

## Supreme Court.

(In Admiralty.)

## THE S.S. "DELCO."

Statement of Mr. Justice Johnson.

This was a case of salvage by the S.S. "Storborg," which picked up the disabled "Delco" at a point west of St. John's. The services began on the last day of December and continued fourteen days, when the ships reached St. John's; they were rendered without any help from the "Delco" engines, in the face of strong westerly wind at times approaching the force of a gale, which during two days caused a backward drift of a hundred miles. The weather appears to have been almost continually accompanied by snow or fog, frequently so thick as to involve risk to both vessels and towed. During the last one-third of the towing there was always the chance of meeting icebergs, and the danger to both masters the probability of westerly and northwesterly gales which might drive the vessels far to the eastward or detain them until the "Delco" had lost all the blades of her propeller. Not long before she was picked up by the "Storborg" by wireless and had already drifted to the southward of her course, the great North Scotland to Cape Race, and if not picked up would probably have drifted considerably further from the latitudes frequented by icebergs in the early months of the year. What was left of the "Delco" might slightly aid her in keeping storage-way while wind was strong and water smooth, but not in keeping a course or make headway with wind ahead.

The "Storborg" was on a voyage in ballast from Helsingfors (Copenhagen) to Hampton Roads, via the north of Ireland and Cape Race, her net tonnage 2300; horse power 2300; speed 12 knots. She is a new vessel of the first class valued in statement of value at \$500,000. The master of the "Storborg" deposed that a few months before these services she had been bought for £300,000 and that she was capable of making nine knots against an ordinary gale of wind. In the very short time while weather was unfavorable, she towed the "Delco" between seven and eight knots. The "Delco" was bound from Gothenburg, New York by the same route, with cargo. Her net tonnage is 2112. The value of "Delco's" cargo and freight was \$750,000. She was in trim for being towed. When "Storborg" received the "Delco" message she was at 56.6 N., 32.5 W.; "Delco" being at 56.52 N., 30.0 W. The "Delco" was then in wireless touch with two other ships, but neither of them was in as good position as the "Storborg" to render assistance. The "Storborg" lost no time in turning from her southwesterly course to respond to the "Delco's" call, and without much delay found her somewhat to the northward of the spot from which the message had come. At this distance wind was moderate but there was a very considerable swell setting from a northerly direction. The "Storborg" ranged alongside of the "Delco" as close as she dared and after about two or three chains and wire hawser was got on board from the "Delco."

It was necessary to put a lifeboat aboard from the "Storborg," with appreciable risk to boat and crew, in order to get a small line between the ships.

An important factor in my consideration has been that this chain of the "Delco" of eighty fathoms, plus her double wire hawser of sixty fathoms, did not afford a line of sufficient length to keep the ships safely apart in all weathers, and there was no means of increasing its length. It must therefore have been obvious to those on board the ships that collision must ensue at any time the "Storborg" did not continue to make steady headway for the "Delco." Moreover strong westerly winds, perhaps hurricanes, were expected before they got to St. John's, to which port the "Delco" was bound to be taken. Plaintiff's counsel laid considerable emphasis on the risk of collision with icebergs, that risk was never very great during January unless fog, snow, or heavy rain were present. In such circumstances the "Storborg" would have been in the dilemma of making ample headway, or of being detained by the "Delco's" astern. By carefully handling of the "Storborg" she constantly watching the tow-line in order to prevent severance by being aided no doubt by watchful crews of the "Delco," this very dangerous salvage was finally accomplished. I was particularly impressed by the evidence of the two witnesses risk incurred by both ships, owing to wind or sea, the "Storborg" was unable to keep her course, but particularly when she had to about and the close proximity of the "Delco" made grave danger very imminent. Double watches both officers and men of the "Storborg" were necessary. Chafing of the tow-line was materially lessened by the use on board the "Storborg" of wire rope, which had to be shifted twice in every watch, without any material which the "Storborg" was able to supply the tow-line would probably have parted more than once before the arrival at St. John's. The

evidence shows that there was "bad weather nearly every day of the tow," "that there were storms and snow, thick snow, and fog and rain; that it was not snowing it was raining." The average speed during the tow was less than "three knots. The "Storborg" had not much more than two hundred tons of coal left when she reached port. The weight of the tow-rope must have drawn the ships into collision if the "Storborg's" engine had ceased to work for even five minutes.

Shipmasters should be encouraged by liberal awards to offer their services to ships in distress. In the present case the "Delco" might have drifted beyond the range of her wireless, and incurred the risk of foundering if very bad weather were met.

After careful consideration of modern authorities, which, after all, are fallacious guides because circumstances are seldom alike and full details are not always available, I conclude to award \$50,000 against the "Delco" her cargo and freight, with costs. I was not asked to apportion this amount between the plaintiffs; it will be apportioned according to the law of the country of the "Storborg's" domicile, but I should have assigned a liberal share to her master, officers and crew, whose skill and care were so well bestowed and whose risk and labours were so largely increased during the tow.

