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ALPHA IS **GOING TO PIECES**

Steamer's Back Was Broken in Three Places and Coast is Strewn With Wreckage.

FIREMAN'S STORY OF THE

Owing to Storm the Helm Would Not Answer-Capt. York and Mr. Barber Were on Bridge When First Crash Came.

Tartar.

in the heavy storm of Saturday night,

and out of a crew of 24, all told, includ-ing 14 Japanese, the number mentioned

Samuel Barber, representing the own-ers of the vessel and formerly manager

Captain H. York, an old salt who

Second Engineer Dunn, of Seattle, who also shipped within the last week.

Third Engineer Murray and Able Sea-

man Sullivan and a stowaway named

The Alpha left here on Saturday morn

high wind the Alpha became unmanage-

sank completely out of sight.

The Alpha is well known to Victorians.

She put back here from sea in a disabled

until Saturday last lay at the outer

wharf. She was bound for Japan with

is said to have been on the Alpha, and

her loss therefore alls particularly

heavy on her owners, one of the princi-

pal of whom was Mr. Gennell, of Van-

however, is said to have been fully in-

sured.

got well up the Gulf when

of the Imperial Bank in Calgary.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Steamer Coquitlam arrived this morning from Union with further particulars of the disaster to the Albpa.

Capt. Goss says the Alpha is a total wreck and fast going to pieces, even the tops of her masts being under water at low tide. The vessel's back was broken in three places and parts of her house and portions of her cargo are strewn along the rocky coast for three miles.

A fireman told a thrilling story of the disaster to Capt Goss. He was in the stock hole and clambered out as the vessel was going down He dropped his jacket as he clambered out, and was swept by the suction of a heavy wave, He was carried against the rocks, where his feet caught. By a supreme effort of his own and the assistance of a wave !

frightfully lacerated before he finally it imperative that she seek shelter before was able to obtain a footing. All his clothes had been torn off except a rem-had to be reached to the port side be-hind the Yellow Island light, but in the

He said that at the time of the dis- able. She struck with tremendous force aster the helm refused to answer, so and then came the awful struggle for great was the force of wind and wave. a line ashore, but the task, with the Then the engines could not be quickly waves piling over the ship in relentles the time of the first crash.

Capt. Goss says the night was the can be imagined from the manner in "About 3 o'clock on Saturday afterwere lying in coves for shelter.

sel or cargo. The total loss is placed at The steamer, after striking, began to

The third engineer's name was Moore, not Murray, as at first reported, and he was a former resident of Westminster avenue, in this city.

Mr. Gennell, part owner of the Alpha, between 600 and 700 tons of salted fish, had two unsigned life insurance policies

er's services. In reply he received the several days. Not a dollar of insurance following self explanatory telegram: "Chief officer and survivors of Alpha reported at Union. Can get no port here. Can you proceed to scene of disaster and bring bodies here? Will greatly oblige. Answer. J. Gennell." In answer to the above Capt. Gaudin wire back to Mr. Gennell that the steamwill be dispatched to-morrow morn-

Scene of Disaster.

Speaking of the disaster to the Alpha the R. M. S. Empress of China. He his afternoon. Capt. Walbran said: "Yellow rock where the disaster to formation regarding his safety is anxi-Alpha has occurred is a small pre- ously awaited. Murray, the third en-Denman island. At low water this lost off Cape Mudge seven or eight years hannel is nearly dry. On Yellow rock guide vessels up the Sound, the direct esting one. She was built by Barclay Union says: Oute to Comox. In a strong southeast & Company at Glasgow in 1863. gale the sea beats heavily against Yellow She was an iron screw steamer rock and the adjacent shores."

News was received in the city last 221.8 feet; beam, 27.6 feet, and depth

reach Nome last year, when scores of is only a surmise.

Captain Otto Buckholtz in command she wires broken down. The captain of the

Were Stemmed by Artilshe brought about legal proceedings in- couver on Wednesday. stituted in Seattle against her, and which P. S.-Bendaell, police officer here for TOPEKA ALSO WRECKED.

