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"Out of the Jaws of Death!"

American Schooner Wm. R. Houston Lost One Hundred and Thirty-Five Miles S. S. E. of Sable Island—Crew of Seven Were Picked Up by the Barq. Ada Peard, After Being Six and a Half Hours Drifting About in a Row Boat—Awful Experience of Shipwrecked Men Who Suffered Great Hardships.

Fighting for their lives for six hours and a half in an open boat in the height of a north west hurricane and blinding snowstorm, buffeted by the merciless billows of the perilous ocean and expecting any moment to be sent to "Davy Jones' locker," such was the terrible experience of seven American seamen, comprising the crew of the ill-fated schooner William R. Houston, who were rescued by the barquentine Ada Peard and brought into this port Saturday night.

The shipwrecked crew put up at the King George the Fifth Institute where a Telegram representative interviewed them.

STORY OF THE VOYAGE.

The Houston was chartered by a Boston concern and left Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in ballast on Thursday, March 25th, bound for Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, for a cargo of lumber. After being a few hours at sea, a strong southerly gale came on accompanied by torrents of rain, and the following day the vessel put into Rockland, Maine, for shelter. Five hours later the weather moderated. The wind shifted to west and the voyage was resumed, but ere long the wind changed to N. W. and blew with great force. The weather began to get thick and snowing and soon a blizzard was in progress. "That was on Saturday, March 27th," said Capt. Thebideau, "and from then until when we were picked up a succession of storms with but little interruption was encountered." On Sunday, March 28th, the N. W. gale reached the velocity of a hurricane. The seas were running mountains high. The vessel was holed to, but, being light in ballast, was knocked about like a match. Constantly she was buried by the huge waves and those on board used to think that they would never survive. On Monday, March 29th, there was a slight lull in the storm and the hearts of the crew became gladdened, but their hopes again turned to despair on the approach of another gale from the N. W., as heavy as the previous ones. This was on Tuesday, March 30th. Heavy seas continued to sweep over the vessel, flooding the fore-cabin and cabin. Early Wednesday morning there was another abatement in the elements, only to witness the ushering in of a gale from the S.E., accompanied by another blinding snow storm and gave the vessel a bad drubbing. Again the wind veered to the N. W. and raged with violence and in fact more severe than ever, and the vessel was struck under the stern by the elements and almost thrown out on her beam ends while everything moveable about decks was carried away by the tremendous seas. Still Capt. Thebideau managed to keep his storm-tossed craft afloat and kept her head-on to the gale under bare poles. That was on Thursday, April 1st, and to make matters worse the vessel sprung a leak and water began to gain rapid access to the holds and other parts of her. One steam wrecking pump and two hand pumps were kept going to keep her free. The crew, though they had no sleep and very little food for a whole week, took short wathees at the pumps and worked with all their might fearing they would go under. They succeeded in coping with the rush of water for over sixty hours, after which they became exhausted and could hold out no longer. Some of the crew had to give up completely as they were so far worn out.

"It was about 10.30 on Easter Sunday night, April 4th," said Captain Thebideau, "that the leak got the best of us." The schooner began to fill with water and gradually sink. She

was dipping forward quickly and the spars and jibboom were cut away and anchors unshackled and let go so as to put the schr. on an even keel. It was an anxious time for the crew as there was no other vessel in sight to come and relieve them from their perilous predicament. All night was spent standing on the deck of the craft, all hands on board keeping a vigilant look out for assistance.

The day before the leak was discovered several steamers were seen passing, but at that time Capt. Thebideau did not think it necessary to signal for aid.

VESSEL SINKS.

At 10 o'clock on the morning of Monday last, April 5th, about 135 miles S. S. E. of Sable Island, in latitude 32.34 N. and longitude 67.40 W., the vessel settled down and sank, the crew barely having time to escape in a boat, and only saved what clothes they stood in. Fortunately they brought with them some bread, biscuits, canned meat and a small supply of fresh water. With nothing to comfort those seven men but the raging billows for six and a half long weary hours is a circumstance difficult to believe, while the hardships and exposure they endured seems almost incredible. Notwithstanding what they had suffered these poor fellows went through a terrible ordeal while in that fifteen-foot life boat. There was a heavy N. W. gale raging, furious snow squalls, an intensely cold atmosphere while the waves continually buried the little craft and its occupants from view. Occasionally the life boat was threatened with disaster and the men thought that their doom was surely sealed, but the boat had motor power on board and this helped to keep her head towards the seas and possibly accounted for her surviving so long.