February, 1921.

## What a Shame

To put glasses on a child! Yes, but it is a greater shame to let the child suffer for early negligence. It is better that the child wear glasses during school life and protect the eyes for the future. Many can abandon the glasses after the eyes have grown stronger. H. B. Thomson, The Family Optician and Optometrist, 336 Duckworth Street, near Geo. Neal's.

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Newfoundland has lost HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

On every pound of sugar you buy, the Government are robbing you of 13 cents.

On each stone of sugar you pay \$2.80 to the Government. At the rate of one stone per week, THIS IS A TAX OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR ON SUGAR ALONE, WRUNG FROM YOU BECAUSE OF THE INCOMPETENCE, ARROGANCE AND DISHONESTY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FOOD CONTROL BOARD.

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## Serge Skirts.

3 dozen only medium weight Skirts, in Black and Navy; 38 to 40 inch length, 24 to 26 inch waist; smartly cut, finished with pockets, and bone buttons; high waist effect. Reg. \$8.25 each for . . . . . \$5.78

## Cloth Skirts.

Winter weight Skirts in Black and Navy Cloth; smart high waisted styles with fancy pockets and large buttons; sizes 36 to 40 inch length, 24 to 27 inch waist. Reg. \$9.50 each. Sale Price . . . . . \$6.33

## Children's Sleeping Suits

## Children's Sleepers.

Flette Sleepers to fit children of 4 to 12 years; striped designs in Pink, Blue and White; round neck, long sleeves and feet; one-piece suits. Reg. \$1.45 each for . . . . . \$1.16

## Infants' Feeders.

Made of White Cotton Towelling, taped ends. Reg. 35c. each for . . . . . 28c.

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ARMOUR'S SOAP AND TALCUM POWDER—Assorted perfumes. Special per box . . . . . 48c.  
COLGATE'S TOILET SOAP—8 cakes in a box. Special per box . . . . . 44c.  
INFANTS' DELIGHT TOILET SOAP—Special per cake . . . . . 14c.  
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Special each . . . . . 48c.

## Fancy Linens

## Tray Cloths.

White Linen, size 17 x 28; nicely hemmed and embroidered. Reg. \$1.20 each for . . . . . 96c.

## Bolster Cases.

White Cotton, size 17 x 52; extra fine quality, hemmed and buttoned ends. Reg. \$1.40 each for . . . . . \$1.12

## Sweat Towels.

Play Cotton, size 18 x 22; finished on edges with self fringe. Special, each . . . . . 10c.

## Flannelette Dusters.

Cream ground with red stripes; size 24 x 34; hemmed ready for use. Reg. 45c. each for . . . . . 37c.

## Pillow Cases.

White Cotton; size 17 x 28; plain taped ends. Regular 65c. each for . . . . . 53c.

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White Nottingham Lace of good quality; fancy floral and scroll designs; 2 1/2 yards long; hemmed edges. \$2.60 Reg. \$3.25 pair for . . . . . \$2.60

## Rubbers

## for Women and Children

WOMEN'S RUBBERS—Flat medium and high heels, wide or narrow toes; storm and low cut styles. Reg. \$1.08

CHILD'S RUBBERS—In White and Tan shades; wide toe, low heels; sizes 7 1/2 to 10. Reg. \$1.25 for . . . . . \$1.13

WOMEN'S BOOTS—Laced styles; Gun Metal Gait, Cuban heel; heavily built for present wear. Reg. \$7.75

pair for . . . . . \$6.40

## Hosiery Values

## Women's Hose.

20 dozen pairs Black Cashmere Hose, fashioned leg, seamless feet, spliced heels, soft finish. Reg. \$1.35

pair for . . . . . \$1.20

## Children's Hose.

All Wool Ribbed Cashmere; spliced heels and toes; seamless.

Size 4 . . . . . Reg. 85c. pair for . . . . . 75c.

Size 4 1/2 . . . . . Reg. 85c. pair for . . . . . 85c.

Size 5 . . . . . Reg. \$1.05 pair for . . . . . 92c.

Size 5 1/2 . . . . . Reg. \$1.15 pair for . . . . . \$1.02

Size 6 . . . . . Reg. \$1.25 pair for . . . . . \$1.10

Size 6 1/2 . . . . . Reg. \$1.35 pair for . . . . . \$1.20

Size 7 . . . . . Reg. \$1.45 pair for . . . . . \$1.30

Size 7 1/2 . . . . . Reg. \$1.55 pair for . . . . . \$1.40

## Doormats

Fine quality Coconut Doormats with Green or Red Wool Borders; 27 inches long. Reg. \$3.35

\$3.75 each for . . . . .

Are well worth your attention. An early personal visit is really necessary to fully appreciate them. Note these fine values for FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

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## Crepe De Chene Blouses.

