

# 48 PERISH WHEN THE ALASKA SINKS

FOUND IN BOATS OR DRIFTING IN LIFE PRESERVERS.

## 12 BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Capt. Hobey Seen at Stern When the Steamer Sinks—Believed to Have Perished.

Eureka, Cal.—Forty-eight persons, thirty-six passengers and twelve of the crew, were lost when the steamer Alaska, of the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Co., south-bound from Portland, Ore., to San Francisco, sank in thirty minutes after crashing into the rocks of Blunt's reefs, forty miles south of this city.

The survivors, numbering 166 persons, were brought here by the rescue ship Anyox, the first vessel to reach the scene of the wreck in response to the Alaska's radio signals. The coast guard tug Ranger, dispatched from Eureka, returned to port with the bodies of twelve men. Eight were members of the crew and four were passengers. Capt. Harry Hobey, master of the Alaska, is still unaccounted for and is believed to have gone down with his ship.

Of the survivors landed by the Anyox, thirty were more or less seriously injured and received medical treatment at the local hospitals.

The Alaska struck the reef bow-on in a dense fog, according to the survivors, and immediately began to list. The work of launching the life boats was accomplished without delay or disorder. Three of the boats successfully rode the waves, but the fourth boat capsized and precipitated its occupants into the sea. The greatest loss of life, the survivors said, resulted from this mishap. A few who wore life belts succeeded in keeping afloat until the boats of the Anyox picked them up.

Capt. Hobey, when the last of the lifeboats had been sent over the side of the rapidly filling Alaska, went to the stern of his vessel and he was seen there when it started its plunge to the bottom.

The steamer Alaska started her final voyage to San Francisco with a passenger list of 132 men, women and children and a crew of eighty-two, an unofficial total of 214 persons.

### Want 2.37 Per Cent Beer.

Washington, D. C.—A movement asking congress to shift burdens of taxes from the people to non-alcoholic beer has been started throughout the country, urging congress to have the revenue bill provide for the manufacture and sale of beer containing 2.75 per cent alcohol and in that way raise from \$1,000,000,000 to \$1,250,000,000 in taxes, and the proposition is being seriously considered. A serious effort has been made to get prohibitionists to agree to a tax of \$10 per barrel on "non-intoxicating" cereal beverages containing not more than 2 3/4 per cent of alcohol by weight.

### Gov. Small Gives Up Tour.

Chicago.—Gov. Len Small, whose indictment in Springfield on charges of embezzlement during his term as state treasurer he had attributed to his political enemies, announced that he would give up his tour of state roads and return to the capital because of his "trader's" attempts to make it appear he was dodging his duties to escape arrest. Warrants for the governor are held by the sheriff at Springfield.

### Search for Spurgin in Porto Rico.

Chicago.—The search for Warren C. Spurgin, missing president of the defunct Michigan Avenue Trust company, who is being sought in connection with a \$1,000,000 shortage in the bank's accounts, was directed from Mexico to Porto Rico following receipt of a message from the police of San Juan, Porto Rico, asking for a description of him.

### Vast Amount of Wheat Needed.

Paris.—One billion three hundred million kilograms, (approximately 2,880,000,000 pounds) of wheat are needed to relieve the famine stricken people of ten provinces of Russia, according to estimates published by the Populaire, an organ of the extreme left socialists.

### New Mailing Machine.

New York.—New York was introduced to the postage meter-machine, which makes every man his own stamp printer and does away with the necessity of sticking them on.

### Big Drop in Income.

Washington.—A shrinkage in three months of \$330,000,000 in the estimate of government income for this fiscal year, based on the present revenue law, is disclosed by the statement recently presented to the house ways and means committee by Secretary Mellon.

### Killed Under Coal Heap.

Omaha, Neb.—Roy Hewitt, foreman of the coal heavers at the Nebraska Power company's plant, was killed by an avalanche of coal.



## THE FAITHFUL OF ZION CITY ARE GIVEN SHOCK

Early Morning Blaze Causes General Disregard of Overseer's Decree Against Scanty Attire.

Chicago.—Doom cracked in Zion. It cracked with such vigor that the faithful sprang from their beds and hastened out to discover six fires blazing at once. Certain vitrolic signs Voliva, general overseer of the holy city, had caused to be erected in front of rival churches had taken fire by some agency and were blazing merrily.