Familiar Alaskan Liner Runs Ashore

on Sullivan Island and in Bad Position.

is proving disastrous to shipping. Sim- lucky ship had touched the rock. Mr. ing 14 Japanese, the number mentioned of the total loss of the Alpha, comes the next to be lost, no one knows how. A perished before help could be rendered them. A partial list of the dead is as Alaskan passenger and freight ship City for himself amid the tremendous rush of Topeka, which has for years called of seas that came aboard. The enginregularly at the outer wharf on her cers stuck bravely to their posts, and it way to and from the North. The in- was probably their work that enabled so formation is received in the following dis- many of the members of the crew to patch from Seattle: "The Pacific coast reach safety in the end. The three offihas seen over thirty years of service as stamer City of Topeka, Captain Ole-cers stayed in the engine room, and that master of a vessel. He came out from seen, was wrecked on December 8th while was the last heard of them. Half an England three years ago on the steamer on her way down from Skagway. She hour after the first grounding it was was lightly loaded, and a terrible gale seen that the vessel was rapidly going to J. H. Barber, purser of the ship, who was a brother of the manager of the steamer.

Pirst Engineer Matterson, of Vancou
Was running. She struck on the southeast end of Sullivan island on what seemed to be a table rock. All the passinger were taken safely ashore, and the lightkeeper he was pulled through the present of the dightkeeper he was pulled through the present of the southeast end of Sullivan island on what seemed to be a table rock. All the passingers were taken safely ashore, and the lightkeeper he was pulled through the present of the southeast end of Sullivan island on what seemed to be a table rock. All the passingers were taken safely ashore, and the lightkeeper he was pulled through the present of the southeast end of Sullivan island on what seemed to be a table rock. All the passingers were taken safely ashore, and the lightkeeper he was pulled through the present of the southeast end of Sullivan island on what seemed to be a table rock. All the passingers were taken safely ashore, and the lightkeeper he was pulled through the present of the southeast end of Sullivan island on what seemed to be a table rock. All the passingers were taken safely ashore, and the lightkeeper he was pulled through the present of the southeast end of Sullivan island on what seemed to be a table rock. All the passingers were taken safely ashore, and the lightkeeper he was pulled through the present of the southeast end of Sullivan island on what seemed to be a table rock. few days ago, succeeding Chief Engineer clerk, came down on the Dolphin. She gan. In an hour 25 men were off, an Gordon, who is now in jail because of has two large holes stove in her through it was not a moment too soon. The line desertion.

Which the sea washed in and out, held all through the work of rescue, and Her chances of being saved depend en-tirely on the weather. If the calm the steamer, as she had piled up on the to Juneau. No lives were lost." Penn., in 1844, for a Boston firm, who a steamer and brought into Union. Some sold her to the Atcheson, Topeka & of them are in a very low condition from

ing to coal at Union preparatory to re-suming her voyage to the Far East. She got, well up the Gulf when the Idow. towards evening, overtook and rendered passing into the hands of the Pacific was frightfully bruised while he was Coast Steamship Co. was placed in the trying to get the line ashore." reaching her destination. Baynes Sound Alaskan business, Her dimensions are: Length, 198 feet; beam, 35 feet; and was accordingly headed for. The water depth of hold, 12 feet.

TOPEKA PASSENGER'S STORY.

(Associated Press.) Tacoma, Dec. 18.-Among the passenreversed and delay followed. The cap- fury, was a tremendous one. Captain wrecked in Lynn canal on December York lost his life in attempting the work, 8th, was Mrs. A. J. Clark, of Tacoma, tain and Barber were on the bridge at First one and then the other tried in who has arrived here and tells a thrillvain, and the story of the heroism and ing story of the wreck. Mrs. Clark bravery displayed at the last moment

most terrible he ever saw in ten years' which the officers were the first to go to noon it grew dark as night, the wind navigation of the Gulf. Other steamers their watery graves. The 14 Japanese blew a perfect hurricane and it was bitmembers of the crew managed to reach ter cold. The waves dashed eight and the lighhouse in safety after the line from the ship had been stretched ashore. There was no insurance either on vest from the ship had been stretched ashore. rail and nothing could have lived in ondition a week ago last Friday, and consigned by Messrs. J. E. Macrae,

couver, who passed hrough this city en route to Seattle last week. The cargo, her back at low tide." Among those aboard the steamer and who are well acquainted in this city was R. B. Wilkinson, who, until becoming mate on the Alpha, was third officer of was a young unmarried man, and indipitous island about 1,000 feet from the gineer, who lost his life, was perhaps accident might not have happened. Certainly of any of those datern end of Denman island. There on the steamer was provided in the best known locally of any of those datern. astern end of Denman island. There on the steamer. He was the sole suras no safe passage between the rock and sole surastern end of Denman island. There on the steamer. He was the sole sursole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard, which was sole passage between the rock and vivor of the tug Standard the rock and vivor of the tug Standard the rock and vivor of the tug Standard the rock a

W. B. Wilkinson, chief officer of the She was never heard from again." and the western one in conjunction condition next morning.

