

Disabled Ship Reaches Port.

CRAIGNESS REACHES PORT.
The Craigness, bound from Middlesex, England, to New York, with 1,500 tons pig iron and several tons general cargo, was towed to port yesterday in a badly battered condition. The Craigness, left the other side 14 days ago. Fairly severe weather was met during the last six days out, but since that time the vessel has been battling for their lives against the elements. A week ago the trouble began, when an extremely heavy sea boarded the ship and when she came through it the steering gear was smashed and the ship was left at the mercy of the sea. The crew, which at that particular time was very holtered, Capt. Stellar was not daunted, however, and immediately set about to rig up the steering gear. Wire hawsers were attached to the winches and got into the water and by this means the ship was able to land. Time and again these hawsers broke, causing much trouble. The weather was very rough and the sea was very high. The first time in his experience Capt. Stellar saw the sea filling the crow's nest. Considerable damage was done about deck by the sea and some thirty feet of the hull were carried away. The steam pipes connecting the engine to the boiler were smashed, while the boiler and firemen were washed overboard. For five days the crew lived in the stokehold. The steering gear gave way and it was seen that temporary repairs could not be effected. It was decided to put up for here.

CARGO SHIFTED.
Due to the troubles, the cargo was shifted, throwing the vessel to the starboard, at a very dangerous angle so threatening to send the ship and her crew to bottom. For twenty-four hours the crew had to work in the holds, endeavoring to get the ship back on even keel. Some 400 tons of cargo were pumped into the port ballast and even then the ship had list.

ASSISTANCE SENT.
Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, a tug was sent 20 miles S.W. of here when she wired her agents Messrs. Harvey & Co., asking assistance. The Company arranged to send the tugs John Green, Capt. D., and the tugs left port having in tow the pilot boat. Mr. J. Walsh of Harvey's, also sent by the Hugh D. The Craigness, about 15 miles off port, headed to again have repairs effected on the steering gear. By means of the tugs located the disabled ship about ten miles off the harbor. The couple of hours that were spent in repairing the steering gear, about midnight a line was placed from the John Green. The tow was had scarcely begun, when the weather became thick, the wind shifted from the S.W. and the tugs to slip the tow line while the John Green headed to sea for the night. The Green stood by in the night, while the Hugh D. remained to port with the pilot boat. Mr. Malone on board the steamer, with flashlight the wind veered to the S.W. and at 8 p.m. the ship was picked up by the John Green. The tug and Moulton and at noon they and fatigued mariners were anchored in port.

SECOND MATE INJURED.
While repairing the broken steering gear on Saturday night off Cape St. John, the second mate has his leg mangled and bruised, and he is in much pain. On the ship's surgeon he was attended by Dr. Campbell.

The Craigness was formerly the steamer Schwaben and is owned by Sir Wallace Reardon Smith. She is 5098 tons gross, built in Germany, and was built in Germany in 1906. Capt. Stellar, his official crew, are to be congratulated on the splendid seamanship which they displayed in getting the ship safely to port.

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