"What next?" whispered the trembling faithful. Voliva, the fighting leader of the hosts, had tossed his gauntlet into the ring and the faithful and the scoffers had soaked it in coal oil and touched a match to it. Several weeks ago Voliva began a scorching campaign against anti-Zionist churches in Zion. There are independents living in the holy city, property owners, who do not bend the knee to Voliva, and there sprang up meetings of the Holy Roller society in a hall. Grace Missionary society also opened a small house of worship. Voliva erected large billboards in front and around these places. Whether it was due to his burning words or a kerosene torch, the six great billboards took fire at dawn.

"It is the end of the world," blubbered one hysterical woman. "It is not," warned a long whiskered member of the faithful. "The world is flat, Voliva has said. If this be the end of the world, why can we not see over the edge? Peace be with thee, foolish woman."

At any rate, the fire caused general disregard of one of Voliva's sternest decrees. His people come forth showing ankles, knees, scraggly backbones, scrawny necks, and some of the women's arms were actually bare to the elbow because of their sudden flight from their homes without regard for attire. The fire and its consequences are expected to bring from Voliva an eruption of words that will fairly make the north side rock and scare the lake clear back to the five-mile crib.

### Plague Reports Exaggerated.

Washington, D. C.—Denial that there is a "condition approaching a famine or plague in the south" was made in a report unanimously adopted by health officials from a dozen southern states in conference here with Surgeon General Cumming, of the public health service, to discuss the pellagra situation. It held that "erroneous and misleading" statements had been made to the public.

### Beer Regulations Await O. K.

Washington, D. C.—Regulations which will permit the prescription as medicine of a case of beer at a time without limit to the number of prescriptions are understood to have been completed by the internal revenue bureau and now await decision of Secretary Mellon as to their issuance.

### Twenty Spanish Soldiers Dutchered.

Madrid, Spain.—Twenty Spanish soldiers, the last remnant of the Spanish troops to resist capture of the town of Nador, 15 miles south of Melilla, were massacred by the Moors after having surrendered, according to advices received here from Melilla.

### France Agrees to Conference Date.

Paris.—France, replying to an inquiry made by the state department at Washington, agreed to November 11 as the date for the conference in Washington on disarmament and far eastern questions.

### Woman Drowns in Spirit Lake.

Spirit Lake, Ia.—Mrs. John C. Hansen, of Des Moines, was drowned while bathing here.

### Divine Arouses Citizens' Ire.

Lancaster, Pa.—Refusing to preach over the body of a Manhome boy who died overseas in the Chateau Thierry fight, because the coffin was draped in an American flag, Rev. John Snavely, pastor of the Herley church, is the center of attacks. The body of the former member of Mr. Snavely's congregation was resting at the entrance of the church when he issued his edict. The indignant family of the soldier then had the remains removed to the United Brethren church, where services were held.

## SEVEN WHITE SOX MEN ARE FREED BY A JURY

Carl Zork and David Zelcer, Co-Defendants, Also Acquitted—Finding Greeted with Hurrahs.

Chicago.—The seven former White Sox baseball players and two others on trial for alleged conspiracy to defraud the public through throwing the 1919 world series were found not guilty by a jury. The jury took only one ballot.

The verdict was reached after two hours and forty-seven minutes of deliberation, but was not returned until forty minutes later, Judge Hugo Friend being out of court when the decision was reached.

The defendants were: Buck Weaver, third baseman. Oscar Felsch, outfielder. Charles Risberg, shortstop. Arnold Gandil, first baseman. Claude Williams, pitcher. Eddie Cicotte, pitcher. Joe Jackson, outfielder. All were former White Sox players. Carl Zork, of St. Louis, and David Zelcer, of Des Moines.

Announcement of the verdict was greeted by cheers from the several hundred persons who remained in court for the final decision and shouts of "Hurrah for the Clean Sox!" Judge Friend congratulated the jury, saying he thought it a just verdict.

Eddie Cicotte was the first of the defendants to reach the jurors. He grabbed William Barrett by both hands, shouting his thanks. Joe Jackson, Claude Williams and the others were close behind and the jurors lifted them on to their shoulders while flashlight photographs were taken.

Bailiffs vainly pounded for order and finally, noticing Judge Friend's smiles, joined in the whistling and cheering. Hats sailed high in the air, papers were thrown around and the courtroom was the scene of the wildest confusion in any recent Cook county criminal case.

### Booze Ship Seized.

New York.—The schooner Henry L. Marshall, with a cargo of liquor, was taken into custody four miles off the coast by the coast guard cutter Seneca and brought here. The schooner was flying the British flag but a dispatch from the Seneca said there were no papers showing transfer to British registry. The schooner was taken in tow to quarantine and a guard placed on board. The schooner, listed as a fisherman, registered 78 gross tons and her home port is Gloucester, Mass.

