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A Wreck on West Coast

Barkentine Uncle John Totally
Lost on the Rocks Above
Carmanah.

Went Ashore in the Storm of Sun-
day Eight Miles From the
Lighthouse.

Crew All Reached the Shore in
Safety—Survivors Bound
Here.

That marine graveyard of the Pa-
cific, where so many vessels have en-
ded their lives—the West Coast of Van-
couver Island—has added another to the
already large list of vessels which have
met with disaster there. The latest vic-
tim of those rocky shores is the Ameri-
can barkentine Uncle John.

According to news received from W.
Daykin, the lighthouse keeper at Car-
manah Point, the Uncle John is a total
loss on the rock-bound island coast near
Remarkable waterfalls, about eight miles
to the west of Carmanah lighthouse,
some eighty miles from this city.

She was driven ashore during the
heavy gales of Sunday. She was seen
off the coast early on Sunday evening,
but was lost sight of in the thick weath-
er. It was very dirty, with a strong
wind prevailing and a heavy confused
sea running in a northerly direction.
Rain was coming down in torrents.

At 7 o'clock on Sunday evening she
went ashore, being driven by the heavy
seas on the rocky reefs at the foot of
the cliffs, which range all along the
shore between Carmanah and Cape
Beale.

Seeing that she would be lost, Capt.
Murchison and his crew took to the
boats, and managed to reach the shore
in safety. The ship lived but a short
time after she struck the rocks. She was
soon badly broken up, and will prove a
total loss.

Three men were left to watch the
wreck, and Capt. Murchison and the re-
maining left at noon to-day for Car-
manah, whence they will come to Vic-
toria, probably by the steamer Willapa,
which is due on Thursday. Those left
with the wreck will remain by her un-
til some one arrives to take charge for
the insurance people.

The Uncle John was on her way up
the coast, which port she left on
Sunday, and made a good pas-
sage to the entrance to the
harbour, where she was bound to Port Town-
ship on Sunday night and
was wrecked.

The scene of the wreck is close-al-
most a stone's throw to the ligh-
house. The schooner Vesta was lost about
two years ago. The Vesta, as will be re-
membered, was not seriously damaged
when she struck, but was afterwards
driven well up, higher than would be in-
sured she could have been lifted by the
seas. The coast thereabouts is a very
rocky one and exposed to the full fury
of the storm.

The Uncle John left her home port,
Eureka, California, to commence her
voyage which proved fatal to her, on
August 27th, and took a cargo of lum-
ber from there to the Hawaiian Is-
lands, reaching Honolulu on September
13th. Five days later she sailed for
Port Townsend, and ended her career
on Sunday, while nearing the comple-
tion of the voyage.

Of the crew of Customs A. R. Milne
went on to take possession of the
wrecked barkentine as long as the lum-
ber was in charge on behalf of the
underwriters, as the scene of the
wreck, although within the jurisdiction
of the receiver of wrecks, is not in con-
tiguous waters. Should they desire to
raise the vessel, they will be obliged to
pay their bills, etc., duty free.

U. S. Consul A. E. Smith has wired
to Capt. Murchison asking if they
need assistance sent them.
The vessel was a barkentine, a wooden vessel
built in 1882, at Eureka, California, by
Murray for John Vance, her present
owner. She is a vessel of 317 tons
gross and 290 tons net, 138 feet long,
34.4 feet on the beam, and 10.5 feet
deep. She has but one deck. Her mas-
ter is Capt. Murchison, well-known in
these waters. She has been engaged for
some time in company with the three
other vessels belonging to Vance, the
Lizzie Vance, and Sparrow, in the lum-
ber trade.

The wrecked barkentine which has been
seen so often on the West Coast. That wan-
dering phantom vessel seen off Clayo-
quot on August 19 and again a week
later further up the coast at Hesquiat
and still again by the bark Theobald
off Barclay Sound about the end of Aug-
ust, has been seen by one of the Sound
lumber fleet about 300 miles to the
southwest of Cape Flattery. She was
seen by Capt. Tomstrom of the schooner
San Pedro at Port Ludlow, on his way
up the coast. Her fore and topmasts
were carried away. The captain did not
get close enough to make out her name.
He is of the opinion that this is the
same barkentine sighted so often off the
Vancouver Island coast. The opinion is
now advanced by some shipping men
that she may be the bark Forest Queen,
which was wrecked in 1898,
which sailed from the Sound about a
year and a half ago and has not been
heard of since.

