

LEAPS TO DEATH AT BOAT LANDING

ANDREW SAADLA DROWNS

Attempts to Follow Example of Companion in Springing Ashore From Launch at Rainier Beach and Falls Into Water—Body Is Recovered

Andrew Saadla, a Finnish laborer, while trying to emulate his companion, Henry Naulla's example in jumping ashore from the launch Princess while the boat was approaching the dock at Rainier Beach at 6:30 o'clock last evening, fell into Lake Washington and was drowned. A rope slung him from the launch fell short and was caught in the propeller of the boat, rendering the boat useless as well as making the rope ineffective in saving the man's life.

Saadla, with Henry Naulla, left Kenneydale, on the Princess to come to Seattle for the evening. The two men had been clearing land at Kenneydale for Lelna Bahlkauer and were staying at the home of their employer.

As the launch approached the side of the dock Naulla jumped ashore without difficulty. Before Saadla made his jump, the launch swung out and he missed the dock. Unable to swim, he managed to keep up for a moment by kicking his feet and throwing his arms wildly.

Some one on the launch threw a rope to him, and as it trailed astern the rope became entangled in the propeller and made it impossible to control the boat. The passengers could find nothing else to throw to the sinking man, but Naulla, who was on the dock, threw several sticks of wood, none of which was large enough to keep the drowning man from sinking.

Lloyd and Jim Jenkins dived in the water, which was about twelve feet deep, and within a half hour recovered the body.

Dr. W. T. Timms, of Hillman, and Dr. C. R. Guthrie, of Columbia, worked over the man for more than an hour, but at 8 o'clock gave up the task as hopeless. There was not a sign of life at any time.

Saadla was a member of the Swedish Club of Seattle. So far as could be learned he had no relatives in this country.