

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

the assistance of the Mohegan were compelled to return without being able to approach the vessel, owing to the severity of the weather.

A life boat landed 31 of the passengers and crew of the Mohegan. One of the former, a woman died, after she was brought ashore.

There are rumors unconfirmed as this dispatch is sent that another life boat succeeded in saving six more persons.

One of the survivors of the Mohegan, Mr. George Maule of New York, was interviewed after he had sufficiently recovered to tell the story of the wreck. He said, "I am a shipper of horses employed by the American Transport company. We left London on Thursday and all went well until 7 o'clock yesterday evening when most of the passengers were at dinner. The steamer was going at full speed and suddenly we heard a loud crash, which seemed to denote that we had collided with some other vessel. But when we rushed on deck we found that the Mohegan was on the rocks between the Manacles and the Lowlands, in the vicinity of the Lizards.

Orders were given immediately to lower the boats and the crew of the steamer behaved like heroes. Her captain stood on the bridge and the greatest order prevailed, among the officers and crew.

"The steamer, however, immediately began to settle by the head. Two boats were launched. The women were sent away in the first boat. But whether these boats reached land or not I do not know.

"I managed to secure a life-belt and jumped overboard, in company with the chief officer of the Mohegan, Mr. Couch. He made me take off my coat and shoes. Soon after that we were parted from each other. When I was leaving the vessel a little girl begged piteously that I try to save her, as she did not want to die yet. I was powerless to help her.

"Eventually I caught hold of a plank which was floating on the water, and I clung to it for seven and a half hours. At the expiration of that time I was picked up by a tug. I could not have lasted much longer.

"I cannot explain how the accident occurred. The whole matter is not very clear to me."

From other sources it was learned that the Mohegan sank about twenty minutes after she ran on the rocks.

The local seamen who have been questioned upon the subject, appear to be unable to explain how the Mohegan got into such a position.

Later in the morning it became known that another life-boat had landed sixteen more of the survivors of the Mohegan, and as life-boats put from a number of places, hopes are entertained that the number of survivors may be increased.

One of the sixteen persons just known to have been saved is a lady. All the survivors are in a pitiable condition, and some of them have been badly injured by the waves and rocks, and are suffering from bruises and torn and fractured limbs.

Then came the announcement that fourteen of the crew of the wrecked steamer had been found alive on the rocks near the scene of the disaster. One of the passengers rescued by the Port Houstock life-boat, says that all the passengers were dining when the catastrophe occurred, though some of the children and those who were seasick were in their bunks. Suddenly the Mohegan struck with a grating noise. At first the engineers thought this was caused by coal falling down in the bunkers, but a second shock followed and the vessel began to settle. A coast guardman who was on duty at Coveract, says he noticed the Mohegan was pursuing a dangerous course.

Ten carloads of beer arrived in Seattle from the east Friday, to be shipped to Manila.

Five carloads of brown powder were shipped to Manila from the Santa Cruz Cal., powder works Friday.

The Stanford University football team Friday defeated the Kansas volunteers in an exciting game by a score of 15 to 1.

The transport Zealandia, was docked Sunday and will be soon in readiness for further service.

Daniel Kreater died at Cripple Creek Sunday through taking an overdose of morphine. His mother is said to live in Ogden.

The troops assigned to the transport Senator will go on board today (Monday) and the vessel will sail for Manila on Tuesday.

The remains of Chaplain Freeman of the Baltimore, who committed suicide at Nagasaki and which were brought over by the Zealandia, were shipped to Logansport, Ind., today (Monday).

The resignation of Major John Carr of the Washington regiment has been telegraphed to Washington. Major Carr gives as his reason for resigning the necessity of attending to business affairs.

In Los Angeles, Cal., Friday night, Bob Thompson was given the decision over Jimmy Lawler in the eighteenth round.

An express company has completed arrangements for maintaining a semi-monthly dog train mail and express service to Dawson over the ice, commencing Nov. 11.

