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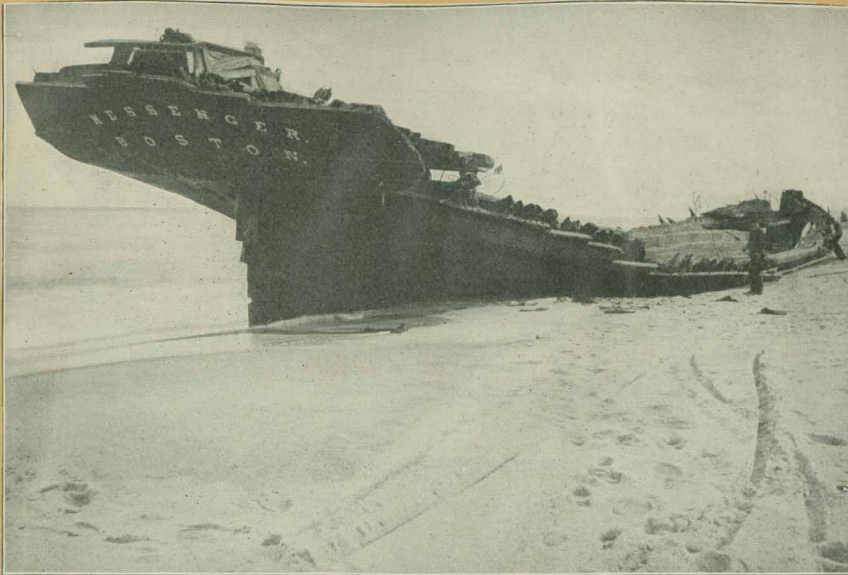
Joseph A. Morris

Funeral services were held from the Fisk Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Joseph A. Morris, 72, who died at his home at 478 Commercial Street last Friday night, following a brief illness. Rev. Gilman L. Lane, pastor of the Provincetown Methodist Church, officiated at the services.

Born in Provincetown, Mr. Morris had made his home here all his life. He served in the U. S. Coast Guard for 31 years, retiring in 1940 with a Boatswain's Mate first class rating. He had served at stations at Brant Rock, Cahoon's Hollow, Peaked Hill, Cuttyhunk and Race Point.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ruth Morris; a daughter, Mrs. Caroline MacEachern and a grandchild, David MacEachern, both of Natick, and a sister, Mrs. Jennie McDonald of Damariscotta, Maine.

Committal services were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock in Pine Grove Cemetery, Westboro.



"MESSENGER" - BOSTON A TOTAL WRECK.

she struck the dreaded Peaked Hill Bars. She was discovered by Patrolman Silvey, of the Peaked Hill Bars Station. The night was pitch dark, the surf extremely high, and the bark was soon pounded to pieces. As the life-saving crews could not locate the wreck, there was



STRUCK WITH ALL SAILS SET.

nothing to shoot at and nothing to pull to, even if a boat could have been launched. It is believed that the captain was so humiliated by the loss of his vessel, that he fell into a frenzy of despair, and resolved to take his own life, and it would appear that others of his crew followed his example of self-destruction.

Six of the crew managed to reach the shore on the top of the cabin, and were pulled out of the surf by the life savers. Another, a boy, said that he swam ashore. An investigation, conducted by the Italian counsel, disclosed that the captain committed suicide.

The first evidence that the steamer *Portland* had met with disaster during the memorable gale of November, 1898, was found by John



WRECKAGE WHICH CAME ASHORE AFTER THE STEAMER PORTLAND WAS LOST AND LIFE PRESERVER FROM THE ILL-FATED CRAFT.

Life preserver in right foreground.

Johnson, a surfman of the Race Point Station, who picked up a life-preserver from the ill-fated craft.

Soon after Johnson found the life-preserver, wreckage from the steamer was seen in the surf along the shore, and within a short time the beach for miles was strewn with it. All the life savers suffered great hardship during that gale, which was the worst in the history of the life-saving service.

Twice since the establishment of the United States Life-Saving Service on Cape Cod, the life savers in the life-boats have met with disaster, and members of the crews perished in the catastrophe.



CHARLES A. CAMPBELL WRECKED AT PAMET RIVER.

Keeper David H. Atkins and Surfman Frank Mayo and Elisha Taylor of the Peaked Hill Bars Station perished by their boat being wrecked during a second trip to the stone-loaded sloop, *C. E. Trum-*