

WRECK IS FOUND

Hull of Schooner Davis Palmer Ashore
Near Boston Harbor

CLEAR UP A MYSTERY

The Captain and the Entire Crew of Eleven Men Went Down With the Palmer—Another Disaster Added to the Long List of Those Caused by the Storm.

The wreck of the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer was located Tuesday morning just outside of Devil's Bank buoy, north of Commissioners Ledge, at the entrance to Broad Sound, Boston harbor. The big vessel lies submerged, but the mast heads project from the water. It is thought that the Palmer touched a shoal spot early Sunday morning, the sea during the terrific storm sweeping the decks clear and carrying the crew of twelve men to their death.

The Palmer was bound from Newport News for Boston, with a cargo of coal, and carried a crew of twelve men. The vessel lies in the channel, and is a dangerous menace to other vessels. The loss of the Palmer became known Monday when wreckage bearing her name was found on Pull Beach. The discovery of the wreck of the Palmer was followed by the report of another wreck in the outer harbor. This second victim of the great storm, which swept New England Saturday night and Sunday, was reported by Capt. Kemp, of the tug Ariel, who asserts that he saw three masts of a schooner projecting above the water near the shoals known as "the graves."

Although Capt. Kemp locates the vessel three miles east of the wreck of the Palmer, some marine authorities think that he may have been mistaken in his bearings, and that he saw the Palmer's masts.

Seafaring men, who believe that the tug boat captain is not in error about his bearings, are discussing the possibility of a collision between the Palmer and the unknown schooner.

Probably the last person to see the Palmer before she sank was Capt. Sookamp, of the barge Hopatcong, which docked at Lynn from Hoboken. He reported passing the Palmer off Cape Cod late Christmas afternoon. At that time the Palmer's sailors were on deck singing and celebrating the holiday in true sea fashion, all unknowing of the fate that awaited them within a few hours at the entrance of their home port.

Tuesday's roll of wrecks was increased Wednesday. The schooner Ada K. Damon, the sole support of her aged master, Capt. A. K. Brewster, of York, Maine, went ashore near Ipswich. She will probably be a total loss. Her crew managed to reach shore safely.

In Chelsea, where a tidal wave broke a dyke and flooded the homes of 2,000 people, a high tide opened two new breaks. Many of the cellars

LEFT HIS WIFE

AND CHILD IN COLUMBIA FOR
ANOTHER WOMAN.

J. Thomas Franklin, Claiming to Represent a Church Paper, Wanted on Serious Charge.

The State says that J. Thomas Franklin, a former resident of Columbia, is wanted there to answer to a charge of wife desertion, and Sheriff W. H. Coleman Tuesday sent requests to officers in a number of cities, which will doubtless result in his speedy arrest. A warrant issued by Magistrate T. J. Roberts and sworn out by Mrs. Mamie H. Franklin charges the accused with the desertion of his wife and infant child in Columbia, September 12, 1909.

Franklin is, or represented himself to be, a traveling representative of The Christian Observer, a well known religious publication issued by Converse & Co., of Louisville, Ky. It is to be, a traveling representative of desertion, he may be also confronted with a bigamy charge as he has married again since leaving his wife in Columbia.

It is alleged that he came to Columbia last September and succeeded in inducing his wife to let him have certain money that she had in the bank here and since that time has not returned. Shortly after leaving on this trip, he is said to have married again and removed his residence to another State.

The second marriage, not having occurred in South Carolina, nothing has been done on the bigamy charge and Franklin is wanted to answer to the charge of desertion. But there is some indication that he has even a third wife, and that at least two live in this State. That will make out a case of statutory bigamy if the facts can be established.

It is also said that he has been a criminal before, and will not be in the tools for the first time, having served two terms in the penitentiary for forgery. Representing such a well known publication as The Christian Observer, which has been for many years a visitor to numerous Christian homes, indicated that he was above reproach and the news of the warrant issued in Columbia will be a surprise in many parts of this State and elsewhere where he is supposedly well known. Sheriff Coleman Tuesday communicated with Converse & Co., telling of the charge against their representative.