The Pacific Mail company's steamer Aztec is overdue several days from China and Japan, according to her schedule time. She has no passengers but has considerable Oriental freight.

The catch of the Arctic whaling fleet up to September 7th is reported as follows: Grampus 36 whales; Mary D. Hume 40; Narwhal 22; Beluga 31; Bolena 20; Fearless and Thrasher, none.

A carpenter named Ed Seltz, while crawling under a Southern Pacific freight train to get across the track at Reno, Nev., Saturday night, was thrown under the wheels and lost both legs. He died at 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

There are now seven United States transports in port at San Francisco. The arrival of the Zealandia and Pennsylvania has made it possible to send all the remaining troops at the Presidio away in a bunch and the chances are that they will be on the way before next week.

Colonel Middleton has finally decided upon the Presidio reservation as the site for the new military hospital and the selection has been approved by General Merriam. It will be located near the present post hospital.

Louis Kayazer, an engineer at the Seattle steam laundry, was electrocuted Friday. Kayazer was changing a small globe from one socket to another and his hand came in contact with the socket. Death resulted in a few minutes.

A. W. Francisco, collector of the port of Los Angeles, Cal., was found dead in his bed Friday. Heart disease is ascribed as the cause of death. The dead man was appointed as collector of the port here by President McKinley about a year ago. He was a warm friend of the President.

A dispatch saying that Denver Ed Smith, the famous heavy-weight pugilist, had been killed at Wichita, Kan., in a quarrel with his partner, has no foundation in fact. Smith is the proprietor of the Colonist hotel in Victoria, B. C., and his wife says that he is in Dawson and that she received a letter from him dated Whitehorse Rapids, two weeks ago.

Ground will soon be broken for the new hospital at the Presidio. Preparations are being hurried, for the need of accommodations of the sick who will come from the Philippines and Honolulu is most urgent. The plans provide for nine buildings, arranged for all possible contingencies. They will be of wood, but will not be in any sense temporary structures. The best of foundations will be laid and the buildings will be substantially built in every particular.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says one of the results of the survey of the mouth of the Yukon river this summer by Capt. Pratt of the Coast and Geodetic survey, is to add an area of 2,500 square miles to Uncle Sam's domain. Capt. Pratt found that the south mouth of the Yukon emptied into Bering sea twenty-five miles further west than has been supposed. In addition to this it was found that the whole coast line, from Cape Dyer almost to St. Michaels, is further west than is shown on the maps. The strip to be added embraces about 2,500 square miles.

Troops from Camp Merriam to the number of 800 marched through the streets of San Francisco this (Monday) morning to embark on the steamer Senator for Manila. They comprised the third battalion of the Twenty-third Infantry, recruits for the Second Oregon and battery D of the California heavy artillery. The camp was broken early and the men took up their march to the Pacific street dock, where they arrived at 11 o'clock. The Senator is scheduled to put to sea on the high tide at 1 o'clock this (Monday) afternoon.

The transport Pennsylvania, which arrived at San Francisco Sunday morning from Manila, via the Ladrone Islands and Honolulu, brought thirteen sick soldiers from Manila and sixteen from Honolulu. Among the latter were Clement Atkins, James Dent, Joel Holmes, Wallace Phillips and H. M. Bullock, all of the New York volunteers. The men were at once removed to the division hospital. Phillips and Bullock became demented at Honolulu and Bullock was so violent Sunday that he was put in a straight-jacket. The Pennsylvania brings no news of importance. She will be fumigated and docked tomorrow.

Word reached Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday night that the Southern Pacific overland train No. 3, the west-bound, was ditched 35 miles of Yuma. Mail Agent George F. Kellogg was killed. As far as learned there were no other fatalities. The cause of the accident is not definitely known but it is thought the engine, baggage car and mail car were derailed on account of the track being buried in sand.

The sailing of the steamer Australia, which was to leave for Honolulu on next Wednesday, has been postponed until the following Saturday. The reason of this is the necessity of the steamer being dry-docked and overhauled. After her return from Manila she made a trip to Honolulu, but her time was very slow.