Part of the crew were getting despondent in the life boat and every second seemed as long as a week, they were suffering from frostbitten hands, faces, ears and feet, as their clothes which were saturated from the seas were frozen to their bodies. At last Capt. Thebideau observed a vessel in the distance, and which proved to be the barquentine Ada Peard, Capt. Slade, bound from Barbados to St. John's, molasses laden.

TO THE RESCUE.
The Ada Peard was bearing S. W. and saw the distress flag that was stuck up in the stern of the life boat. It was then about 4.30 p.m. The barquentine came along, until getting near the life boat and then clewed up his fore-tails and guernseys in order to stop. The shipwrecked men were taken on board the Ada Peard on the starboard side. They were not far from gone and certainly would not have held out much longer. The cook of the ill-fated schr. had to be tied up with ropes and hoisted on board the rescuing vessel where the men were given dry clothing and plenty to eat. An effort was made to hoist aboard their yawl but without success, as the Ada Peard's davits gave way. A second attempt was not made, as it was no use. "There was nothing of much account happened after that," continued Capt. Thebideau, "except that on Friday last the Ada Peard rounded Cape Race and was driven back by strong wind and sea, not recovering herself until the next day when she came along alright to port."

The shipwrecked Americans speak in glowing terms of the hospitable treatment given them by Capt. Slade and crew of the Ada Peard. Such kindness in their hours of distress was a great comfort to them, and Capt. Thebideau and crew will never forget it. American Consul Benedict has interested himself and will see to the transportation of the shipwrecked men.

NOT INSURED.
The ill-fated William R. Houston was built in 1874 and was owned by the captain's wife, whom he left home in Fall River, Massachusetts, and not a single cent of insurance was carried on the vessel. The loss to Mrs. Thebideau and to the captain who lost practically all his belongings, including his nautical instruments, will be great.

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I have heard you say That we shall see and know our friends in Heaven; If that be true, I shall see my boy again. —Shakespeare.

"THE LADY WITH THE LAMP."

Statue of Florence Nightingale, has been unveiled without ceremonial, in Waterloo-Place, London. The statue stands high on a red and grey granite pedestal, and makes a notable and an appropriate addition to Waterloo-Place. By its side, fully harmonizing with it in general outline, is that of Sidney Herbert. The effective background for both is the Crimean memorial. The sculptor portrayed his subject in a sympathetic pose, standing in the voluminous skirt of the early Victorian period, with the lamp borne in the right hand. This statue of "The Lady with the Lamp" is the first public statue of a woman in London other than those of Royal ladies.

"The Other Girl."

The Crescent Picture Palace presents an attractive programme today the headline is a great Essanay drama in two reels: "The Other Girl," a film of heart interest and perfect photograph.

"The Signal" is a stirring drama enacted in the wild and woolly west. "The Puritan" is a classy social drama, and "The Boys of the I. O. U." is a corking comedy with all the Vitagraph stars. Go to the Crescent today and see this fine programme; perfect ventilation, good music and singing.

Change of Steamers.

The Sagona which has been plying on Cabot Strait in conjunction with the Kyle during the past few weeks will now take up the south coast route, replacing the Meigle, which upon arrival at Port aux Basques will come here direct for a general overhaul.

The Sagona will continue in the south coast service until the Glenora is ready to resume her regular route.

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From a Naval Reservist in England

Liverpool, March 17th, '15.
Dear Friend,—Just a few words to you in answer to your letter which I received from you. I was more than pleased to receive them because I hardly knew what to think of it, but yesterday I received three from you and one from my sister Maud. I also received one from you when I was at Lockeve and two from my father. I have good hopes of seeing this through, although three of our ships have passed beneath the waves and most of their crews; no doubt it must be nearly a hundred gone from our island now, but we must not think of that.

We are in port now for a few days but it is unknown how long we will stay, because if it is known our enemy will be watching out for us, and I for one would like to live a little longer, and think there are lots like me. It must be over a month now since I wrote you, but while we were at Lockeve it was impossible to do so. I cannot tell you anything now but when I come home, I will tell you all.

We have it very comfortable on board of our ship; there are twenty-eight of us Newfoundlanders on board and they are a great crowd of lads. We mean to do our duty for King and Country and wipe the Germans off the sea; so cheer up as they are sure to go under.

I am delighted you hear from my people, because it will break the monotony somewhat.
When you write tell me if you received a card of the ship we went over on and let me know all particulars, as I just love to hear from dear old Newfoundland.

Remember me to all my friends and tell them that I am well and expect to be home soon.
I must now close, with love to you and all at home.
I remain, yours faithfully,
WILLIAM MANUEL,
H.M.S. Orapesa,
Care G.P.O., London, England.

