

SINKING OF THE ROYAL GEORGE.

The ship Royal George was an English man-of-war, of immense size, with three decks, and one hundred guns. Her crew consisted of about nine hundred men. This ship was lying at Spithead, an anchorage near Portsmouth, in August, 1782, all ready for sea, bound for the Mediterranean in company with a large fleet, and carrying the flag of Admiral Kempenfeldt, a fine old officer, nearly seventy years of age.

On the 19th of August, there were on board the ship, besides the regular crew, some two or three hundred women, the wives and friends of the seamen; also a large number of Jews, with articles to sell to the seamen; making in all, between twelve and thirteen hundred souls on board. There was a great bustle and confusion among the crew, as the ship was to sail in a day or two, on her cruise.

On this memorable day, it was discovered that a water-cock, about three feet below the waterline, required some repairs, and orders were given to careen the huge ship over to the other side, until the water-cock should appear above the surface of the water, so that the plumbers should be able to put it in order without any difficulty. The guns were accordingly run in on the side where the repairs were required, and run out on the other, the larboard or left side; and some other heavy articles were shifted, until the vessel leaned or careened over so much that the repairs could be made. A sloop came alongside soon afterwards, laden with stones, which were hoisted out, and by some strange neglect, deposited temporarily on that side of the vessel which was already down in the water.

This of course, increased 'the heel' of the ship, that is, caused her to lie over more than before; and the wind increasing, the waves began to form, and rush into the lower ports, from which place the water could not easily escape, and it was washing about on the lower deck.

The carpenter, who was busy, now became alarmed and went on deck, where he spoke to the lieutenant, who was the officer of the watch, and advised him to cause the ship to be righted without delay. The Lieutenant was unfortunately one of those stubborn, headstrong men, who are unwilling to submit to any dictation from an inferior or an equal, or to receive advice from any person whatever. Such men, by their thickheaded obstinacy, have caused much misery in the world. The Lieutenant, who had the command of the deck at this time, gave the carpenter a short answer, intimating that he ought to attend to his own business, and took no measures to right the ship.

At this time the Admiral was in the cabin, writing. The captain, whose name was Waghorn, was similarly engaged.—The first Lieutenant was busy below; and there was not supposed to exist any danger whatever, the Lieutenant of the deck had the sole charge of the ship.

The Carpenter, who appeared to be the only person who was aware of the perilous situation of the Royal George, soon ascended again the deck, and told the Lieu-

tenant, in a manner somewhat authoritative, that the ship must be righted, that she would fill if something were not immediately done. But the officer of the deck was exceeding indignant at being thus dictated to by an inferior officer; and although by this time, he must have known the danger the ship was in, he waited several minutes before he ordered the drum to beat to quarters, that the guns might be run into their places, and the ship righted. But before the drummer could execute his orders, a flaw of wind struck the ship; she heeled over more: the water rushed into the lower deck ports; and this large ship, with so many persons on board, filled and went down!

This was indeed a dreadful event. A very considerable portion of those on board, were below, and, of course, were at once drowned.—Some escaped through the starboard ports; and those who were on the upper deck at the time, had to swim for their lives. As the water was only thirteen and a half fathoms deep, a portion of the masts of the ship remained above water, and furnished a retreat for many of the seamen and mariners, who would otherwise have been drowned. The boats of the ships in the neighbourhood immediately put off to the assistance of the poor fellows, and in this way a considerable number were saved.

Admiral Kempenfeldt was drowned in his cabin: but Captain Waghorn had an intimation of his danger in time to rush on deck before the ship filled, and he was saved. The Lieutenant, whose obstinacy and want of judgment contributed so much to bring about this fatal catastrophe, was drowned, as was likewise the Carpenter, who warned him of the danger which threatened the vessel. The whole number saved, probably, did not exceed two hundred and fifty; and of course, there were more than one thousand persons drowned by the sinking of the Royal George, while lying at anchor in the harbour of Spithead. Only one of the many women on board was saved, and she was dragged out of a port as the ship was sinking.

The Kirk Sessions of Barry, carrying the present *rabies fanatica* in the Kirk of Scotland of its pitch of absurdity, have excommunicated a most respectable man & his wife for desecrating the Sabbath by burying their child on Sunday.

INFORMATION Wanted of Ellen and Mary Duggan, who landed at Quebec from the parish of Skol, Co. Cork, Ireland, about 8 years ago. They are supposed to be residing in Chicago. Their brothers, Daniel and Michael Duggan, living in Hamilton, Canada, would feel the greatest possible pleasure at learning any thing concerning their sisters.

Will American papers notice this? Hamilton, Feb. 9, 1842.

SHIP INN.

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Hamilton, Feb. 23, 1842.

TO THE READERS OF THE CATHOLIC.

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THE EDITOR.

HAMILTON, JANUARY, 1842.

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