

Many Sad Scenes Marked the Arrival of The Big Ship With Her Awful Freight of Smitten Humanity.

BELLAVENTURE REACHES PORT WITH SURVIVORS AND THE DEAD

Joy and Grief Strangely Intermingle as the Living are Welcomed and the Dead Bitterly Mourned.

SIXTY-NINE BODIES PUT ASHORE AND TAKEN TO SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE FOR PREPARATION FOR INTERMENT

The Dead Were Piled High on One of the Hatches of the Sealer Bellaventure.

QUICKLY TRANSPORTED TO MORTUARY CHAMBER.

Every Respect Paid to the Mortal Remains of the Unfortunate Sealers.

Seldom indeed has St. John's City seen such a gathering of people as that which thronged the Eastern Water Street waiting patiently for the Bellaventure to arrive.

As soon as the ship was tied up to the wharf scores of visitors clambered on board, being mainly officials charged with landing the sick and the dead and also sealers who had reached port but a couple of hours previously in the Beothic.

Pathetic Scenes

There was many a pathetic scene as friend clasped the hand of friend. Strong men wept tears of joy and murmured broken words of thanks to the Providence that had brought them safely through a terrible ordeal.

Without fuss, without noise, without delay, the Ambulance workers got busy and soon the sufferers were transferred to the Institute and the Hospital for treatment.

Then began the sad and gruesome task of conveying the dead on shore. Body by body the poor victims were removed to the Mortuary Chamber in the Institute.

Having berthed the steamer and reported to Mr. Gerald Harvey and Hon. John Harvey, the captain very kindly and satisfactorily gave an interview to the press representatives.

Commenced Tuesday The blizzard which wrought such terrible havoc to the Newfoundland's crew commenced on Tuesday morning with a light fall of snow.

The Bellaventure had her men out after a patch of old seals. No ships were in sight then. The seals were driven off and the men were called in. Had there been seals around it was not too stormy for the men to work.

The glass in the morning did not indicate a storm was brewing. At 3 p.m. the storm came on severely, the wind starting from the South East or E. S. E. veering to the South at night.

The weather was mild, a little wet snow falling but not very wet. There was no rain.

At 9 that night it became worse and increased in violence as midnight approached.

Wind Veered

Early Wednesday morning the wind went round to the North with keen frost and drifts. The thermometer was not down to zero, however.

The blizzard raged until 2 p.m. Wednesday, when it cleared. Up to that hour it would be impossible for men on the ice to see a ship or vice versa. The drift was low and prevented one seeing any distance. The Bellaventure had her men out all day but the ice was too thick to clear.

At that time Captain Randall was not aware that there were any men astray.

When the storm came severe Tuesday afternoon, Captain Wes Kean, of the Newfoundland, had his men out, as did also the Bellaventure, Stephano and Florizel, but the Newfoundland's men were further away from their ship. The Newfoundland signalled them to return but they could not see the signal, and when they did not return Captain Wes thought they had boarded his father's steamer the Stephano.

Saw the Men

Capt. A. Kean saw the Newfoundland's men when the storm came on, as they were working between his ship and their own.

When the blizzard sprang up the Stephano turned round to pick up her own crew and her commander naturally was under the impression that the Newfoundland's men had returned to their ship.

Captain Randall had seen the Newfoundland at daylight Tuesday about nine or ten miles distant, but did not sight her later that day.

Early Wednesday the Bellaventure steamed away 20 miles, but later got a message from the Bonaventure that the Stephano had struck a patch of seals and was doing well, so he hurried back and put out his men.

During Tuesday evening's storm some of the Stephano's men went adrift and the ship could not find them. In the meantime the Florizel

had picked them up, but the Stephano was still searching for them.

Many On The Ice

Altogether that Tuesday there must have been eight or nine hundred men on the ice, as the Stephano, Florizel, Bellaventure, Bonaventure and Newfoundland were in the neighborhood.

Captain Randall said that the Stephano went towards the Newfoundland's men and steamed a mile to where he thought they would be if they were hoping to board the Stephano for shelter in stead of going to their own vessel.