In White and Flesh color; sizes 36 to 44; styles are varied, round and square neck with and without collars; some nicely finished with hemstitching. Reg. \$8.30 each for . . . . . \$5.60

## Jap Silk Blouses.

White only; smart new styles with Sailor collars, trimmed with Torchon Lace and Insertion; all sizes. Regular \$4.55

each for . . . . . \$3.65

## Black Silk Blouses.

Japanese Silk Shirt Waists; smart shaped collar and tucked fronts; all sizes.

Reg. \$4.00 each for . . . . . \$4.80

## Specials in Wet Weather Wear

## Women's Rainproof Coats

In assorted styles and colorings.

Reg. \$ 9.75 each. Sale Price \$ 7.31

Reg. \$11.50 each. Sale Price \$ 8.62

Reg. \$12.50 each. Sale Price \$10.12

Reg. \$15.50 each. Sale Price \$11.62

Reg. \$20.00 each. Sale Price \$15.00

Reg. \$25.00 each. Sale Price \$17.02

Reg. \$26.00 each. Sale Price \$19.54

Reg. \$30.00 each. Sale Price \$22.50

Reg. \$35.00 each. Sale Price \$26.25

Reg. \$50.00 each. Sale Price \$37.50

Various styles and colors. Reg. \$12.25 each for . . . . . \$10.08

## Women's Waterproof Capes.

Reg. \$15.00 each for . . . . . \$12.50

Reg. \$25.00 each for . . . . . \$18.75

Reg. \$35.00 each for . . . . . \$24.37

## Men's Raglans, Trench Coats

Smart English styles, loose back, patch pocket, check linings.

Reg. \$22.50 each. Sale Price \$18.00

Reg. \$25.50 each. Sale Price \$20.50

Reg. \$32.50 each. Sale Price \$26.50

Reg. \$35.50 each. Sale Price \$29.50

Reg. \$45.50 each. Sale Price \$34.50

## Men's Trench Coats.

Full belted, double breasted styles, large bone buttons; stout waterproofing materials; all sizes.

Reg. \$28.00 each. Sale Price \$23.40

Reg. \$30.00 each. Sale Price \$24.50

Reg. \$37.00 each. Sale Price \$29.60

Reg. \$39.50 each. Sale Price \$31.50

## Boys' Waterproof Coats

Fawn color; to fit boys of 12 and 13 years. Reg. \$8.50 each

for . . . . . \$3.50

## Boys' Mackintoshes.

Sizes to fit 11 to 14 years. Other prices are:—

Reg. \$13.50 each for . . . . . \$11.80

Reg. \$15.50 each for . . . . . \$13.20

## Misses' Waterproof Coats.

Length 27". Reg. \$8.25 ea. for \$6.18

Length 30". Reg. \$7.00 ea. for \$5.70

Length 33". Reg. \$5.00 ea. for \$4.00

Length 35". Reg. \$6.75 ea. for \$5.40

Length 36". Reg. \$8.40 ea. for \$6.50

Length 36". Reg. \$9.00 ea. for \$6.75

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Regular \$3.50 values for . . . . . \$2.35

Regular \$3.75 and \$4.00 values for . . . . . \$3.25

## Striped Percal Shirts

Fancy striped designs on white ground, each finished with attached collar; sizes 14 to 16 1/2. Regular \$3.25 each

for . . . . . \$1.75

## White Neglige Shirts

Plain White Madras, Percal or Batiste Shirts; soft fronts and cuffs.

Regular \$2.00 each for . . . . . \$1.25

Regular \$3.85 and \$4.20 values for . . . . . \$2.50

## Men's All Wool Socks

In Heather mixtures, "Two Steeples" brand; sizes 10, 10 1/2 and 11 inch; seamless heels and toes; colors guaranteed. Regular \$1.35 pair for . . . . . 95c

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Light weight, all Wool; assorted colors. Regular \$1.80 pair for . . . . . \$1.35

## New Felt Hats for Men

7 dozen only superior grade of Felt Hats, new shapes for spring wear; colors of Brown, Green, Black, &c.; sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2. Regular \$6.50

each for . . . . . \$4.25

## Men's Golf Caps.

English tailored Caps in Mixed Tweeds, Brown and Grey; silk lined; sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2. Regular \$6.50

\$5.25 each for . . . . . \$4.20

## Men's Fabric Gloves.

A lightweight Glove for Spring wear; colors of Chamis, Grey, Brown and Black; one dome fastener. Reg. \$1.30 pair for . . . . . \$1.04

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Best English make, superior webbing and leather ends. Reg. 95c. pr.

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White Jersey ribbed; sizes 40 to 44 inch round neck; short sleeves, ankle length. Regular \$2.20 each

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Medium sizes, open styles; band at waist, embroidered trim at knee. Reg. \$1.80 pair for . . . . . \$1.45

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Colored Cotton Aprons in light and dark shades, without bibs. Reg. 72c.

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