

The Schooner S. B. Pomeroy

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The photo shown here, looking into Oak Orchard Harbor, was taken in August 1891 of the schooner S. B. Pomeroy. It seems that the Pomeroy caught fire off Oak Orchard Harbor while sailing from Charlotte to Port Huron. It carried a cargo of 700 tons of coal. The fire first started in the hold under the cabin but was extinguished. Later it broke out in several places causing the crew to abandon the ship. They were picked up by the tug "Frost". The Pomeroy was brought into Oak Orchard Harbor where

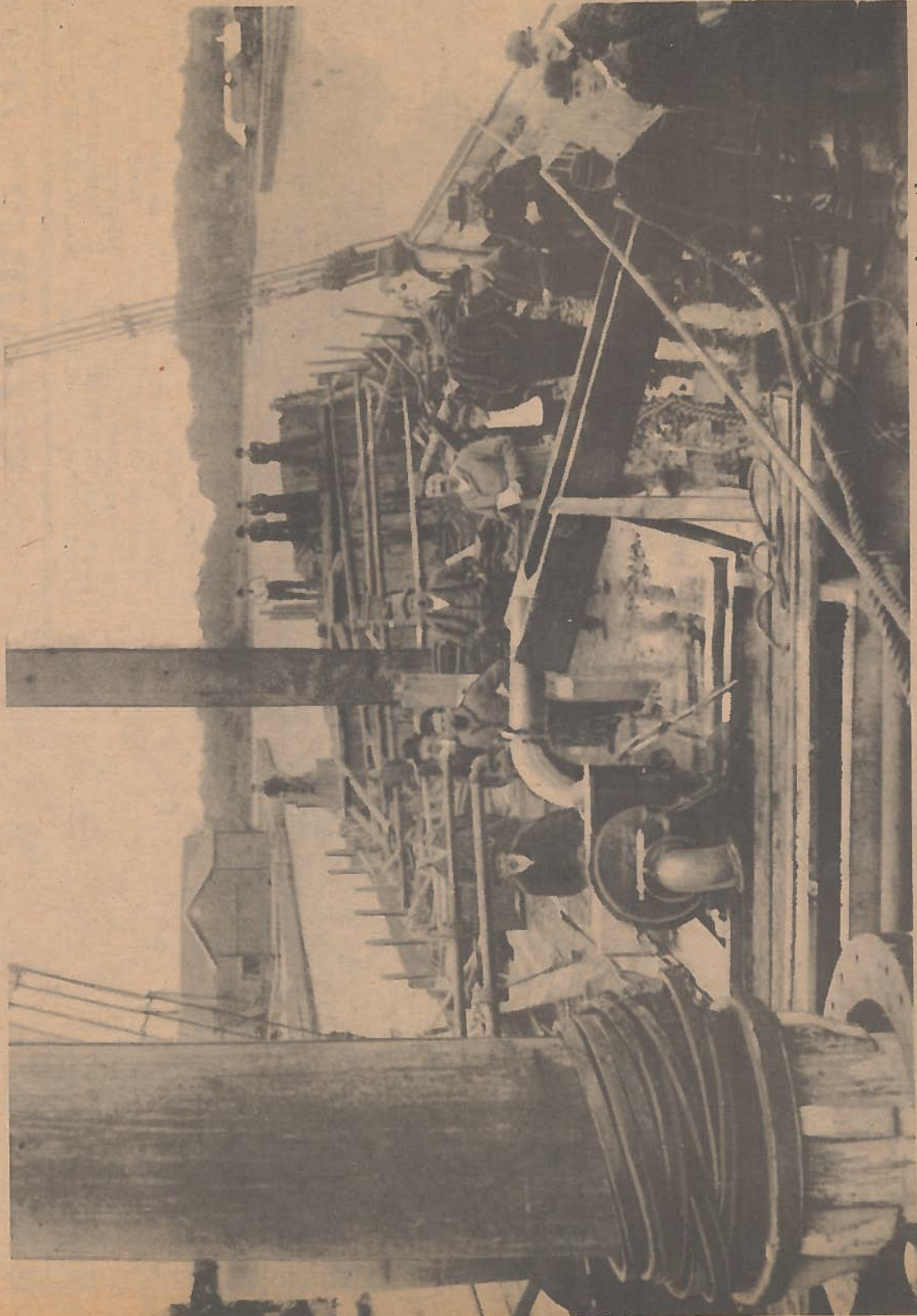
NO. 36 it was scuttled in thirteen and one-half feet of water. At the time it was owned by J. H. Farwell and others of Detroit.

The Pomeroy was built in 1856 in Cleveland, Ohio by LaFramier and Stevens, shipbuilders. It measured 150.5 x 33.3 x 11.6 feet and its gross tons were 531. Complete with masts it was entirely built of wood. The ship was owned by a number of concerns throughout its lifetime. Following the 1891 fire off Oak Orchard the Pomeroy was rebuilt and used upon the Great Lakes until it was abandoned in 1911.

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background is a view of the harbor as it was then.

One of the last boats salvaged after the disaster, crew at work on the Pomeroy, which burned off shore in 1910. In the