Boys of the Second Contingent.

On Screen at Rossley's.
Those who have friends in the Second Contingent can see them just as plainly as though they were there. We all flock to see strangers, people we don't know or will never see in reality, in the movies. See just how you look yourselves, for it is a splendid picture, very clear, besides Regatta Day with many an amusing incident plainly shown on the screen, also the First Contingent at Pleasantville. See the boys of the Second Contingent march to the wharf, going on board the Neptune, sail out and board the Dominion.

The greatest performers, both dramatic and vocal, that have ever been here, Mr. Ballard Brown, and Miss Madge Locke, will present a beautiful Irish sketch entitled: "Paddy," introducing Irish songs, dances and costumes. Mr. Rossley has been complimented again and again by the elite of the city for bringing such first class artists to St. John's. They both have magnificent voices, and great dramatic ability. Mr. Rossley has also brought his price within the reach of all; general admission, ten cents; reserved tip up chairs, twenty cents.

On Friday night Ballard Brown will conduct a go-as-you-please competition, three big prizes; you can sing, dance or recite. Give in names.

EVERYDAY ETIQUETTE
"Kindly tell me what should be done when one receives a card announcing the birth of a child?" asked Grace.
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Our Volunteers.

Seven volunteers enlisted with the Reserve Force on Saturday last, making a total of 1,557 enrolled to date. The names of Saturday's volunteers are:

- Jno. McCarthy, Gouids.
 - Leonard Sheppard, Hr. Grace.
 - Ed. Dalton, Conception Harbor.
 - Jno. Kennedy, Conception Hr.
 - Cyril Robertson, Seamen's Institute.
 - Alec. Halleran, St. John's.
 - Jno. Breen, Lory Bay Road.
- On Saturday last, the officers of the Reserve Force completed their course of lectures under Capt. Abraham. In the afternoon squad drill and skirmishing was gone through under Lieut. Nunn and Instr. O'Grady, and a squad of men had rifle practice at the Southside Range.

Snap Shots.

J. C. PARSONS wishes to inform his friends and the public generally that he has taken over Parsons' Art Store, with the intention of going into The Photo Supply and Post Card business. In connection with Photo Supplies he is prepared to give his patrons the experience in Photography, and consequently will keep nothing in stock, but what he can recommend, and has practical experience in the use of such. Having on hand a large and varied stock of supplies both for amateur and professional photographers, he is now in a position to cater to the general Photographing trade. Customers buying Camera's, etc., can rest assured they will know how to use them before leaving the store. He also wishes to draw attention to his line of Real Photo Post Cards, which will include everything of interest in Newfoundland; also, Newfoundland Views mounted and unmounted.

By strict attention he will endeavor to keep up the name Parsons' Art Store has got, viz., What happens today we have to-morrow. Having every facility for the taking and finishing quickly on Post Cards of local happenings, he respectfully solicits a share of the public patronage. ap'st

Here and There.

Cotton gabardine for summer comes in white and delicate pale colors.

CITY'S HEALTH.—Seven cases of diphtheria were reported within the city limits last week. There are now in hospital two typhoid and eighteen diphtheria patients.

THE WAGE QUESTION.—A schedule of the new rate of wages, drafted by the Longshoremen's Union, has been submitted to the different employers of labor for their consideration. The new schedule covers all branches of work along the waterfront. A reply from the employers is now being awaited.

Hear Mr. Cameron, the popular singer, at the Methodist College Hall on Monday night, April 12th. He will sing, by request, the song entitled "Spotted Poetry." Owing to the illness of Mr. Cornick the management secured Mr. Cameron. Avoid the rush and get your tickets early at Atlantic Bookstore,—April 10.

CHURCH PARADE.—Yesterday the Volunteers of the Reserve Force, numbering about 300, held their usual church parade under Capt. E. S. Ayre, those of the Church of England attending Divine Service at St. Thomas', the Roman Catholics at the Cathedral, and the Methodists at Cochrane St. Church (College Hall). After service the men assembled near Gower St. Church and marched back to the Armoury, where they were dismissed.

ADA PEARD ARRIVES.—The barq. Ada Peard, Capt. Slade, arrived in port at 8 p.m. Saturday, after a passage of 21 days from Barbados. The vessel was nearly 4 months on the run here from Pernambuco having been out 70 days when she was forced to put back owing to heavy ice on the coast. She came in ballast to A. S. Rendell & Co. The Ada Peard brought a shipwrecked crew of 7 men, as referred to in another column of this paper.

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