The history of the Alpha is an interThe history of the Alpha is an inter-"This fearful disaster will surprise you. The good SS. Alpha went on shore She was an iron screw steamer you. The good SS, Alpha went on shore of 658 tons gross and 514 tons gross and 514 tons gross and 514 tons net. Her dimensions were: Length, tons net. Her dimensions were: Length, tons net. Her dimensions were tons net. Her dimensions n

ago after long service between Halifax for them, but without avail. The baland the West Indies, and shortly after ance of the crew came down with myarrival was sold by Messrs. Pickford & self to Union, in Mr. Ford's boat; on ar-Black to Captain J. D. Warren and rival hers, I find that the wires are others. Later she passed into the hands broken down. I left one man (the of Mr. Gennell and other Vancouverites, watchman) to stand by the vessel on the and the present would have been her first island on which the Yellow rock lighttrip in the trans-Pacific trade. Since house stands.

being brought out to this coast the "The hull of the ship is just under steamer has been engaged principally in water at low water. Fore and after Gen. Clements's Whole Force Had the Northern trade, being first employed masts gone; and the beach is thick for in the Skagway trade and afterwards in a couple of miles with wreckage and the Nome traffic. She was, it will be cargo. I should not be surprised if the temembered, among the first vessels to bottom was torn out of her. Mind this

forged her way through the ice, which Czar, hearing of the disaster was about encompasses Nome in certain times or to push off, came down and said that he the year, and was the second vessel to would deliver this letter. All the crew make port. She landed cargo, and be are here, and I am doing the best for cause of this, without proper compliance them, so please let me have instructions. with the customs regulations, as alleged, I believe a boat leaves here for Van-

are now occupying the attention of court the island, is looking after wreckage and had a narrow escape from capture. cargo which goes on shore, and also collecting bodies. I have up to present tions as soon as possible."

The bad weather which has prevailed son stated that "Captain York was carfor the last week or so all along the coast ried off the bridge almost before the unweather lasted through the week she rocks. The members of the crew all ould have been safely got off and taken stayed on the island with the lightkeeper over Sunday, and it was not till last The Topeka was built at Chester, evening that they were taken away by

The following is the report of Mr. The following is the report of Mr. Hardy's examination of the ship at Victoria: "Ballast pumps and trip valves broken. I had same repaired.

After bilges had been numbed out I Hardy's examination of the ship at gers of the City of Topeka, which was at intervals of five hour's I saw no percompartments in the engine room."

Alpha, who is now at the provincial jail pire may be achieved." serving a sentence of ten weeks' imprisopment with hard labor for deserting

on the proceeding with a terrino snock, closely followed by the Barbers, but were not completed in the hurry of the last moment.

To Bring Down Survivors.

D. G. S. Quadra, Captain Walbran, leaves at daybreak for the scene or the disaster to the unfortunate Alpha to render assistance to the living, and doll possible to recover the bodies of the plan was the one decided on by Capt. The plan was the one decided on by Capt. Guildin, the local agent of marine promptress, wired to the representative promptness, wired to the representative promptness and promptness and promptness and promptness are the representative promptness. Jim and promptness and promptness and promptness are reasoned. Phillipsed passes were found to the regime promptness and prom

Since the Alpha met her doom a great dulged too freely, and was arraigned and question. deal of comment is heard along the sentenced to a short time in the city waterfront in regard to the deep manner lock-up. He told a Times reporter that in which the ship had been loaded, leav-he had a premonition that some disin which the ship had been loaded, leaving little of her, as one pilot remarked aster would overtake the Alpha. In fact he would not have shipped with her heavy sea. Then again, it is said, that heavy sea. Then again under any pretext. He felt cerhad the steamer had a pilot aboard the tain that she would never reach the Orient

naimo until the wind subsided a pilot, its the National liner Erin, which left New ment on November 2nd near Belfast, in emman island. At low water this lost off Cape Mudge seven or eight years name is nearly dry. On Yellow rock annel is nearly dry. On Yellow rock are are situated two lights, one shower are situated two lights and light are situated two lights, one shower are situated two lights are situated two lights, one shower are situated two lights, one shower are