### Murdered with Ax.

Ottumwa, Ia.—William H. Armstrong, 46 years old, was found murdered here, his skull having been pierced by a pick ax. Armstrong had been killed Sunday night, according to the authorities, but his body was not discovered until Monday. It was lying in front of his home in the yard. William Jackson, 24 years old, was placed under arrest immediately as a suspect.

### To Probe Candy Prices.

Chicago.—Following a report from New York that some stores there admitted receiving profits of 300 per cent, had reduced candy prices 50 per cent, Russell J. Poole, Chicago city council high cost expert, announced that he would investigate prices here.

### Three Men Killed.

Paterson, N. J.—Three men were killed and several seriously injured when a drying machine burst in the plant of the Standard Silk Drying company.

### Coal Men Indicted.

Baltimore, Md.—The officers, directors and individual members of the Baltimore Coal Exchange were indicted by the grand jury on charges of making a monopoly through a combine to manipulate and fix the price of anthracite coal.

### Seek Triple Murderer.

Palatine, Tex.—A sheriff's posse is reported pursuing a man who shot and killed three men at or near Wildcat ferry on the Trinity river, north of Palestine.

## GOVERNMENT AGENTS NAB 2

J. W. Worthington and O. T. Evans Accused of Operating "Fence" for Disposal of Loot.

Chicago.—John W. Worthington, president, and Owen T. Evans, vice president of the Central Securities company, were arrested on indictments returned by the federal grand jury charging them with having in their possession false, or forged, or altered government notes and with buying, selling or exchanging false, forged or altered government notes and with having in their possession false government stamps and bonds.

John V. Clinnin, assistant district attorney, declared that the arrests will help to clear up many big mail robberies throughout the country. He indicated that it was believed that the Central Securities company had acted as a "fence" for the disposal of loot taken in these robberies.

Evans was sent to the county jail, and Worthington to the Waukegan jail by federal agents.

It was charged by government authorities that Worthington and his partner have altered many hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of Liberty bonds to render them salable without detection. Then, it was alleged, through a concern known as the "Central Securities company" they disposed of the securities to reputable brokers and investors.

Among the cases which the authorities declare Worthington and his associates have been connected with are the following mail robberies:

- Tolado, February 17, 1921, \$1,000,000.
- Pullman, Ill., August 20, 1920, \$100,000.
- Dearborn Street station, Chicago, April 6, 1921, \$350,000.
- Mt. Vernon, Ill., January 14, 1921, \$212,000.
- Chicago Avenue postal substation, March 4, 1921, \$50,000.
- Toccoa, Ga., September 10, 1920, \$300,000.
- Council Bluffs, Ia., November 17, 1920, \$300,000.
- Minneapolis, Minn., December 3, 1920, \$50,000.
- Centerville, Ia., March 22, 1921, \$92,000.

In addition, the recent disappearance of \$3,000,000 worth of Sinclair Oil stock in New York is being investigated in connection with their arrests.

### New Hope for World, Says Harding.

Plymouth, Mass.—A hope that the disarmament conference called by the United States may bring to the world a new era of peace and freedom was expressed by President Harding in an address here at the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims. Characterizing the international situation as "more than promising," the president asserted that the seed of common tolerance and understanding planted by the fathers here was beginning to bear fruit 1,000 fold in the relations between nations.

### Sid Hatfield Killed.

Welch, W. Va.—Sid Hatfield, of Catewan mine war fame, met a better gunman. Hatfield and a friend, Ed Chambers, were shot dead in the court house yard here by C. E. Lively, a detective. Lively, it is said, engaged in an argument with Hatfield and his companion, and was "quicker on the draw" as Hatfield made a move to reach for his revolver. Hatfield was in Welch to answer an indictment against him charging him with the "shooting up" of the town of Mohawk a year ago.

### Bankruptcy Petitions Filed.

Chicago.—Petitions in bankruptcy against Warren G. Sprugin, fugitive president of the Michigan Avenue Trust company, which was closed recently following the discovery of a \$1,000,000 shortage in its accounts, and against the Warren Oil company, of which he was a director, were filed in the United States district court by James J. Kelly, a director of the bank.

### Woman's Case Puzzling.

Chicago.—Mrs. Blanche Bollinger, of Fox Lake, who seems able to say only one word, "Yes," appeared in Lake county court for a sanity test. She seems normal otherwise, and her case is puzzling psychopathic experts. The case was continued for further examination of the woman.

### Des Moines Cars Still Running.

Des Moines, Ia.—The suspension of street car service scheduled to take place here failed to materialize. Receivers for the company in explanation stated that they were waiting final instructions from federal court.