W. W. Brayton, of Kaslo, had commis-
sioner of the Great Northern railroad, and
owner of the townsite of Ferguson, is a
guest at the Driford.

THE PINGREE'S SLOW PASSAGE.

The Captain and Purser Each Had an
Axe to Grind.

A story, not devoid of amusing features,
is told by some of the Cottage City pas-
sengers, whose fortune (or misfortune) it was
to be passengers on the river on the Gov-
ernor Pingree. They say that the captain
and the purser had two distinct objects to
accomplish, and as these purposes conflicted
the result was disastrous to the speed
of the vessel. The captain was anxious
that he should meet the head of his com-
pany at White Horse, and get satisfac-
tion from him in regard to arrears of pay
before returning and trying up his boat for
the winter. The purser, on the other hand,
had a deal on with woodmen along the
river, and in spite of the protestations of
the shipper he kept taking on wood at
every station, asserting that it was con-
tracted for and must be taken aboard. As
a result, the vessel soon resembled a wood-
saw, cordwood being piled high in every
direction. The boats of the Canada
deep draught of the Pingree that very
slow time was made in the shallow river,
and it was only after repeated trials that
she was able to negotiate the Five Fingers
and Rink rapids. The boats of the Cana-
dian Development Co. passed them at dif-
ferent points on the river, and when they
finally made White Horse, they had been
ten days on the trip.

A number of saws were met on the way
up, and some of these had become so hope-
lessly grounded on the bars of the river
that they cannot be got off without the as-
sistance of a steam vessel. People are
crowding freight, and even making ma-
chiney aboard these saws to their an-
noyance, and the result is that the season
of navigation closes, and the result in
some cases is going to be anything but
pleasant.

"Take time by the forelock." If your
blood is out of order, begin taking Hood's
Sarsaparilla at once and prevent serious
illness.

MR. BENJAMIN EVANS DEAD.

Summoned to Attend the Sitting of a Higher
Court—A Noted Figure.

At the Jubilee hospital this morning
Mr. Benjamin Evans, for thirty years
an officer of the Supreme court of Brit-
ish Columbia, was served with a sum-
mons from a still higher court, whence
processes are never disobeyed. Mr.
Evans, though ailing for some time,
passed away peacefully after a long and
busy life. His good natured face and
portly figure have been missed from the
premises of the court house for a year
or more, since his superannuation by the
government, but his friends, who are
many, have made it a point to visit him
frequently at his snug little home at
Cadboro Bay, where he spent the de-
clining years of his life. A native of
Glamorganshire, Wales, he first came to
this province about 1861, and it was not
long after his arrival here that he be-
came connected with the Supreme court,
through the late Sir Matthew Begbie,
whose friend and companion he was on
the judicial circuits when British Col-
umbia was in her infancy. Gifted with
wonderful nerve, cautiousness and cour-
age, he was a man after the heart of the
old chief justice, who himself knew of
the existence of no such word as fear.
People who went on those old time cir-
cuits with Sir Matthew and Mr. Evans,
often said they were afraid to breathe
as "Ben" took the reins and whip in
hand and drove over and through places
which seemed to yawn for men's lives.
Mr. Evans lived to travel in a Pullman
with the judges over the territory which
was treated with dangers and diffi-
culties, but he always looked back with af-
fectionate remembrance on the "good
old days," when the judge and he would
show even the Indians how to take a
foundering log which had been barred
dangerous and deep running. In fact, Sir
Matthew considered "Ben" an indis-
pensable part of the expedition. Not only
was Mr. Evans a favorite of the chief
justice. He was liked equally by all
the other judges, even to the point that
who have not had the same associations
with him. Sir Henry Crease, with whom
Mr. Evans travelled with when the
former was attorney-general
and as judge, had a very warm spot for
Mr. Evans and was a constant visitor
during his last illness.

