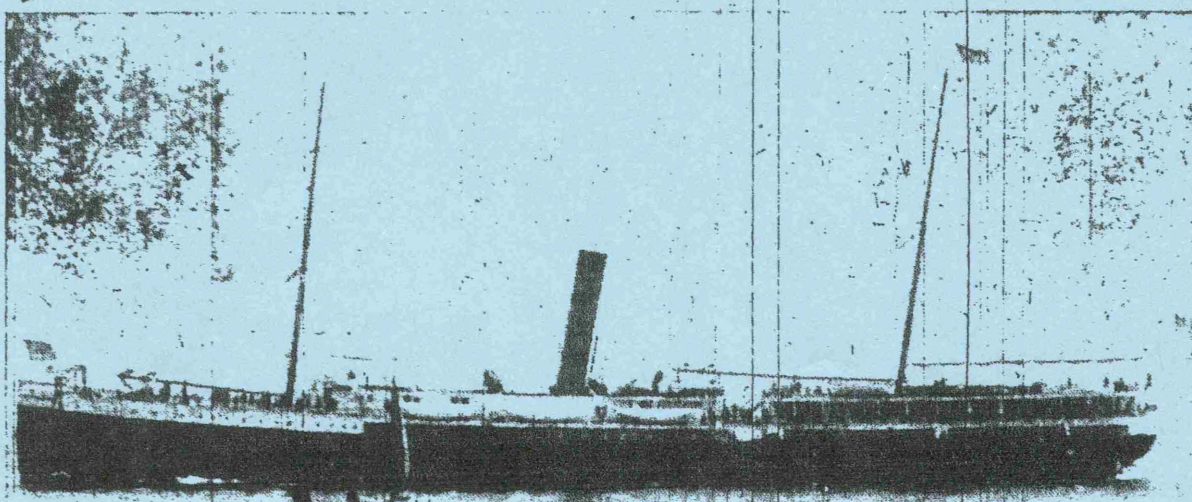
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SINKS; 32 DROWN

The State of California Hits a Rock South of Juneau—Goes Down in Three Minutes.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Aug. 18.—At least twenty-five passengers and seven members of the crew of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer State of California perished Sunday morning in Cambier Bay, ninety miles south of Juneau, when the vessel struck an uncharted rock and sank in three minutes. Many of the drowned passengers were imprisoned in their staterooms and had no chance to escape.

The steamship left Seattle Wednesday night for Skagway and way points. The purser lost all of his records, and it is not possible to give a complete list of the missing.

Following are the dead whose bodies have been recovered:

BIRNBAUM, Mrs. A.

REARDAN, Mrs. STELLA.

VANDERLASS, Mrs. CLARA.

WARD, Miss LILLA, daughter of Edward C. Ward, assistant manager of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, died after being taken off a life raft.

WARD, Mrs. NELLIE B., mother of Miss Ward.

Four unidentified women.

Among the missing who are believed to have perished are:

CASSIDY, Miss ANNE L.

DIXON, Miss MAY.

DYER, W. A.

FRIDD, BLANCHE.

HARLAN, MINETTE E.

HOBRO, LESLIE, manager of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's office in San Francisco.

HOLMAN, J.

JOHNSON, Miss ALICE.

NORMAN, LILLIAN B.

PITTULAS, NICK.

REARDAN, Miss.

SPITHILL, Mrs. C. E., and child.

WADE, BEN A.

WILSON, Miss.

The uninjured survivors, crew, and passengers are being taken to Seattle on the steamer Jefferson and will arrive there on Thursday.

A great hole was torn in the bottom of the State of California when she struck the rock. The vessel and cargo, mail, and express are a total loss. The ship was valued at \$400,000.

The steamship Jefferson of the Alaska Steamship Line, south bound, heard the wireless call of the sinking vessel and turned back to rescue the survivors, who had taken to small boats and life rafts. Ten of the passengers had suffered so severely from exposure that it was necessary to take them to a hospital in Juneau for treatment.

The State of California was an iron steamship of 2,278 gross tons. She was built in Philadelphia in 1879, and carried a crew of seventy-five men. For many years she was on the route between Puget Sound and San Francisco. The vessel was 300 feet long, 38.6 feet beam, and had a depth of 24.4 feet.

