#### THE VOYAGE OF LIFE

INDIVIDUAL HUMANITY IS WERED TO THE PASSING SHIP.

THE LONE NAVIGATOR'S FRIEND.

How These Passing Shins of Human Life May Be Resoued From the Sheals and Storms and Stress of Living-Human Derelicts-The Safe Harbor of Peace at the Close of the Christian's

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Chicago, July 19.-The glories of the sea and its moving panorama of white sails furnish a theme for the preacher at this season, when the multitudes are leaving the heated cities for seashore and lake. The text is Psalm civ., 26, "There go the

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I always feel sorry for one who has not been lullabied to sleep by the low moaning song of the sea. Fascinating is the seashore on account of its endless variety. The ocean's beauty is never twice the same. Sometimes its colors are a white foam or a light green or a dark emerald or blue and black. Sometimes its surface is covered with broad highways of gold, covered with broad highways of gold, when the light of the rising sun gilds it, or with that other highway of silver, when, in the midnight hour, the flush of the moon is reflected upon it. Sometimes the sea will do nothing but smile. Like a golden-haired baby, its cheeks are dimpled and wrinkled, as though it is trying to keep back a hearty laugh. It will look as harmless as some innocent lake cuddled up in the huge lap of a crooked backed mountain. Then the sea gulls, as white doves of peace, will hover over it.

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But, after all, one of the most absorbing diversions of the summer tourists living by the seashore is to watch the passing of the ships. For over a quarter of a century my privilege was to spend every summer by the Atlantic coast. My father's country home was near the end of Long Island, at a small town called East Hampton. There, upon the sand dunes, I used to lie hour after hour, watching the great steamers and the sailing craft heading toward New York Narrows or starting upon their long trips to the distant harbors of the world. I used to watch them just as the psalmist did when he cried out in the words of my text, "There go the ships." How like those voyages are, with their unknown incidents, their successes and, alas, their wrecks, to human lives! their storms, their calms and their storms, their successes and, alas, their wrecks, to human lives! Who can tell as he looks at an infant calmly sleeping in its cradle whether the voyage of its life will be like the ship skillfully steered safe into harbor or like the ship carelessly navigated that strikes the sunker rock or by collision with another ship is shattered and sunk into the depths of the sea? Let us see this morning what those points of resemblance are—what kind of a ship each human being ought to be, what kind of cargo he is carrying and toward what kind of a port he should be heading. The ships! There go the ships! There go the ships!

Every human vessel should be distinguished by some flag. Going down

Every human vessel should be distinguished by some flag. Going down to New York harbor and examining the shipping, you will find the name of each vessel clearly marked upon the stern. You will also find the name of the city in which that vessel is registered. And if upon the high seas two ships approach each other, one captain will put the trumpet to his lips and call: "Ship ahoy! Ship ahoy! What ship is that?"

There is an old Chinese proverb,

that comes to us all in the

A simpler Anglo-Saxon maxim is,

"The brain is in the stomach."

"A clean stomach makes a clear head."

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ment pledges itself to protect that ship. A British ship is under British protection; a French ship is under French protection; a German ship is under German protection; an American ship is under American protection. Therefore, if a nation dare to molest any foreign ship upon the high seas, that nation must answer for the insult to the flag which is flying above the stern of the outraged vegsel.

ed vessel.

Each human vessel always carries a very valuable cargo. Have you stopped to consider why a great Cunard or White Star transatlantic steamer spends as much time by her dock as in traveling the high seas?
"Tis true some of that time must be given to cleaning up the ship, but most of it is spent in loading and unloading the cargoes. The massive walls of a building rests upon deep foundations. The huge masts and upper decks of a great steamer must have a deep hull. This hull must be filled with ballast, or else the ship would constrain a state of the ship would be ship as the ship would be sh filled with ballast, or else the ship would soon topple over. This ballast is composed of boxes filled with merchandise or hundreds of bags of mail, of steel from Birmingham works and linens from the Irish mills, silks from France and wines from Italy, art treasures as well as expensive furniture and clothes.

Then food must be provided for the passengers and the crew and bugs.

passengers and the crew and huge cargoes of coal to keep the engines in motion. One is amazed at the thousands of tons of coal which a ship like the Kaiser Wilhelm II. carries at the beginning of its passage across the Atlantic. The great stomachs of the furnaces seem to be insatiable. Their hunger is never satisfied. Relays of dust begrimed stoisfied. Relays of dust begrimed sto-kers are shoveling the coal day in and day out. But what about the enormous mass of food which must be provided for the hungry human passengers and crew? Those who live above and below a great ship's deck are not to be numbered by the scores, but by the hundreds. The average steamer plying the Atlantic is not to be despised. Its successful voyage means life to hundreds. Its destruction may mean death alike to passengers and crew and destruction to all the freight.