Mr. Evans leaves a widow and
family, the latter, however, grown up
and married. The flag to-day is flying
at half-mast over the court house, where,
since it was built about a year ago,
"Judge" Evans presided at the top of
the staircase up which he saw several
generations of students climb who have
since become lights of the bar, and in
their turn candidates for the title of
"Judge."

Out of the old circuit party there now
actually remain only Sir Henry Crease
and Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q. C. Mr.
Henry Fye Mason, who was deputy at-
torney-general, having preceded Mr.
Evans' departure to a higher court by
a couple of months.

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Charged With Seduction

James Armour on Trial—Painful
Disclosures in the Assize
Court.

The Mother of a Child Ignorant
of Its Birth and
Identity.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

When the Assize Court resumed this
morning there was a larger attendance
of the public than has been seen on any
previous day of the sitting, a fact of
course accounted for by the nature of the
charge, that of seduction. James
Armour, who is accused of seduction,
had the honor of being the first during
this assize to occupy a place in the
dock. He was a close listener to the
address of Crown Counsel Belyea and the
evidence of the witnesses.

Mr. Geo. E. Powell appeared for the
defence.
The following jury was selected:
Geo. T. (foreman), Andrew Sheret,
Robert Law, Peter Steele, Jr., H. M.
Saunders, James Bell, William Scot-
croft, Samuel R. Chester, Robert G.
Sinclair, Howard Cameron, William
Bullman and Richard Baird.

Mr. Belyea in opening the case for
the prosecution briefly outlined the salient
features of the case, leaving, he
said, the details to be filled in by the
evidence. It appeared that the girl in
the case, Ethel M. Shields, who is six-
teen years of age, had resided in Sooke,
and in October last, when her mother
and family were leaving there for Vic-
toria, Ethel went to bid farewell to Mrs.
Armour, mother of the accused. She
was accompanied by her little sister,
and on their return they were overtaken
by James Armour, the accused. They
took place the seduction which resulted
in Ethel becoming a mother in August
last.

One of the most lamentable features
of the case is that the girl is somewhat
demented, and until she was eleven
years old was a deaf mute. She has
now regained her hearing to an ex-
tent, but occupying a seat in court
presented every appearance of being de-
ficient. Mr. Belyea in his address said
she does not even now know that she
has given birth to a child.

The first witness was Mrs. Shoup,
mother of the girl, who said Ethel was
born in October, 1883. Last October
when witness came into town she left
Ethel and her little sister Annie at
Sooke.

Two weeks afterwards Ethel and An-
nie came into town, and Ethel was sick
for some time. Witness, who is a nurse,
advised, but it was some time before
the doctor told her that Ethel was preg-
nant. When witness learned this, she
questioned Ethel, and after much
trouble learned from her that James
Armour, the accused, had criminally as-
saulted her on two occasions. Other
details were given by witness, which
could not be published.

Cross-examined by Mr. Powell witness
said she was married to Captain Shields
in Tacoma on September 21st, 1882,
and Ethel was born on June 5, 1883, in
Tacoma. She had her marriage cer-
tificate and could produce it. Mr. Pow-
ell called witness's attention to some dis-
crepancy between her present clear re-
collection of these dates and the doubt
she expressed in the police court. This
she explained by the fact of her being
in trouble on the occasion of the pre-
liminary hearing and could not be sure
of dates then.

Counsel endeavored to throw a doubt
on the reliability of witness's evidence,
because of the apparent contradictions
between the story now told by her and
the story told by Mrs. Joseph, mother of
the accused.

Witness was taken step by step
through the details of the girl's illness,
and it transpired that although Ethel
now knows that what is alleged to have
been done to her by Armour was wrong,
she was taken back to their own home,
where two rooms upstairs were set apart
for her use.

Mr. Powell endeavored to establish by
his cross-examination that witness had
expected the child to be born on May
8, which would have made it unlikely
that the dates said to have been those
upon which Armour assaulted the girl
unlikely to be correct. The line of ar-
gument appeared to be that there was
a possibility of some other being the
father of the child.

In re-examination by Mr. Belyea, wit-
ness said she could not afford to keep
on the home taken for the purpose of
Ethel's concealment, and it was given
up. Ethel's baby is now at Sooke. She
does not know it is her's. She calls it
"Auntie Nance's" baby that has no papa
and no mamma." It was born on July
14th. It is a girl. Little Annie was
only five years old on July 19, 1898.

