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The Toll of The Sea.

Gloucester's Memorial Service For Those Who do Not Return.

The annual memorial service for fishermen lost at sea was held at Gloucester, Mass., on Sunday, August 15th, and the beautiful ceremony of strewing flowers upon the water as a tribute to those who died in Gloucester's fisheries was carried out after the memorial service.

Gloucester's tribute to her lost fishermen has become famous throughout the world, and one of the most impressive passages in modern literature is Rudyard Kipling's description of the service in his "Captain's Courageous."

The roll of the dead for the year 1919 is twenty-three men, and of this number seventeen were natives of Nova Scotia, two were Newfoundlanders, two were natives of France, one Portuguese from the Azores, and one native-born American completed the tally of those who lost their lives or died while prosecuting the fisheries out of Gloucester.

Gloucester's roll of the dead invariably strikes home in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland more than it does in Gloucester itself. The men who man the Gloucester fleets are largely Canadians and Newfoundlanders, but it is pleasing to know that Gloucester's citizens pay their impressive and beautiful tribute to the fishermen lost from her port, irrespective of their nationality.

There is something indescribably sad in losing a shipmate through the perils of the sea. The suddenness of their going out into the Great Beyond makes realization of their loss difficult and the empty bunk, the vacant place at table, the flag at half-mast, and the dory without a crew all have a tragic significance to the others.

"Astray in the dory" takes a yearly toll, and is probably the most appalling of all fishermen losses. The victims leave the vessel in the bustle of "swinging 'em over" and pull off to their fishing berth with cheerful chaff and banter. Fog or sudden squalls come down and they fail to return. Hour after hour, the vessel combs the sea looking for the lost dory until at last the shipper reluctantly admits what he fears: "It's no use. They're gone." Gone! Aye, slipped out quietly, but no one dare imagine how they died!

Just as dreadful in another sense is the toll of strenuous action, when, in a reefing or furling job a man is swept overboard and drowned. Clad in heavy boots and oil-skins, the victim, washed from the mainboom footropes or off the exposed quarter by a boarding comber, has but little chance, and generally goes down ere his shipmates can swing a dory over to save him. In this case, the tragedy is visible and possibly less poignant

than the quiet slipping away and never returning. Imagination conjures terrors in an unknown and unseen end.

The driving stem of the steamer crossing the Banks still remains a menace to the fishermen, and in 1919 six Canadians went to their last harbor through their vessel being run down and sunk. In this case, death came hurrying out of the mist and ere the schooner's crew had time to even realize what had happened, they were struggling for life in the chill waters off Sable Island while their vessel was being ground to splinters under the bows of a large liner. Two brothers, one the skipper, and fine fellows both, went "West" together that time, and the writer, penning this tribute voices his regrets in a personal way, having lived and worked in company with them during strenuous days at sea some years ago.

The grim reaper takes his toll in many ways, but invariably he plucks his victims suddenly and without warning. Maybe it is better thus, and theirs as a splendid glory in passing out with boots and oil-skins on in the flush of life, and finding a last resting place in the clear green depths upon which they lived and toiled. No headstones mark their graves, but the flowers cast upon the sea by the mourners in Gloucester are laid upon the mighty burial ground of the ocean and perchance a friendly drift may carry the blossoms to where they lie. Who knows? It is a pleasing fancy. The list of the dead is as follows:—

Patrick F. Murphy, 35 years old, single, native of Windsor Lake, Nfld., one of the crew of schr. Christine Cox, drowned in dock January 28.

Stephen McLean, 74 years old, widower, native of Guysboro, N.S., died at the Chelsea Marine hospital, February 15.

Lawrence Chevette, 54 years old, native of France, single, died at sea on board schr. Morning Star, March 17.

Jose Pedro dos Santos, 34 years old, native of Western Islands, single, one of the crew of schr. Flora I. Oliver, washed from the mainboom off Seal Island, N.S., April 17.

Frank Depaquar, 30 years old, native of France, one of the crew of schr. Catherine C., fell overboard in Gloucester harbor May 19, left widow and two children.