### \$175,000 Fire in Iowa Town.

Eldora, Ia.—Fire, which started in a basement of the bottling works here after threatening the whole town with destruction, was curbed, with a reported loss of \$175,000.

### Candy Prices Cut.

New York.—A cut of approximately 50 per cent in the price of all candy from gum drops to bonbons was announced by a chain candy store company, following a general agitation against the high prices of ice cream, cold drinks and confectionery.

### Off for Drill Grounds.

New York.—A portion of the Atlantic fleet, which has been anchored in the Hudson river, steamed off to southern drill grounds for three weeks' maneuvers.

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

Twenty special traffic officers, co-operating with the police department, raided the streets of Fremont the other night in search of auto headlights and tail light violators. Cops were stationed at intervals along the busiest streets and all offenders were either escorted to the police station or given notice to appear for trial. Over 100 drivers, among whom were many prominent citizens, were victims of the law enforcers. No fines were levied, however, and bond money was refunded with lectures to obey the law in the future.

The Rock Island and Northwestern railroads, through their attorneys, have notified W. O. Osborne, state tax commissioner, that they will appeal to the supreme court for a change in tax valuation placed on them by the state board of equalization. Railroads, in hearings before the board, demanded that their valuation be reduced 15 per cent, the same as valuation on farm property was reduced. The board refused to comply with the request.

Ben Griffin, a farmer living near Shelton, claims to have discovered oil on his place. A few weeks ago Mr. Griffin had a well drilled on his farm, expecting to get some good water. The water was oily so he attached a gasoline pump to the rigging in the hope that good water would soon come through. He pumped several days but the water output continued to be oily.

A fight over the location of the school house was terminated at Ellisworth quite abruptly when two members and leaders of the minority faction loaded the building on skids at night and hauled it with a tractor two and one-half miles to their own location. It is stated that this move ended the controversy as the majority of the total bill which taxpayers of Omaha will pay for repairing the court house damage will be nearly \$500,000, about \$45,000 less than the original estimate, according to a statement by John Latenser, architect. In addition to the amount spent on building repairs, about \$250,000 was expended for restoring records lost in the fire.

The St. Stanislaus parish at Duncan, Platte county, will begin the erection of a \$75,000 church building within two months, was determined by a unanimous vote of the members of the congregation at a meeting held for that purpose. The town has only about three hundred inhabitants.

George Dimig reports the largest yield of wheat raised in York county this season. He threshed 11 acres, which he sowed last fall with Kanred wheat, imported from Kansas, averaging 50.8 bushels per acre. He also threshed 930 bushels of barley from 15 acres.

The Omaha Gun Club has scheduled its fall meet for September 4-6. Secretary Johansen, with the Wright-Wilhelmy company is in charge of local arrangements. Two hundred, or more crack shot gun artists are expected from Nebraska and adjoining states.

A malady contracted by Mrs. Dean Mohr so baffled Colledge physicians that Dr. J. Williams, nerve specialist of Sioux City, was sent for. The diagnosis revealed a peculiar case of sleeping sickness.

Contagious diseases in Nebraska reported to the state department of health during July number 379. Diphtheria cases reported from Omaha during the month numbered 13.

Hog Cholera among the hogs in various herds in the vicinity of York is reported at this time. Every effort is being made to stamp the disease out. The barn and silo on the farm owned by William Rogers, two miles west of Albion, was destroyed by fire during a severe electrical storm.

The Community-Commerce club at Minden is organizing a band. Dan R. Doyle has been selected as bandmaster.

Methodist of Wauwata are raising a \$40,000 fund for constructing a large new church, which will be built of brick.

A steel amphitheater is being erected on the county fair grounds at Albion. It will seat 3,000.

The Fall City firemen are advertising a three-day tournament for August 25-26-27.

Mason City will hold a three-day Home-coming celebration, August 24-5.

The special bond election here, asking for \$185,000 additional money with which to complete Norfolk's new half million dollar high school building, was successfully carried.

At a meeting held at Grand Island called by the president of the Three Hundred and Fifty-fifth infantry organization, which was a part of the Eighty-ninth division, preliminaries were laid for the reunion, which will be held on August 30 and 31. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is expected to address the gathering and about 1,200 men are expected.

Dr. E. E. Stauffer, president of Midland college and delegate to the International Rotary convention held in Edinburgh, Scotland, returned to Fremont after a two months' absence in Europe. He visited various nations following the Rotary conference.

