

## Thrilling Experience of the Crew of the Blanche M. Rose.

### Shipwrecked Mariners Arrive Home by Yesterday's Express, and Are Warmly Greeted by Their Many Friends.

Capt. William Clements, the crew, and passengers of the Blanche M. Rose who were rescued by the schooner Mary Duff and brought to North Sydney, as previously reported in the Telegram, arrived in the city by yesterday's express. From Capt. Clements, who was interviewed by a Telegram representative shortly after arrival, we learn the following concerning their experiences:

The Blanche M. Rose left Grois Islands for this port on Thursday, Nov. 4th, and met fair weather until Seldom was reached on Saturday afternoon, the 6th. She was obliged to spend the night at Seldom but left there the following morning. Sunday, and reached Shambler's Cove the same afternoon. After reaching the latter place a gale sprung up from the eastward and both anchors had to be put out. The storm continued for seven days during which time the wind shifted to almost every point of the compass. A mountainous sea was running and the schooner was detained at Shambler's Cove until Sunday morning, the 14th, when she put to sea again. At 2 o'clock that afternoon she was obliged to put into Catalina where she remained until 6 o'clock Monday evening, the 15th. Leaving Catalina the vessel was headed for Baccalieu Light and a fine run was made across Trinity Bay. From Baccalieu the course was shaped for Cape St. Francis, the light bearing southerly breeze sprung up but the vessel forced her way along and at 5 a.m. on Thursday, the 16th, was off Cape St. Francis, the light bearing N. W. By this time there was a heavy sea running and as the barometer was falling considerably Capt. Clements decided to run for Carbonear. While running towards the land a sudden squall from the westward carried away the foremast and jib. A little later the mainmast had to be lowered or that would have been torn in shreds. With only the jumbo, or inner jib, standing, the craft ran before the gale and at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning anchored to the leeward of Western Bay Point. When both anchors were set the schooner's distress were hoisted in the rigging to attract the attention of the light keeper, with a view to having him send off a line from the shore. The vessel was only a little over 200 yards from the shore and Capt. Clements and his crew think that it would have been an easy matter for a person on shore to send off a buoy with a line attached. Having received no response to their signals they launched their boat and two of the crew made an unsuccessful attempt to get a line ashore. From the boat they could see a man moving about near the light house but all efforts on their part failed to attract his attention. If a line had been got on shore the safety of the crew would have been assured. But fate decreed otherwise. The strain on the hawsers, caused by the heavy cross sea running in from the Point caused them to part and at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening the vessel was driven to sea.

The riding sail and jumbo were hoisted after some difficulty and the vessel was headed for Cape St. Francis again. She held the shore all the way along and at 7 o'clock the next morning was within three miles of Cape Spear. Capt. Clements signalled for a tug and waited for a considerable time but without avail. They were so near home that they saw a tug come out and tow a three-masted schooner in the Narrows. In the meantime the Blanche M. Rose was laboring heavily and the Captain decided to wear her and put to sea again. With only a riding sail and jumbo the vessel was almost unmanageable, but during the whole day she was kept tacking back and forth. In the meantime she was slowly driving off. On Wednesday night the wind veered north and it began to snow heavily, and all that night and the following day the vessel was running to the southward though every effort was made to "hold the Bay." On Thursday night Cape Race was sighted, the light bearing N. N. W. The wind then suddenly veered to N. W. and continued until Friday evening. A mountainous

sea was running and very little progress was made during that night. Shortly before daylight on Saturday, the 13th, they sighted a large passenger steamer bound west, presumably for Montreal. The crew of the Blanche M. Rose made a flare torch to inform the ship of their distress but the captain of the steamer evidently mistook the latter having gone out during the storm. At 10 o'clock the same morning the Mary Duff was sighted. Distress signals were hoisted in the rigging and the vessel bore down upon them and launching a boat took off the women and children. This work occupied several hours owing to the heavy sea. The ladders of the Mary Duff could not be used and the women who were taken in turn had to be hauled up over the side with a rope fastened around the waist. When the women and children were safely on board, the Mary Duff again bore down on the Rose and the crew of the latter jumped aboard when the vessels came together. In the collision the hulls and stanchions of the disabled vessel were carried away and her waterways opened so it is thought that she must have sunk soon after being abandoned.

