

Surf Casts Up Old Steamer

Ship Sunk 33 Years Ago Hurling Upon Beach at Ventura

VENTURA, Nov. 27.—Thirty-three years after heavy ground swells battered the old Coos Bay, veteran steamer of Alaskan gold rush days, against the pier here and dropped her on the sands of the ocean floor, a similar violent ocean condition today had beaved the water-logged hull out upon the beach.

Hundreds of sight-seers today swarmed over the hull.

In addition to being beached, the old hull broke an Associated Oil Co. pipe line used to load tanker ships off the Ventura coast.

It was in the early hours of a day in 1914 when the Coos Bay, commanded by Capt. James Bowen, tied a bow line to the Ventura wharf to unload cargo from San Francisco. A stern line was made fast to the pier but the bow line parted, the bow swung sharply toward the pier and the hull was slammed against the ocean floor. Water rushed through the sprung planking and tides swept the craft closer to the pier. Despite efforts of crew and beach parties, the Coos Bay was slammed again and again against the pier.

Pier Damaged

By daylight, 200 feet of the pier was gone and the ship had sunk into the sands just east of the pier.

A wrecking ship attempted unsuccessfully for hours after the sinking to pull the sunken timbers from the floor of the ocean. Since it sank, numerous attempts have been made to dynamite the hull loose from the grip of the sands.

The thundering surf that uprooted the hull of the Coos Bay has caused the destruction of one boat and undetermined damage to the Ventura pier. The Verben, 22-foot sport fishing boat, was torn from its moorings Sunday and dashed to fragments on the beach.

The huge waves were breaking over the end of the pier which is normally 21 feet above the high tide mark.

Writers' Parley Speakers Named

CLAREMONT, Nov. 27.—Seven prominent writers and editors will meet here with students at Pomona College for the second annual Writers Conference Dec. 4, 5 and 6, Dr. Frederick L. Mulhauser Jr., associate professor of English and organizer of the conference, said today.

Speakers for the conference include Tom Bridges, a member of the editorial staff of the Los Angeles Times, who will discuss "Feature Writing." John J. Espey, associate professor of English at Occidental College, will conduct a discussion on short story writing. James P. Felton, editor of Script magazine, also will be a speaker.

Others appearing on the program are Dr. Mark Schorer, professor of English at the University of California, Berkeley; Donald Culross Peattie of Santa Barbara, roving editor for Reader's Digest; Mrs. Janet Stevenson, playwright and author, and Tom W. Blackburn, contributor of short stories to magazines.

New Trial Date Set

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 27. (AP)—The second trial of Sanford D. Adler of Las Vegas, Nev., on a charge of possession of slot machines at the Hotel Del Mar, has been set for Jan. 15. His first trial ended Nov. 20 when the jury reported an 11-to-1 deadlock.