Does not each human craft carry a valuable sargo? What about the mon-ey which is entrusted to a man's

valuable sargo? What about the money which is entrusted to a man's care? If the cashier of a bank absconds and the bank has to close its door who suffers? Is it not the poor widow and orphan, the old man who has trustfully placed in the bank the savings of a lifetime so that he can have something in his old age and money enough to buy him a casket and a grave when he is dead? What happens when a huis dead? What happens when a human craft founders and sinks into the great sea of sin? Does it not nearly always destroy many human lives which are dependent upon its existence? What became of nearly existence? What became of nearly all the ships' crews and passengers which were sunken at sea? Those ships not only went down, but they took most of their passengers and crews with them. Oh, I know lifeboats and life preservers are provided by law on every boat to guard against accidents. But, as a rule, they do but little good. By the time the hurricane has completed its work the lifeboats are splintered, and by the time the tornado of sin has wrecked a human craft it not only destroys a father and a hus-band, but also all those whose existences are dependent upon his life. Let us, as human crafts, beware how we allow ourselves to sink into the sea of sin and destroy those loved ones who are standing upon our up-

per decks.

The human vessels should be willing to stop and help those sister crafts which are lifting their signals of distress. Why? Because distress and of distress. Why? Because distress and need give a man an inalienable claim on the help of his brother. Nowhere is that claim recognized so surely and so promptly as on the high seas. A sailor on the ocean will never turn a deaf ear to a booming gun or shut his eye to an inverted flag or to a white handkerchief or cloth fluttering over a faft or a derelict. No sooner does the lookout cry, "Ship on starboard bow, and I be-Then the other captain will call back: "The Kensington of Antwerp, bound for New York! What ship is that?" The meaning of all this? Simply that when a ship is registered in a certain country that Govern-

horizon. If there should be but one human being aboard that doomed craft, five, ten, fifteen—ay, I believe practically all the members of the crew will be willing to risk their lives to save that one life. I never yet read of a ship upon the highways of the sea that would not go, if possible, to rescue the crew of a sinking ship. I never yet heard of any captain compelling his sailors to go to the rescue. All that the mates have to do under such conditions is to call for volunteers and every life. to call for volunteers and every life-

to call for volunteers and every life-boat will be manned and every oar held in a firm grip.

Oh, my dear friends, why is not a human being upon the land ready to answer signals of distress raised by his fallen brethren, as the sailors upon the sea try to help those who are in distress? Do not the whirl-winds of disaster shriek and howl and sweep up the streets of a great city as well as among the archipela-goes of a Mediterranean? When, some years ago, a dark, funnel shaped cloud swiftly approached St. Louis and in an instant broke and de-stroyed whole streets and buried many a corpse under the debris, did it wreck any more lives than do the cyclones of sin which are daily destroying the hundreds and thousands of young men and women? Every city has its two sides—its light side city has its two sides—its light side and dark side; its pure side and its morally diseased side; its Christian side and its infernal side; its happy side and its despairful side. Shall we who profess to love God and are living in health and strength have nothing to do with those who are flying the signals of distress?

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Be not afraid, my brother, that you will never have an opportunity to save men and women upon the land who are flying signals of distress. If you will once consecrate your lives to his service God will retress. If you will once consecrate your lives to his service God will reveal them to you, the same as he led old Captain Pendleton, many years ago, to save the passengers and the crew of a sinking ship. The old captain was a neighbor of my father's and a friend of my childhood. He had upon his wall a picture commemorative of this rescue. He again and again told me this wonderful story. He had been to the far east. After a voyage of many months he was nearing New York harbor. He was only two or three days from home. Suddenly, as he lay in his cabin, a strong and even imperative command came to him from on high. He seemed to hear a divine voice saying: "Go back! Go back! About ship and go back!" He was not in the least a man given to vagaries. He shook himself and went upon the deck. The stars were shining above. He shook himself and went upon the deck. The stars were shining above. The sea was calm. The wind was brisk, and the sails were well filled. He went down to his cabin and again tried to sleep. Again came that strange command: "Go back! Go back! About ship and go back! So forcibly did this second command come that Captain Pendleton gave the command to about ship. The mates and sailors thought he was going crazy. He said nothing, but sailed on for two hours, I think, when, lo, a sinking ship hove in sight, and he was able to rescue many lives. That picture upon the wall was presented to the old captain by the rescued men and women. So God, if we consecrate our lives to his service, will lead us in strange So God, if we consecrate our lives to his service, will lead us in strange and devious ways. He will so guide us that we may be able to save immortal men and women from sin upon the land as old Captain Pendleton rescued those men and women from a watery grave.