Captain Randall says that Captain A. Kean figured out the Newfoundland's men would endeavor to reach his ship as their own was too far away. Capt. Kean kept his whistle blowing all night, hoping to attract any who might have strayed away. He then came to the conclusion that the Newfoundland's men had gone to their own ship.

Wednesday the ice was open. It was heavy in places and the snow covered the water. The steamers could hardly move and it was dangerous for men to walk as they might tread on the snow and go down.

All day Wednesday the Bellaventure had no idea that anything was wrong. At 5 a.m. Thursday the Bellaventure got under way and steamed to where the Newfoundland was the day before, but without the slightest knowledge that the men were adrift. The barrel man while spying around sighted six men on the ice alive and reported to the captain that two were coming towards the Bellaventure, and Captain Randall concluded that they had been out all night.

Then the man in the barrel said that the foremost man was stumbling along. The Bellaventure then headed towards him, but the ice was so tight that the ship could make very little progress. The captain said he never saw the ice tighter. The steamer could not get within five miles of the man, so some of the Bellaventure's men went out to meet him.

He reached the ship by the aid of the others and when he got on board he collapsed.

One Hundred Out

He reported that 100 men had been out since Tuesday, and that forty or fifty were dead on a pan.

Captain Randall then displayed his noble and sympathetic character. He ordered every one of his crew out to the eastward where the stragglers were supposed to be, to search for the poor fellows.

Then a second of the Newfoundland's men was assisted on board. Shortly after some of the Bellaventure's men returned and reported that they had located the large party of

the dead and dying. Captain Randall at once supplied the search parties with spirits, blankets and stretchers. Fires were lighted, gaffs and even hauling ropes were burned near the frozen men to give them some warmth.

The Bellaventure could not get within four miles of the sufferers until 4 p.m.

All Except Two

The Bellaventure took on board all the men excepting two, and one of the pair was taken on board the Stephano. The Bellaventure's men went for him, but the Stephano was nearer and he was taken on board that ship first and later transferred to the Bellaventure.

The Stephano first, learned of the disaster on Thursday morning at 8. Captain Randall cannot say if some of the Newfoundland's men first boarded the Stephano or vice versa.

The Bellaventure's barrel man saw the castaways soon after daylight Thursday. Captain Randall thought they were from the Newfoundland and when his attention was attracted to them remarked that he had them out early, but then noticed that they were not working, in fact only two were moving.

The suffering were assisted on board and the dead were also carried to the ship.

Big Gathering

Judging from appearances the entire city has assembled near the premises of the King George the V. Seamen's Institute to witness the transferring of the bodies from the sealer Bellaventure to the various compartments of the spacious building.

The whole locality was patrolled by the local Constabulary, the Legion of Frontiersmen, C.L.B., M.G.B., C.C.C. and Highlanders.

In readiness were the different divisions of the St. John Ambulance, under the direction of Dr. C. Macpherson, who immediately on arrival of the ship, despatched them to their various places.

The C.L.B. Ambulance Company No. 1, under command of Ambulance Staff Sergt. Reeves, accompanied by Drs. Pritchard and Capt. N. Alderidge, attending to the work of landing the sufferers and dead from the ship. The members of the Calypso also rendered valuable aid in this direction.

Willing Keepers

The patients were taken and placed on the elevator, were taken to the top story of the building, where rooms were in waiting for them.

The Nurses of the General Hospital were in attendance and proved themselves capable attendants. Going through the spacious hall, adjoining the bedrooms, one could hear in sympathetic tones: "Is there anything you want? A drink of cold water or some beef tea?"

Heartrending Scene

The scene is indeed a heartrending one and won't be forgotten for years to come.

By the courtesy of one of these faithful Nurses we had the privilege of an interview with one young man, who gave his name as Simon Trask, son of Job Trask, of Elliston, whose hands were very severely frostbitten and

who related to us the following story: "We left our ship at 7 a.m. on Tuesday morning and, on the hunt for seals, travelled out of sight of the ship. We left, the whole ship's company, but about twenty-nine returned to the ship.

