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by Fire and Abandon  
Mid Ocean.

**Officers—The Rescuers  
the Nick of Time**

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**LONDON, Dec. 23.**—At midnight, North German Lloyd

Guinea, Abyssinia at South were all in fair condition. One of the Abyssinians, spoke highly of the army and courage shown by the Spree when made aware of the danger. The Abyssinians' voice of special interest from start to finish, until Friday, December 13th, until Friday, December noon, signs of a fire were discovered. In an interview, to-day, with the pursuer of the burned Guinean, the Abyssinian, he expressed his escape of the Abyssinians' that it was impossible for the soldiers to behave better if they were not. The Abyssinian, however, was very cool and not a first alarm had passed they themselves in collecting the remains of the burned Guinean, and the preparations to leave the hosts, should such a course be necessary. When the alarm of fire on Friday, December 13th, occurred, the Abyssinian picked the crew to fire guns, and were careful to assure that there was no danger.

bustion in the cargo, or from  
ness in loading. In fact,  
after the fire was discovered,  
the flames could be subdued  
4:30 p. m. the flames burst fo  
the work of the crew, who  
possible. Some of the pass  
ly volunteered to help the  
thus able to render most v  
The conduct of the women

sign of panic, the most people being preserved every boat on the Abyssinian and provisioned, and passengers and men were told off to the should occupy in case the o

the battle with the fire continued for some time, but when the fire was finally forced their way through the door, it was seen that the vessel was empty. This frankly admitted did not mean that among the women folk

Capt. Murray was constantly when the most desperate effort to fight the flames, and in the he was soothing and calming by repeated assurances that serious danger of loss of life, came to the worst, and the ship abandoned, he felt confident to save the lives of all on board. Murray's assurances had the effect on everybody, and were so cheered up that they

The fact that there was nothing undoubtedly had a with this cheerful state of the directions of Captain M. and stewards had remained their duties, the crew armed and equipped with food, on board seemed to be going business as if nothing unusual or was likely to happen. Some while being provisions, the island of reefs, and those alterations were, therefore, same businesslike manner as had been attended to. A of water, and the instruments, sails, oars, and distributed in each boat, a quantity of oil to assist to outbide the heat.

were not engaged in assisting the men who looked on and lent a hand with such preparations as the men could do to assist in. The women helped to carry provisions to the boat. To the example of the sailors seemed cheerful and confident. An order was given to prepare for departure and the crew and passengers gathered about the boat. The men had been watching the mast head with a powerful glass for a passing craft. Just as Captain Caproni came down from aloft, and placed his place in one of the boats. He stepped far, far out. "Na-

a sigh of intense relief left Men and women frantically. Some began to cry, and others with excess of emotion. "cried Capt. Murray, as calmly been on the bridge, with the ship safely ploughing her way Queenstown. "Two po

tain's next question. "A  
this way," replied the man  
aloft. This called for another  
and though the flames had  
reached a degree of such  
ness that the uninstructed fear-  
would sink at any moment,  
and crew joyfully admitted  
saved. Slowly and surely  
steamship seemed to grow  
upon the horizon, then the  
sails, and finally the hull  
way towards the burning  
later, Capt. Murray was  
that the steamer coming  
Spruce, of the New Gen  
There was a long rolling  
what might be termed a  
the work of steamship

as well as the crew of the nearly all their clothing stood up in. The passengers in most cases to valuable belongings, and the in hand satchels were able to save. The of the Spruce gave each boat load of the passengers and crew

Spree's decks they received  
rarely witnessed afloat  
Spree's sailors immediately