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THE LONE FISHERMAN—A NEAR BAD ACTOR

January 27, 1917--How true the old adage, "It never rains, but it pours." Late last night when all Juneau was talking about the accident to the Prince John, going ashore in Wrangell Narrows; the mishap to the Alaska, breaking her steering gear, four miles out from Seattle and having to be towed back; the delayed trip of the City of Seattle from Skagway, on account of high winds and heavy seas; the terrible snow slides in the vicinity, crushing out the lives of two men; the howling of the Taku that took possession of the city last night, word comes in that the "Lone Fisherman," the ferry boat that alternates with the Alma on the Thane-Douglas-Juneau run, had not been seen for several hours.

Officials of the company were somewhat apprehensive. The boat was missed about eight o'clock. It did not show up until a little before midnight. A great relief came over the community.



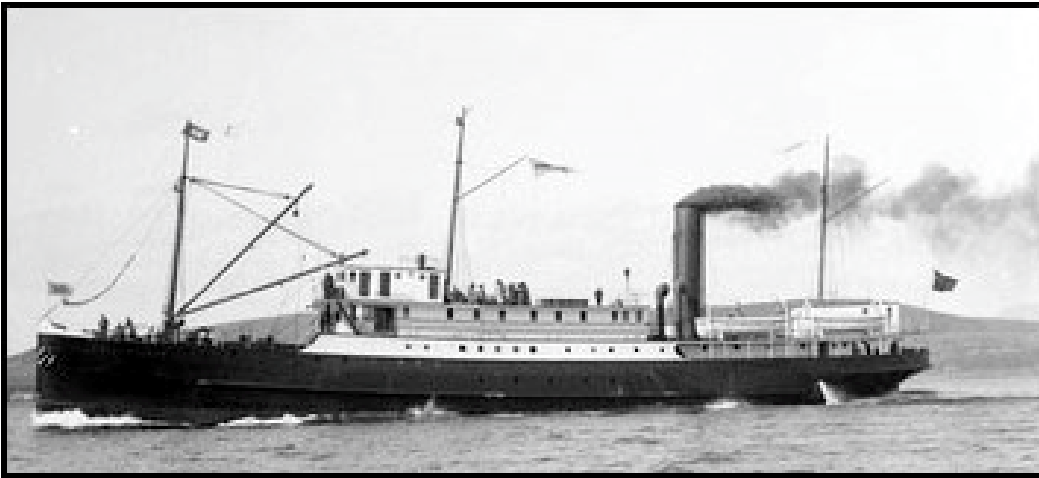
The Lone Fisherman, of the Juneau Ferry and Navigation fleet, served Channel ports until the bridge was opened in 1935. 1907 photo. ASL-Juneau-Ferries-03

BRITISH SALVAGE BOAT RUSHING TO PRINCE JOHN

Ship is leaking badly; passengers taken to Petersburg

January 26, 1917--The steamer Prince John of the Grand Trunk Pacific line, northbound from Prince Rupert, went ashore in Wrangell Narrows yesterday morning fifteen miles from Petersburg. Her passengers were transferred to Petersburg. No lives were lost. The Prince Albert, freighter of the same line, which was at Skagway at the time headed loading ore, was directed to proceed to the scene of the accident and is now en route to the Wrangell Narrows.

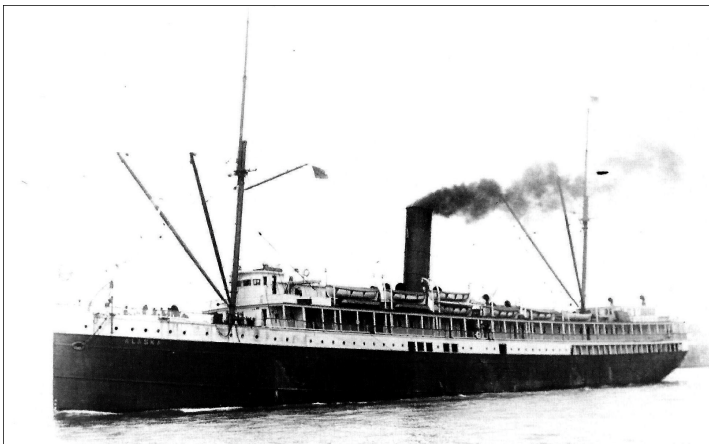
Also, the British salvage boat Salvar started out from Vancouver yesterday to render assistance to the Prince John. [abridged]



S.S. Prince John, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, sailed on the Vancouver-Prince Rupert- Skagway run. About 1910. University of Glasgow Library UGSP01752

S.S. ALASKA HAS TO RETURN HOME

The ship northbound from Seattle yesterday broke steering gear and returned to Seattle



January 27, 1917--The steamer Alaska sailed from Seattle for the north yesterday morning at 9:00 with 90 passengers, broke her steering gear when 4 miles out from the dock and had to be towed back.

The Alaska Steamship Company is making every effort to expedite the work of overhauling the Jefferson, now in Seattle, that she may take the run of the Alaska and get away from Seattle this morning. [abridged].

Alaska Steam's S.S. Alaska (I). Wrecked in 1921. Staff Collection



S.S. City of Seattle of the Pacific Coast Line. ASL-P226-622

HEAVY WINDS DELAYS CITY OF SEATTLE

Encountered bad weather from Skagway to Juneau; detained here account to the gales.

January 26, 1917--After remaining at the dock in this city about 15 hours, the City of Seattle sailed for the South yesterday at noon. Captain J.H. Cannon said yesterday that he would not venture out until the gales subsided.