"At twelve o'clock the storm sprang up, and before it was possible for us to return we were unable to find our way so dense and blinding was the storm. Thirteen of my comrades from Elliston, but one, shared in the hardships, he being a cook, and only four of the number survived the storm."

Found Unconscious

"I was found on Wednesday evening unconscious on the frozen pans. My clothing and boots having to be cut from my body. As far as I can say I was taken aboard ship and given restoratives.

"I am very grateful," he says, "to the doctor of the Stephano, whom I can safely say saved my life as well as the rest of those who are now surviving. I am thankful that I escaped so easy, and regret very much the death of my comrades.

"Fifteen members of the crew who are suffering very severely from the effects of their experience than the others, were taken to the General Hospital immediately on the arrival of the steamer, where every aid will be rendered to relieve their sufferings.

Twenty-eight were taken to the Seamen's Institute, one of whom is in a pretty precarious condition—Thomas Shepherd, of Catalina, who, Sister Forsey of the Hospital intimated to us was probably suffering from pneumonia.

Grotesque Scenes

The Institute is a gruesome scene and one which we sincerely trust will never again be witnessed in this County.

There are sixty-nine souls laying cold in death—a picture almost too horrible to realize. Some of these victims are frozen in exactly the positions in which they fell, and are not a pleasing sight to the eye.

Each body will be taken to the basement where they will be washed and dressed and finally placed in a coffin, which lies waiting in the gymnasium of the building.

Clergymen of all denominations were present and attended the sick rooms of the unfortunate ones, offering words of cheer and praise to them for their pluck and courage and the brave way in which they fought against death.

Prominent citizens and officials were also there and all are doing the most they possibly can to relieve the suffering in the hour of their distress.

Mr. Jones, Manager of the Institute, is and has been a busy man for the past three days, and through his courtesy we were able to gain much of the information we are now publishing for the benefit of the public in general. The large hall, where entertainments are usually held is laid out for the laying of the dead bodies. White sheets being used to cover the whole table space.

Admission to the Institute was only obtainable on passes issued by those responsible for the proper carrying out of the work of the different

classes and professions necessary to do same justice. Every member of the Ambulance Corps worked with a will and their work was criticised favorably by all. We have heard on various occasions condemnation of this work, but it only in such cases as the present tragedy that the benefits derived from same are to be seen and appreciated.

First to the Rescue

"I was the first of the Bellaventure's men to get out on the ice, when we found out that disaster had overtaken the Newfoundland's men," said A. Crowley of Pouch Cove. "John Wall was with me and we discovered the first of the bodies.

"It was a terrible sight to behold. Men sprawled about on the ice in all positions. Across one another and side by side they lay. Good God! I hope never to see such a sight again."

Mr. Crowley said that the first man he saw was an old chum of his and a native of Pouch Cove and he was absolutely lifeless.

"I went on further," he said, "and found a young fellow who was almost dead. I had to prise open his jaws with my pocket knife and put some warm food in his mouth. He was blue and almost senseless but I lugged him aboard and he's getting on fine now."

Forty-Three on Three Pans

The fearful spectacle that met the eyes of the rescue crews from the Bellaventure may be judged from the fact that forty-three men were picked up from three pans and all within close proximity to the ship. The remainder of the dead were found scattered widely apart all over the floes.

The story told by Thomas Groves, Hugh Moulard, Arthur Abbott and Alfred Hayward of Bonavista is a terrible one.

They left the Newfoundland with others on Tuesday morning at seven o'clock and tramped till eleven when they boarded the Stephano and had a mug-up.

Left Stephano

They left the ship again about noon and shortly afterward the storm set in from the South East with clammy, numbing, drowsy snow. Just before dark the men camped behind a pinnacle of ice which afforded them some slight shelter and there they were forced to remain till morning. One of their number succumbed to the exposure just before morning and then when the wind chopped to the North West on Wednesday fatalities happened in quick succession.

Some of the men fairly went insane, shouted and brandished their sheath knives. Others dropped off into a drowsy state and died as quietly as if they were falling asleep.