TRAIN ROBBERIES

-nine men are drowned, including Cap- elsewhere. It provides the death penalty evening of the total lost of the steamer of hold, 14.9 feet. Her engines were tain York, Mr. S. Barber, Mr. J. Bar- for those guilty of a "hold-up" in case the Alpha, together with nine members of built by J. and G. Thomson, of Glas- ber, purser, the three engineers, two death of any person on the train results her crew. She struck Yellow Island, gow, and her speed about 10 knots. She A B.'s and one stowaway. Everything In case no one is killed, the penalty is it is said, at the base of the lighthouse was brought out to this coast three years that human beings could do was done hard labor from 20 to 30 years.

Boer Plans

a Narrow Escape From Capture.

Were Stemmed by Artillery Fire.

(Associated Press.)

defeat of the British at Nocitgedacht indicate that Gen. Clements's entire force

The Boer plans were splendidly laid. seen the two Barbers and one A. B. I If the main British column had tarried believe they may be sent down here for a little longer there would have been complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves undauntedly, yelling Describing the struggle for life which those aboard had, Chief Officer Wilkinwere only stemmed by artillery.

After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer meeting. Their hymns ultaneously with the receipt of the news Barber, the owner, and the purser, were could be heard by the retiring soldiers. All accounts indicate a heavy Boer

> Col. Legge exhibited splendid bravery. He shot five Boers with his revolver before he fell with three bullets in his

Wounded Doing Well.

London, Dec. 18.-Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, dated Decem-

Boers in Cape Colony. Capetown, Dec. 18.—The Boers who crossed the Orange River into Cape Colony, west of Aliwal North, on Saturday, encountered the Cape Rifles and Brabant's force, who retired with loss.

Salisbury on the War. London, Dec. 18 .- At the annual conference of the National Union of Conservative Association to-day, Lord Salisbury, alluding to the war, said that if they wished to sustain the Empire and maintain the glory of England untarnish-

til the great enterprise had been carried out, for on the issue thereof the glory and perpetuity of the Empire.

After bilges had been pumped out I made a thorough examination from forward bulkhead aft, and could find no the beginning. But we have to push it the beginning. But we have to push it the beginning. leak in hull, and from observations taken through. Maybe there were matters ceptable rise in the water in the bilges. when explained they may be the subject kept open situations for Yeomanry, col-I am of the opinion the water found its of scrutiny as to the steps whereby the onials and volunteers to continue their way into the ship from some discharge present results have been reached. But we must spare no effort whereby the fices of these men in the services of their Ex-Chief Engineer Gordon, of the glory and the maintenance of our Em-

Hutton's Thanks. Ottawa, Dec. 18.-Col. Lessard, comfrom the ill-fated vessel, was seen yester- manding the Canadian Mounted Rifles, sends a letter to the militia department, from the ship had been stretched ashore. The steamer, after striking, began to sink and in a comparatively short time sank completely out of sight.

Take to an expression of opinion relation of the departure of the departure of that staken the Alpha, Gordon replied that the was very sorry that such loss resulted. The terrors of that storm subsided. The terrors of that some harbor of received from Gen. Hutton on the departure of the departure of that such loss resulted. storm were beyond description. The but as regards the unfortunate occur-steamer lost her bearings and I think rence itself, he was not in possession of the regiment has upheld the reputation something was broken about the engines. sufficient information to base any opin- of Canadian troops. The general says "We were sitting at a table in the ien. Any vessel, no matter how sentit was a source of constant pleasure to saloon when the steamer struck on a reef worthy, could founder through striking him to note how excellently the regiment with a terrible shock, closely followed a rock. There were circumstances, how- had profited by its opportunities, and he able number have reached Phillipstown. by another more severe, and a panic was ever, such as defects of various descrip- congratulates and thanks the men for

"We stayed on the island until Tues day 100n. We had plenty to eat. On dition would be made known.

