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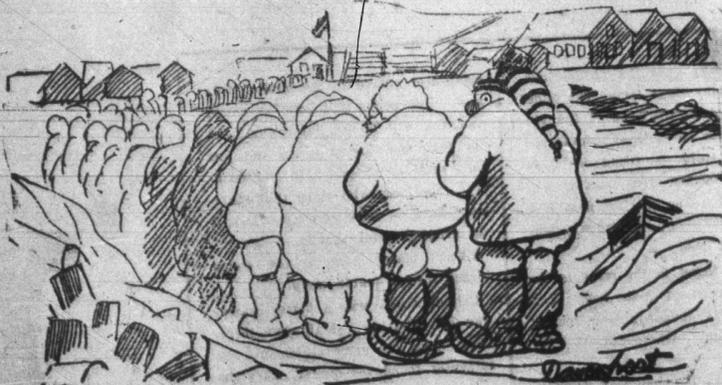
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Sealer Wrecked.

Victoria, Feb. 28.—The sealing season of 1902 has commenced rather inauspiciously. Last week one of the fleet, the Umbrina, returned to port from narrowly escaping destruction off the Columbia river, and today news comes from Port Townsend of disaster overtaking the schooner Fawn, this time with worse results.

The vessel has been completely wrecked off Hesquoit, all her crew having escaped, and three, including A. H. Todd and one of the Wilsons, have reached Port Townsend by sailing vessel, and will arrive here on the steamer Majestic this afternoon.

The schooner, when overtaken by the gale which carried her ashore, was running up the coast from Esperanza Inlet, where she had secured her Indian hunters. How she came to be driven on the rocks is described in the following dispatch to the Times from Port Townsend:

"The sealing schooner Fawn, of Victoria, is a total wreck on the west coast of Vancouver Island, her exact location being Hesquoit Bluff, in the near proximity to Clayoquot Sound.

"On the morning of the 11th the schooner ran for shelter before a gale to Hesquoit, and succeeded in reach-

ing mooring. The storm increased in fury, however, and soon two cables snapped, and in a few moments she was tumbling in the surf.

"The crew reached shore in safety. On the 17th a passing vessel proved to be the German barque Thekla, from Hiogo for Seattle, and three of the crew were put out in a dugout canoe, and were taken aboard. The vessel arrived here this morning and the men will probably return to Victoria on the Majestic."

The Fawn is one of the newest vessels of the fleet, she having been built for Thomas Earle & Company in a Victoria ship yard about seven

years ago. She was a very st. a vessel, and well equipped, her tonnage represents something like 2,000 tons, and now belongs to the Victoria Sealing Co., and was to have hunted for seals off the southern coast of California. She was in charge of Capt. Gullin and carried a white crew composed of A. H. Wood, W. Wilson, J. Van Wahl, and J. Wilson, all of whom are Victorians. Among her Indians is "Circus Jimmy," a well-known native character in this city.

The vessel cleared from Victoria for the west coast on the 14th of last month, and was to have completed her complement of 24 Indians

at Esperanza Inlet. The schooner has a registered tonnage of 2,000 tons. Her dimensions are as follows: Length, 71 feet; beam, 22 feet and depth of hold, nine feet.

Hesquoit Bluff, where the schooner struck, is about half way down the coast, and extends into the sea some distance, so that the prospects of salvaging or saving the schooner are evidently very slim. The other members of the crew will doubtless be picked up by the steamer Queen City now bound down the coast. Doubtless the men who have reached Port Townsend will have an interesting story to relate of their experience.

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