Some of the poor fellows went wildly delirious and beat their faces on the ice so badly that their bodies are now almost unrecognisable.

Others again muttered prayers until the icy clutch of death silenced them forever.

Wildly Delirious

"Some of them," said Mr. Groves to The Mail, "called for their wives, their children and other loved ones. It was

COMPLETE LIST OF THE SURVIVORS ON THE BELLAVENTURE

- S. Trask ... Elliston
W. Collins ... Newtown
R. Moulard ... Fogo District
T. Dawson ... Bay Roberts
J. Keels ... Bonavista
B. Percy ... New Perlican
W. Lunnidran ... Peter's River
W. Conway ... Turk's Cove
C. Martin ... Bonavista
H. Moulard ...
J. Fisher ...
J. Evans ...
W. Cuff ... Fogo
H. Moulard ... Bonavista
J. Howlett ... Bay Bulls' Road
S. Andrews ... Bonavista
H. Kelloway ... Bay de Verde
M. Tobin ... Bonavista
S. Street ...
T. Ryan ... Turk's Cove
Cecil Moulard ... Fogo
P. Abbott ... Fogo
Jesse Collins ... New Harbor
Cecil Tiller ... Bonavista
Fred Hunt ... Wesleyville
A. Hayward ... Bonavista
T. Templeman ...
Philip Templeman ...
Hedley Payn ...
R. Hicks ... Fogo
Arthur Abbott ... Bonavista
T. Groves ... Bonavista
Jaco Dalton ... Catalina
J. Donovan ... Petty Hr. Road
Thos. Moulard ... Bonavista
J. Hiscock ... Carbonear
B. Leary ... Carbonear
R. McCarthy ... Carbonear
S. Jones ... Newtown
Thomas Sheppard is from Stephano. He is suffering from pneumonia.
Messrs. Collins and Keels are seriously ill and were landed from the steamer first.
Mr. Smith of the Bellaventure and Dr. Wallis of the Stephano, who transferred to the Bellaventure, looked after the sick while on the Bellaventure.
At 8.30 to-night The Daily Mail visited the death chamber at the Seamen's Institute. The sight was a terrible one.
There were rows of frozen bodies everywhere. Some had outstretched arms as if appealing for help. Some had legs drawn up as if in fearful agony.
From one the doctors removed the swollen mits, while another had his Nansen Cup frozen to his flesh.
One one cot rested the form of a strapping young fellow just blooming into manhood. Next to him was one who had passed the middle age with probably a young family awaiting his return.
The eyes of one were wide open; an other had his goggles frozen to his face.
Oh! what they must have suffered. It is terrible to think of. Never did we gaze on such a fearful sight, and it is little wonder that some of the spectators were overcome.

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The Daily Mail Sporting Section News Of Sport At Home And Abroad. GOLFER SERVES TELLS OF REMARKABLE GAME Says Don't Have Local Rules On Your Course. D. C. Servos, the well known professional golfer author of "Practical Instruction in Golf," when interviewed at Toronto last week, said: "Golf was never so prosperous as at the present day. Men, women and children are all in it. Take the business man. He knows that his health depends on exercise in the open air and every day he tries to get in at least one round, or a few hours' practice. "Practice is a great thing in golf. The Americans devote more time to learning the game than do Canadians. Everyone in Canada seems to learn how. This is a great mistake and is responsible for the higher standard of golf in the United States. "Many of the clubs have local rules

looked at him in astonishment. "How looked at him in astonishment. "How's that?" I asked, thinking he had made a mistake or was trying to jolly me. "Well, Mr. Servos, you see it is this way: We have a local rule at this hole that you can play as many shots as you want until you get on the green, none counting except the one that stays up." I may say out of respect to a club that originated such a mode of playing golf that I conceded him the hole; and I may add it was the only hole he won on the round, but he seemed mighty pleased at that. "Don't have local rules on your course unless it is absolutely unavoidable," said Mr. Servos. F. A. MEWS, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR and NOTARY. ADDRESS: Law Chambers Building, Duckworth Street, St. John's, N.F. (Offices opposite Crosbie Hotel.)

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