ATTACKED BY A FIEND.

Brave Young Woman Faced Death to Save Her Honor.

With both feet so frozen that they probably will have to be amputated and suffering from shock, Miss Nellie Strayer, twenty-two years old, is at the home of an uncle in Eau Claire, Butler county, Pa., following a desperate experience in which she bravely died to save her honor.

The young woman arrived at Parker station during the night and engaged

REIGN OF GRAFT

New York Jurist Declares That Patriotic
Age Is No More.

DOLLAR USURPS HOMAGE

Supreme Court Justice Wesley O. Howard, of New York, in an Opinion Reducing Compensation Commissioners, Declares that Graft is a Product of Our Times.

"The age of patriotism has yielded to the age of commercialism. Uppermost in the human mind today is not the Stars and Stripes, but the dollar mark."

Such was the declaration of Supreme Court Justice Wesley O. Howard, of New York, in an opinion Tuesday reducing the compensation of members of a commission appointed to appraise damages to property resulting from the construction of Ashokan reservoir in Ulster county, which is to furnish a water supply for New York city.

"While the commission furnishes avenues for the reckless escape of many dollars, there are other channels of leakage as wastefully appalling," said the judge.

"It is greatly to be regretted that no public enterprise can be projected and consummated without this appalling loss, called 'graft.' Graft is not necessarily an illegal expenditure of money, but it is that unnecessary waste which characterizes the construction of every public venture. At least 40 per cent. of all the money appropriated for public use is lost in graft. All could be possible if this frightful leak could be stopped—roads, canals, libraries, asylums and hospitals.

"Graft is a product of our times and institutions. It is the people who are responsible. They expect 'graft,' and even spoil and booty, to deplete their resources whenever any great undertaking is ventured by them; and then look with complacency and toleration and indifference at ravages upon their property. Graft is as much an element to be reckoned with in computing the cost of a public structure, as is cement or lumber. It has come to be a matter of course—this rake-off—a loss recognized by all who make estimates of cost in such cases. A public structure built honestly would be a freak."

Justice Howard declares that the "whole project of the condemnation of the land in the Ashokan valley is characterized by waste, disorder and confusion."

POLL TAX FATAL.

J. J. Hemphill Misses a Good Fat Job for Paying It.

The payment of his poll tax in South Carolina has cost ex-Representative John J. Hemphill a \$5,000 dollar position in the service.

SWEEP BY STORM

ONE OF THE WORST BLIZZARDS
IN TWENTY YEARS.

The Whole Coast Enfolded in the
Grasp of the Ice King on Christmas Day.

The blizzard that started on Xmas day is said to have been one of the worst in recent years, the worst that we have had in December for a long time. The death toll is mounting high in the northern latitudes. Shipping has suffered terribly, and among the ships to suffer is the triquois of the Charleston-New York line.

Here the blizzard hardly amounted to anything more than making people uncomfortable and freezing water pipes, but in New York and New England, many people froze to death, communication with different parts of the country was cut off or seriously interrupted.

The United States weather bureau announced Tuesday that the snow storm had been the heaviest for December in nearly twenty years. Beginning at 11 o'clock Saturday morning snow fell continuously for twenty four hours to a depth of more than ten inches. The maximum wind velocity for five minutes in this time was fifty-eight miles an hour.

The storm covered all the country east of the Mississippi Valley and increased in intensity as it moved from the interior toward the Atlantic coast. The wind blew harder and the snow fell faster in New York than anywhere else. First Assistant Forester E. S. Nichols at the New York station, No. 100 Broadway said:

"Away back on Dec. 26 and 27, 1890, we had a fall of fourteen inches during twenty-four hours. That is the only snow fall during December that compares with the present one."

"The greatest snow fall on record for New York for twenty-four hours occurred on Feb. 17 and 18, 1893, seventeen and eight-tenths inches fell. On Jan. 24, 1908, nine and a half inches fell. That's the only storm during recent years that compares with this."

MADE RESTITUTION.

A Man Is Converted and Returns Money He Had Stolen.