The human vessel, in order to reach the harbor for which Christ intended him to sail, must be able in one sense to make the voyage of life alone. I mean by that that he myst steer his own course irrespective of

steer his own course irrespective of what other human vessels may do. A great harbor like New York's always teems with life. The many trees which cover the mountain sides do not seem to the imaginative eve to be denser than the forests of masts which are crowding about the docks. When the great steamer docks. When the great steamer is being pulled out of her wharf the little tugs shriek and puff and grunt. The multitudes who have come to bid their friends goodby wave their handkerchiefs. The river boats salute the huge ship as she slowly moves down the bay. But after awhile the surrounding ships become less and less in numbers. Then if awhile the surrounding saips become less and less in numbers. Then if you are sailing upon the Pacific, or even upon the Atlantic, you may go days and weeks and not sight another craft. If you are on a sailing ship you will get head winds as well as those from the stern. Then you, as a sailing master, will have to tack and beat up against those head winds. You will have but one purpose—always working ahead toward the harbor, always pressing toward the one destination to which you wish to go. The voyage of the Christian's life is very similar to a sailing ship's journey across the teas. less and less in numbers.

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Similarly, in reference to its solitariness. When we start out we have plenty of friends. But if we determine to do right, if we are set in our purpose to follow the course which Christ has laid out for us, we shall find that our fixeds will the

purpose to follow the course which Christ has laid out for us, we shall find that our friends will often leave us, one by one.

Similar in reference to the head winds and side currents which have to be fought against. It would not be see bad if in the voyage of life the human vessel had to make its journey alone, and that was all. But no sooner do our friends begin to leave our sides than the hurricanes of abuse and the undercurrents of slander begin to work against us. When a noted reformer at the end of his life was given a great popular demonstration of approval and presented with a beautiful gold watch he stood looking at it with embarrassment. Then he said, with a smile, "Friends, if it had been a brickbat or a bad egg hurled at me I would know what to do, but this heautiful watch in my hand absolutely takes away my breath." Ah, my Christian brethren, with such loceliness which must be endured and with such hurricanes of abuse which must be fought against, no human craft trying to follow the right course is safe unless Jesus

Christ, as the divine captain, is guiding it and treading upon its quarter deck. No human ship can ever be sailed safely over the troubled sea of time into a harbor of a blessed eternity unless it has the magnetic needle of the cross for a compass and the great harbor of peace for its destination. Do you wonder that I declared every human vessel should be under the dominion of Jesus Christ?

Then; after a long journey of many months, have you ever felt in head and heart, in all parts of your being, mental, physical and spiritual, the exultant joy of heading toward home. Oh, then the bliss and yet the long drawn out impatience as the journey comes negatience as the long drawn out impatience as the journey comes nearer to its close! The old ship's propeller will not revolve fast enough. You hang around the chart which is daily posted in the ship's cabin to tell you how many miles the ship is sailing. You bother the captain every time you meet him, saying, "Captain, will we be able to get in by Friday night?" Then if the ship is detained, as ours was all night long in night? Then if the ship is detained, as ours was all night long in a fog just outside of New York harbor, oh, how the time does drag! I never slept a wink that last night in my journey around the world. I walked slept a wink that last night in my journey around the world. I walked up and down the deck, up and down. I wondered if the telegram had been flashed to my folks from Barnegat lighthouse that the Etruria had been sighted. I wondered if they would be down at the docks to greet me. And, though it was a stormy day when we went up the Narrows, I stood out near the bow. I was alone, entirely alone, without kith or kin for a traveling companion; yet, when I saw my dear ones upon the dock, I nudged the man nearest to me and cried out: "There they are! There are my folks! There are tather and my sisters! Yes, there they all are." And the tears of joy rolled down my cheeks. That is the way the Christian voyager shall enter the harbor of peace. The physical ship in which he sails may be bruised and battered by many a storm, but that will amount to nothing.

ship in which he sails may be bruised and battered by many a storm, but that will amount to nothing. Then all our loved ones will ceme down to meet us. Oh, how many, many, many, many, dear ones are there! They shall all come down to the banks. I wonder if we will know them at once. I wonder if they will cry when we wave back. The Bibls says there are no tears in heaven, but I do not think that statement is literally true. I do not believe we can see our own dear ones for the first time without crying just a little. But, mark you, in that great welcome they will only be tears of joy and not tears of sorrow.

Thus, my dear friends, as voyagers upon the great sea of life, to-day I greet you. I signal you with the warmest feelings of Christian joy stirring my heart. I feel that it is due to the providence of God that we have been brought together for a Christian purpose. The sea of life is so wide that many of us only meet each other this once before we sail into the harbor of peace. When a vessel becomes a wreck and floats about upon the seas as a derelict it sometimes takes months and even years for it to be found and destroved. It may take all that time, no matter how many ships may be It may take all that time, no and the first may take all that time, no matter how many ships may be hunting for it. Therefore, what I am to say to you I must say quickly. Human vessels voyaging over the sea of life never allow any sinful current to turn your prow from your Christly destination. Never allow your sails to be stretched for a pop-ular wind. Never allow your reckoning to be made from any star but that which once gleamed over the Bethlehem manger. And never feel, Christian voyager, that the storm of persecution will founder you if you have Christ in the hinder part of the ship. Christian voyager, if we should never meet again this side of the harbor of peace, I send you my Christian salutation and love-"Hail

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