There is another ex-member of the The colonial office in announcing that

Tuesday about 11 o'clock the little There is another ex-member of the steamer Alert came by and found us. It steamer alert came by an alert came by alert came by an transported some of us to Juneau and transported some of us to Juneau and vile. That man is John Dunovan, a erts as administrator of the conquered invaders are ten against one, but we sent another steamer back after the rest. former fireman on the ill-omened steamer, territory in South Africa, says his tak-They expected the Topeka would break who was gathered in by the police shorting up his residence at Johannesburg on known His will. We reply on His help ly after her return from her first venture account of his health must not be re- more than on emperors and princes. on the broad Pacific. Dunovan had in- garded as a settlement of the capital have not come as a fugitive, but by or

Moving South. Canetown, Dec. 17.—Seven hundred us.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Reports from South "That is the third vessel that I have Africa were received at the militia dewhich Lieut. Chalmers was killed and

ers, who was formerly inspector of ounted police. Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative "D" Battery, mentions four non-coms were injured. nment for breaking into and stealing military stores.

Preparing for Soldiers. St. John, Dec. 17.-A large number ning with votes on the amend

call of Mayor Daniel, to consider the reception of Col. Otter and the men of the first contingent from South Africa.

From information received from Ottawa, it seems that the Western men will be here for only a few hours. It was decided that the officers and men while here be entertained by the Citizens were requested to decorate the buildings. The city will present an address of welcome to the soldiers. Salutes will be fired as the ship comes up the harbor, and a guard of honor from the militia will receive the troops here. The returned heroes will be tendered a banquet if time permits.

London, Dec. 17.-The Capetown cor respondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Boers have raided Cape Colony at two separate points, one hundred miles distant. One commando advanced upon Johannesburg, Dec. 17.—Details of the Philipstown, between Colesberg and Kimberley. The other, suppos Herzeg's commando, crossed the Orange river between Odendaalstroom and Bethulie, northwest of Burghersdorp, its objective apparently being Cradock. "Gen. Macdonald is engaging the in-

vaders, who have no guns, 20 miles west of Burghersdorp,
"The latest news is that they are being slowly forced back to the Orange

river, where a warm reception is being prepared for them." Lord Salisbury's gloomy reference to

South Africa at the conference of the National Union of Conservative Associations causes much heart-burning. The Conservative press is reluctant to admit that the situation is worse, and com-plains of the Premier's "needless

The Daily News asks whether Lord Salisbury's utterances foreshadow the news of another reverse, and suggests that the government has received dispatches from Lord Kitchener asking ber 17th, reports that all the British for more troops, on the ground that the wounded in the engagement at Nooitge-dacht have arrived there and are doing upon a new and difficult phase. All the papers are urging the government to do everything possible to support Lord Kitchener. The Queen's message to the volunteers was evidently designed to scothe the general disappointment over their retention in the field. There are lumors current that the government is not able to respond to appeals from South Africa to send out more regulars.

vice in St. Paul's cathedral in co tion with the return of Lord Roberts from South Africa has been abanuntil the close of the operations in South Africa."

The programme now is for Lord Roberts to debark in the Solent to visit the Queen at Osborne House on January 2nd, to re-embark and land finally at Southampton, coming from that point to

The Queen's Thanks.

London, Dec. 18 .- The government patriotic efforts to minimize the sacricountry.

The war office has issued the Queen's thanks to the Yeomanry, colonials and volunteers, expressing her reliance that those abroad will continue to aid her regulars.

London, Dec. 19.-It is reported this afternoon that Gen. Knox has been forced to abandon the pursuit of Gen. Dewet, owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange River.
It is said that 3,000 republicans have

entered Cape Colony and that a consider-

Mr. Kruger, in reply, said: "In 1884 we der of my government with the object of terminating a war in which the British employ women and children against

A luncheon followed, Mr. Kruger subsequently visited the headquarters of the South African refugees.

LOSS OF TRAINING FRIGATE.

Twenty-Five Persons Were Drowned and a Hundred Injured.

Madrid, Dec. 18.-An official dispatch of the crew and I, did not think she was in a seaworthy condition, and bolted, high tribute to the gallantry of Chalm-Malaga, to have been less than reported. According to this dispatch 25 fatalities re-Major Hurdman, reporting doings of sulted from the accident, and 100 persons

THE VOTE OF TREATY.

Washington, Dec. 17.-The Senate has reached an agreement to vote on the Hay of prominent citizens met to-day at the o'clock in the afternoon,