Lee Parish, 53 years old, native of Maine, single, one of the crew of schr. Helen B. Thomas, died on board the vessel off Provincetown, June 28.

Capt. Percy Ross, 30 years old, native of Digby, N.S., left widow; Ainsley Ross, 27 years old, native of Digby, N.S.; James Gardner, 50 years old, native of Argyle Sound, N.S., widower; Thomas Meuse, 42 years old, native of Belleville, N.S., left widow and eight children; Fred Fitzgerald, 25 years old, native of Comeau's Hill, N.S., single, and Joseph Harris, 28 years old, native of Comeau's Hill, N.S., left widow and three children, part of the crew of schr. Francis A., drowned by the vessel being run down by the steamer Lord Downshire off Sable Island, August 23.

Walter Brown, 28 years old, native of Nova Scotia, single, and Edmund Muise, 32 years old, native of Belleville, N.S., single, two of the crew of schr. Ethel B. Penney, went astray in

their dory in a squall in South Channel, October 23.

Thomas Scott, 35 years old, native of Nova Scotia, single, one of the crew of schr. Athena, went astray in his dory in a squall in South Channel, October 23.

Fred Richards, 32 years old, native of Nova Scotia, single, Elsie Muise, 27 years old, native of Nova Scotia, single, Moses Sarette, 26 years old, native of Yarmouth, N.S., single, and Henry Merchant, 25 years old, native of New Bedford, left family, killed by an explosion of the boat Gleaner in New York Harbor, November 7.

Simon Goodwin, 50 years old, native of Goldsboro, N.S., left widow and six children, one of the crew of scar. Bay State, dropped dead of heart failure on Western Bank, December 16.

Howard Penney, 42 years old, native of Nova Scotia, left widow and three children, and John H. Ernst, 55 years old, native of Nova Scotia, left widow and four children, two of the crew of schr. Benjamin A. Smith, went astray in their dory in a fog off Liscomb, N.S., December 17.

John A. Simms, 21 years old, native of Newfoundland, single, one of the crew of schr. Elk, accidentally killed on board the vessel in Boston harbor, December 26.—The Canadian Fisherman.

Effects of Coal Strike.

British industry will be paralysed if the threatened coal miners' strike is not averted, and there seems little chance that it will be. Nearly a million and a quarter miners will cease labor and by doing so will force hundreds of thousands of other workers into idleness. An estimate of the number of workers in some of the industries that would be thrown out of employment gives the following figures: In the first week of the strike—chemical industry, 50,000, cotton industry, 225,000, subsidiary cotton trades, 75,000; in the second week—shipbuilding industry, 300,000, silver-smiths' trade, 6,000, cotton industry, an additional 225,000, and subsidiary cotton trades, 75,000; in the third week—engineering works, 45,000, brassfounders, 24,000, motor works, 80,000, machine tool shops, 40,000, cable makers, 30,000, explosive trades, 30,000, boot and shoe trade, 87,000, seaman, 35,000, dock and riverside labor, 109,000. The total, including the miners themselves, is 2,643,000. Many other trades and industries would be less seriously affected and it is probable that the coal strike would throw upwards of three million persons out of work. There is some relief, perhaps, to learn that Mr. Robert Smille, president of the British Miners' Federation has denied asking Canadian workers to join in the strike.—Sydney Post.

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Household Notes.

Spinach molded in jelly makes an excellent salad.
Whenever possible, make gravy; it saves butter.
An excellent idea is to buy your soap by weight.
Always cut the buttons off the discarded garment.
Woolen clothing should be sunned and aired frequently.
Save macaroni, rice and vegetable water for soups.
Can fruit and vegetables as soon as possible after picking.
Flour and cereals should be kept in mouseproof containers.
Serve alligator pears with lima juice dressing. Excellent.
It is said that stuffing destroys the true flavor of poultry.
Even the smallest kind of fat should be saved and clarified.
Creamed dried carrots are attractive served in turnip cups.
Keep a pan in your warming oven for drying scraps of bread.
For stewing use small fat oysters; for frying, use larger ones.
Mayonnaise is the suitable dressing for a luncheon or party salad.
It is economy to save the paraffin from your jelly from year to year.
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