Dr. Frank Hall attended Ethel pre-
viously to and on the occasion of her con-
finement. The child was a large and ap-
parently a full term one. Ethel is cer-
tainly a very weak-minded girl, and the
line between her state and that of
idiotcy is a very fine one.

Mr. W. J. Cave, a clerk in the office
of Drake, Jackson & Helmecken, ident-
ified the plan and photographs produced
made by him of the vicinity where the
assault is said to have taken place at
Sooke.

The court adjourned at 1 o'clock un-
til 2.15.

THIS AFTERNOON.

Resuming the hearing at the time
specified, the first witness was Jessie
Charters, sister of Mrs. Shoup. Ethel
Shields stayed with her in a very weary-
ing and anxious manner from August 6th,
1898, until October 6th, 1898.
She left Sooke on the latter date and
five or six days before that she went to
Mrs. Armour's house to bid her good-
bye. Annie, her younger sister, accom-
panied her. They left home about half-
past 9 in the morning and returned
about 5 in the evening.

Witness proceeded to detail the state

of Ethel's health a few days prior to
that day, and described the locality of
Sooke, with particular reference to the
place of the first alleged assault.

Cross-examination by Mr. Powell was
directed towards obtaining from the wit-
ness some idea of the date of the chil-
dren's visit to the Armour house, and
was being continued as the times went
to press.

The Nickel-in-the-Slot.

When Jurymen Dearberg had recovered
and the court resumed yesterday after-
noon, Mr. Belyea, counsel for the
prosecution, addressed the jury in the case
of Regina vs. Morris. Taking up the ar-
guments of Mr. Peters seriatim, Mr.
Belyea maintained that no matter how
well-conducted might have been the busi-
ness carried on in Mr. Morris's store
there was also the possibility of a chance
of chance being conducted there, and it
was the duty of the jury to decide that
matter of fact.

As to the fairness of the game, Mr.
Belyea had carefully studied the in-
formation elicited during the morning,
and dwelt at length upon the chances
being very much against the player on
account of the absence of the tea of
spades and hearts. Also, be-
cause of the cards on the cylinder being
so arranged that on four of the cylin-
ders there was only one card of a cer-
tain denomination, and on one of them
there was no card of one suit, the
chances of obtaining a flush and other
combinations were much less than they
should be to make this a fair game for
both the owner and the player. As il-
lustrating the possibilities of so arrang-
ing the cards as to increase the chances
against the player, counsel pointed out
that if four cards of any denomination
were placed on any one cylinder it
would be quite impossible for pairs,
threes, or fours, of that particular de-
nomination to be exposed.

His lordship summed up, taking the
view that the machine might fairly be
considered the banker and could be man-
ipulated by him.
The jury retired at about 4.30 to con-
sider their verdict, and after forty min-
utes asked permission to have the ma-
chine in evidence. This was granted and
for some time the sound of the plunger
being pressed down was heard in the
court. (There was a supply of nickels
in the drawer of the machine.)

After an hour's consultation the jury
brought in a verdict of guilty.
His lordship reserved sentence, coun-
sel for the defence intimating that he
wished to read the transcript of his lord-
ship's summing up to enable him to de-
cide upon some points he wished reserv-
ed.

The Stoddart Case.

His lordship's decision not to dis-
charge the grand jury when their ser-
vices were apparently ended last week
proved a wise one, for it would have
been inconvenient in view of the com-
mitment of Fred Stoddart on the charge
of burglary.

The grand jury was summoned for
this afternoon to consider the indict-
ment, and shortly before 1 o'clock
brought in a true bill against the accus-
ed. The Armour case will probably con-
tinue until to-morrow, and the Stoddart
case, the only other one to be dealt
with at this assize, will then be taken
up.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

When the Times went to press yester-
day afternoon the hearing of the charge
of seduction against James Armour was
proceeding. It was continued until the
court rose at 5 o'clock, and resumed this
morning, the probabilities at this writ-
ing being that it will last all day. There
is a large attendance of the public, great
interest having been aroused in the case
on account perhaps of the unfortunate
condition of the girl, who is alleged to
have been the victim of the assault.