A two-months' drought was broken in Bigspring when an inch of rain fell in a few minutes. Lawns and gardens in town have been burned up owing to lack of moisture. The country surrounding the town has had several good rains, insuring a good crop of sor

Judge S. P. Davidson and family of Tecumseh are camped at the J. O. Rouch resort, near Boxton, in the mountains of Colorado. Miss Ruth Davidson, 20, was lost in the mountains for 10 hours and was unconscious when found by a searching party. Miss Davidson had gone for a walk in the Needle Butte mountains and lost her way. She roamed about in the mountains for hours, seriously frightened and finally fell from a small cliff and lost consciousness.

Bank creditors of the Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co., at Fremont, is in session at Chicago, named a committee to formulate a plan of reorganization. A stockholders' committee also is working in co-operation with the bankers in an effort to tide the concern over a period of financial depression. Ralph Van Vechten, head of the committee, believes the reorganization may be effected in time for the company to resume operating during this season's crop movement.

The Wells Abbott-Nieman Co., the largest flour milling concern between Minneapolis and the Pacific coast, closed the doors of their plant at Schuyler. To the 150 people who were laid off by the shut-down, the only word was that it was not known when the establishment would be reopened. The closing is said to have followed a failure to reorganize the company with \$200,000 additional stock.

The farm bureau picnic for Madison county, was held at the Andy Tomhagan grove southeast of Battle Creek. It was estimated that 22,000 attended the picnic. Business houses closed for the event. The program included addresses by C. W. Pugsley and Professor H. C. Filley of the University of Nebraska, and concerts by the Norfolk, Madison, Newman Grove and Battle Creek bands.

The campaign to raise \$35,200 to secure the air carnival for Omaha this fall is well under way and everything points to the success of the movement. Not less than 200 aviators are expected to come with their machines to participate in the flights and carry away the prize money. The air mail flying field on West Center street will be used.

For every two people that died in Nebraska every year five are born to take their place, according to statistics prepared by the state bureau of public health, department of vital statistics. The average yearly birth rate in the state is 2,500 a month. The average death rate is 1,000. There were 15,928 marriages last year. There were 3,528 divorces.

T. H. Meanner of the Aero club of Omaha, while in Minneapolis, said the Omaha club will enter at least six airplanes in the Twin City national air derby, which will be the chief spectacular feature of the 1921 Minnesota state fair. More than 100 airplanes from states as far east as New York and as far south as Florida are to compete.

The Burt County Stock Show and Agricultural society at Oakland is erecting commodious buildings on its newly acquired possessions which join its 50-acre natural park. The society already has completed a large show and sale pavilion. The building has a seating capacity of 400 and will accommodate 50 head of cattle and 50 head of hogs at one time.

At a mass meeting of citizens at Madison, after listening to estimates for rebuilding and equipping the old electric plant for alternating current, and for building a new plant near the depot, a ballot was taken showing a strong preference for building a new plant at an estimated cost of \$70,000.

There are soon to be thousands of "bars" in Nebraska. John Westover, well known Lincoln man is to furnish them. The board of control let the contract to Westover to furnish that many "bars" to affix the windows of the new state reformatory. He will receive \$28,921 for the iron work.

Clinton E. Lattin, 78, the first white man to be married in Lancaster county is dead here. Mr. Lattin was married in 1866 in Lincoln, then known as Lancaster. He was a widower and is survived by four children, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

The board of directors of the Sheridan County Fair association at Gordon has changed the dates of the Sheridan county fair to September 5 to 9, inclusive.

The recent hail storm which was accompanied by a high wind caused great damage in the vicinity of Broken Bow.

The postoffice at Mend, was broken into by burglars and about \$200 worth of stamps were stolen.

A torrential rain in Madison county did much damage to the growing crops.

Plans are under way for a big aviation meet at Crete August 18-20. There will be all kinds of aerial stunts and a cross-country race for prize money. The Chamber of Commerce has the meet in charge.

Hanks and French, near Gering, have completed the harvesting and threshing of 1,170 acres of wheat. With four combined harvesters and threshers they cut the entire acreage in eight days, soaked the wheat and hauled it to market. They claim this to be the record for harvesting and threshing in Nebraska.

Through the efforts of the Community club and the Business Men's club a band is assured in Stanton. A. D. Hlava of Ravenna will take charge of the band.

Heroic efforts of nurses saved the lives of patients in the Arapahoe hospital when fire broke out in the building. After the patients had been rescued, workers succeeded in saving most of the fixtures. The blaze, which was started by an electric iron, did damage estimated at \$5,000. The fire was checked before the whole building was destroyed.