The Hamilton, Ga., Journal says about twenty years ago Messrs. C. H. and John A. Cook were doing business in Hamilton under the name of Cook Brothers. One day a sack containing silver coin to the amount of at least \$185.00 was mysteriously stolen from their store, every effort to recover the same proving a failure and the money long ago given up as forever lost.

Last week a letter from Montgomery written on a letterhead of the Montgomery Bank and Trust company, and containing a draft drawn by this company on New York exchange for \$199.00, was received by Mr. C. Cook for the former

SIGNS OF STORM

And Shattered Wreckage Tells of Grim
Disaster at Sea

VESSELS GONE TO RUIN

Many Ships Are Stranded on the New England Coast and Flotsam From Big Schooner Leads to Grave Fears for the Safety of the Crew of Twelve Men.

With the news of the probable loss of the big five masted schooner Davis Palmer with her crew of 12 men, off Boston harbor, and the wrecking of nine other vessels along the Massachusetts coast, the opening chapter of the toll taken on the sea by the great storm which swept New England Saturday night and Sunday was bared to the world on Tuesday. Cape Cod is still cut off and with the restoration of communication it is feared that a tale of marine disasters and storm damage unequalled in years will be related.

Wreckage borne into Boston harbor is believed to be the mute evidence of the loss of the schooner Davis Palmer, Newport News, for Boston, somewhere near the entrance to the harbor. A signal box among the wreckage contained a burgee with the Palmer's name as also did a quarter-board found near. The wreck itself has not been located.

The three-masted schooner Natsaket was hurled ashore at Situate and probably will prove a total wreck. Volunteer life savers with the breeches buoy rescued her crew of ten men. With a cargo of lumber she was bound for Boston from North Carolina.

The schooner Belle Halliday is ashore at Barn Point, Natucket. The fate of her crew is unknown, but it is believed that they have been rescued. She was from Philadelphia loaded with railroad iron.

On the rock shores of Martha's Vineyard, two water-logged schooners are being swept by every sea. They are the A. K. McLean, a British vessel, bound from Perth Amboy to Halifax, and the Stonington (Me.) schooner Maude Steward, Port Redding from Provincetown. The crews of both vessels have been taken off.

At Provincetown the sloop Bonita is aground and in the flats of Plymouth harbor are four small schooners similarly distressed.

The work of filling the gaps in telegraph and telephone wire systems and in railroad and trolley lines which had been opened by the blizzard is proceeding. The telegraph companies report a capacity of about 25 per cent. of the normal while the telephone and trolley line schedules were largely filled, although delays of from one-half to three hours were noted on railroad trains.

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HUMAN BODIES BURNED.

On the Battlefield of Rama Down in Nicaragua.

A dispatch from Bluefield, Nicaragua, says hundreds of dead are burning on the Rama battlefield Tuesday. With pathetic speed, piles of bodies have been incinerated daily for the last few days, and reports received by the provincial government state that the gruesome work is nearly done. Stacked like railroad ties, and saturated with oil, the bodies of the victims are set afire. Many children and some dead women were found among the dead of the government troops.

Famine is increasing the horrors of war in the interior of Nicaragua. The situation in a score of towns is reported to be serious. The operations of the Zelayan troops before their defeat near Rama by Gen. Estrada prevented traffic in supplies during the weeks the government troops were stationed there.

The drain on the country's resources—meagre at the best in many districts—made by the government commissary in its futile attempts to keep the army in condition depleted the natural supplies greatly.

This development is an important factor in the insurgents' fight. The people place the blame on the Zelaya and Madriz factions and advices from the hill towns say that insurrectionary spirit is rife.

The situation in Bluefield is improving under the constant labor of the American surgeons. Sanitation is better but suffering in the hospitals is still intense. Scout parties are still bringing wounded and prisoners from Rama.

THE NEW FERTILIZER.

A discovery of far-reaching importance to the farmers of the South is the new fertilizer which has been perfected on one of the islands near Charleston, S. C. It has long been known that lime is an essential food for plants of all kinds and that they cannot live when it has been exhausted.

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