Chief Justice's decision was com-
pleted and Ethel Shields, the girl in the
case, was called, and accompanied by
her mother, took her place on the wit-
ness stand. Mr. Powell immediately
asked whether it was the intention
of the Crown to call the girl.

Mr. Belyea said such
was the intention, and Mr. Powell ob-
jected on the ground that Dr. F. Hall's
testimony was to the effect that she is
mentally deficient and not much less
than an idiot. His lordship said such
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than an idiot.

Mr. Powell proceeded to examine the
witness's mother as to Ethel's knowledge
of God, and was informed that she had
attended both day and Sunday
school at Sooke. All this time the poor
girl sat in the witness chair, playing
with her fingers and looking at the
witness stand with a vacant stare from her mother to
the counsel. Then the mother was in-
structed to endeavor to ascertain whether
the girl understood the nature of an
oath.

It was a painful spectacle to see the
girl attempt to understand her mother's
questions and give in an almost unintel-
ligible jargon her answers. The task
of obtaining evidence from such a wit-
ness was one requiring considerable pa-
tience, and was at best most unsatis-
factory, only a few words being under-
standable by anyone but her mother.
Even the framing of her mother's ques-
tions was pathetic. "Ethel, did Ethel
ever see that man before?" (pointing to
the accused.) "Who is that man?"
"Jimmy Armour; bad man," came the
answer, and this was perhaps the most
quickly given and most easily to be un-
derstood answer obtained from her.

There were only occasional flashes of
intelligence, but the face lighted up with
apparent interest when the plan of the
Sooke locality was produced and she
was asked to indicate some of the places
mentioned. And the photographs were
also light-bringing messengers to the
darkened brain, although the answers
given were sometimes contradictory and
absurd. On some points the girl was
persistent in her answers, and through
all kept repeating "Jimmy Armour,
that's all."

Her evidence was a corroboration of
the whole painful story outlined by the
prosecution, and it was a very weary-
ing experience to hear Mr. Powell, acting
in the best interest of his client,
cross-examining by aid of the mother's
interpretation. On such matters as time,
dates and places, the girl was lament-
ably deficient, and Mr. Powell was
strongly opposed to the evidence being
accepted as competent. On this point
a case was reserved, his lordship stat-

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ing during the course of the conversa-
tion on the subject, that the fact that
the girl had been violated could not be
gained, the evidence of her confine-
ment was incontrovertible.

Little Annie Shields, a bright intelli-
gent girl of six, was the next witness,
and some of her naive answers to coun-
sel's questions as to the nature of an
oath, created a little amusement. She
attended Sunday school, she said, but
was never told anything about God. If
she did not tell the truth God would
punish her, and make her sick.

Mr. Belyea and his lordship's kindly
questioning soon set the little girl at
ease and her evidence was allowed. Her
story was that she and Ethel went to
Mrs. Armour's house to say good-bye
and Jimmie Armour came away with
them, in fact a corroboration of the
whole tale of the prosecution, and if
what she said to-day be accepted as
true.

In cross-examination the little girl
contradicted some of the evidence given
in the police court, and in answer to
Mr. Powell said she had made mistakes
and had thought about them afterwards.
In fact a good deal of her story in the
police court proved to have been wrong,
if what she said to-day be accepted as
true.

The court adjourned at 1 o'clock until
2.15.

THIS AFTERNOON.

When court resumed at a quarter past
two o'clock the cross-examination by
Mr. Powell of the little sister of the
girl was continued. It was a long and
patience-trying task to obtain anything
of a satisfactory nature from the wit-
ness. She contradicted her evidence
given in the police court constantly, and
seemed unable to realize a difference be-
tween some of her statements, when they
were entirely distinct. The little
sister was much embarrassed when she
came to the account of what she saw
the accused do to her sister Ethel on
the beach at Sooke, and counsel had to
use all his persuasion to induce her to
speak at all. Her evidence, although in
some details apparently of little reli-
ability, was on the whole a confirmation
of the story upon which the prosecution
relies for a conviction.

It is certain the case will occupy the
greater portion of to-morrow, so that the
Stoddart case will not likely be reached
until Friday. The Le Lievre case, cir-