The State of California was commanded by Capt. Thomas H. Cann, Jr., who had command of the steamship Valencia on her last trip from Seattle to San Francisco, but was transferred to another steamer when the Valencia reached that port, thus barely missing being on that ship when she went ashore at Cape Beals, B. C., Jan. 22, 1908, with a loss of 117 lives.

GRIM HORROR OF THE WRECK.

SUCH A CASTROPHE as the wreck of the State of California in Gambier Bay, Alaska, makes humanity stand aghast at the unfathomable decrees of Fate.

A bride and groom on their honeymoon go to their death; men and women out for a holiday are seized, without thought of the immediate hereafter; little boys and little girls who arise early to play on the decks are beckoned by Destiny and caught up by the Black Shadow as a comrade.

What a picture it is—that of a ship speeding gracefully along at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, all on board oblivious of danger.

Then the hidden rock, like a knife in the sea—and the hoarse death-cry of the vessel as her vitals are ripped out, and she is dragged into the depths of the abyss.

There is swift destruction as the masts and superstructure fall, maiming and killing; the newly-wedded pair die together, at the outset of life in the roseate hues of the morning sun; the little children are swept away; on all sides men and women sink to death.

What avail is human sympathy! How inconsequential is life—how easy to blot it out as a vanishing factor in the problem of eternity! What leveling is there, amid sobs and tears and supreme agony, when Grim Horror stalks unrestrained upon the waters!

BODIES CAN'T BE RECOVERED

JUNEAU, Alaska, Aug. 28.—The State of California, lying in 37 fathoms of water, will not give up its dead. Three submarine divers, sent to the scene of the wreck, were able to descend only to the pinnacle of the rock on which the vessel struck. In the depth of water in which the California lies, it is impossible for any diver to work. No further effort will therefore be made to recover the 20 bodies supposed to be in the cabins of the wrecked steamer.

Capt. Thomas H. Cann, Jr., First Officer William Abernathy and three of the crew who were standing by the wreck, have arrived here to testify before the marine inspectors.

Edwin James Reid died in this shipwreck.
His body was never recovered.

IN MEMORIAM—E. J. REID, B.A.

Christ Church, Tamworth, was hardly able to hold the congregation which gathered on Sunday morning, Sept. 14th, at 10.30 o'clock, to attend the Memorial Service of the late Edwin J. Reid, of Reidville, who lost his life, with many others, on Sunday, August 17th, 1913, by the sinking of the ill fated steamer, "State of California" off the Pacific Coast, in Gambier Bay, Alaska.

The altar was profusely decorated with the choicest asters, and with a lovely cross of lilies in the centre. The hymns were "Brief life is here our portion," "Thy way not mine, O Lord", "On the resurrection morning" and "And now, O Father, mindful of the love."

The service used was that for the burial of the dead, followed by the Communion Service, the Rector, the Rev. Rural Dean Jones, officiating, assisted by the Revd. A. Love, B.A. a relative of the deceased.

A very earnest and sympathetic discourse was delivered, the preacher basing his remarks upon Rev. XX. 13, "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it."

"All that He blesses is our good,
And unblest good is ill;
And all is right that seems most wrong,
If it be His blessed will."

What is the picture of him that we have in our mind? Was he not of a manly appearance, dark complexion, and cheerful countenance; alert and decided in manner; possessing sterling character, which made his conduct exemplary to young and old alike. Of honored parents, an affectionate son, a worthy citizen and a most loyal Churchman. Such men in their various spheres of life are the salt of the earth. Heaven wins them, earth mourns them.

For several years he was Lay Delegate of this Parish to Synod, and cheerfully exercised his duties as such at the election of Bishop Bidwell in April last. After graduating in Arts, he took up insurance work as a career, identifying himself with the Confederation Life. Remaining unmarried he settled in Kingston, and was for several years Secretary of the Board of Trade. He was a staunch Conservative, and a member of S. John's Lodge A. F. and A. M., Kingston.

His sudden and tragic death in the full flower of manhood, his age was 42, comes as a great shock to his aged mother, and brothers and sisters, as well as to a host of friends at his home in Reidville, Kingston, Napanee, and the North West. It also teaches us to "Watch therefore, for ye know not what



*And your Lord shall come"
Here we cannot meet again, but*

*"On the resurrection morning
Soul and body meet again
No more sorrow, no more weeping
No more pain*

*"To the brightest of all meetings
Bring us down Christ at East
To thy cross through death and judgment
Laying down*

Requiescat in pace