The vessel was abandoned about 30 miles E. S. E. of Cape Race, and as previously mentioned the crew and passengers were taken to North Sydney by their rescuers. At North Sydney they were comfortably housed at the Central Hotel where they received every kindness. They took passage from North Sydney by the S. S. Kyle and arrived at Port aux Basques on Sunday morning leaving there by the express and reaching here at 4:30 p.m. yesterday.

**THOSE ON BOARD.**  
The following are the names of those on board the Blanche M. Rose all of whom, except Annie Barnes, who secured work in Sydney, returned to the city yesterday:

William Clements, master; Joseph Michael Clements, his brother; Thomas Clements, aged 13 years, an adopted son of William Clements; Patrick Gardner, Anthony Gardner, brother of Bernard Gardner, son of Patrick; James Penny, Nicholas Furlong, Robert Foley, Mrs. Ellen Tobin and three children, Albert, aged 8, Julia, aged 4, and John, a baby only 13 months old; Mary Lock, Annie Foley, Lucy Foley, Alice Duke and Annie Barnes. The last two were servants with Capt. Clements and the other women and the children were passengers.

**A HEAVY LOSS.**  
The Blanche M. Rose was a schooner of 50 tons register and was 12 years old. She had on board 1,100 quintals of codfish, 35 casks of oil, 20 barrels of herring and a motor engine valued at about \$300. Nothing was saved and only the hull of the vessel was insured. There was no insurance on any of the cargo. The loss to Mr. Clements and the others of the crew and passengers is a very heavy one, but they are grateful to have escaped with their lives. They only saved the clothes in which they stood.

**SUFFERED GREAT PRIVATION.**  
Throughout the whole trip until rescued by the Mary Duff the crew and passengers suffered great privation. For two days previous to their rescue they were without water and the evening before the Mary Duff was sighted they ate their last morsel of food. Speaking to the Telegram as to how the women and children fared, Capt. Clements said they bore up bravely, due no doubt to the fact that they did not fully realize their danger. They were batted down in the cabin and though they were without fire, there was not a murmur. Their sufferings can be better imagined than described. For several days their only food was a few crumbs of biscuit and some prunes. The children greatly enjoyed the latter, which were only on board through accident, as the package was being returned to its owner because of some mistake in its

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## Field Glasses.

The accompanying correspondence will be read with interest by more than those whose good fortune it has been to assist Mr. Eckie A. Bowring in his quest for Field Glasses for the Front:

The National Service League, 72 Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,  
10th November, 1915.  
Dear Sir,—We have now unpacked and engraved the sixty glasses which you so kindly collected for us. Everything was in perfect order and nothing was broken or damaged. I cannot say how greatly this timely loan has been appreciated. I venture to trespass further on your kindness by sending to you under separate cover, the acknowledgments which Lady Roberts likes to issue. I thought you might like to see the form of the acknowledgments and assure yourself that they had been dealt with and quickly sent out. With our grateful thanks,  
Yours faithfully,  
(Sgd.), R. MACLEOD, Secy.

The National Service League, 72 Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,  
10th November, 1915.  
Dear Sir,—I beg to offer you my sincere thanks for the generous loan of glasses which you have been good enough to collect and forward from Newfoundland. They are being engraved and will be issued at once. They came at a moment when our supplies were running low and will be an asset to the forces, by whom I know they will be most gratefully received.  
Yours truly,  
(Sgd.), ALLEEN ROBERTS.

## Hr. Grace Notes.

The schrs. Miss Morris and Blodgett, who were with fish and awaiting a favorable wind to sail for market.  
Rev. A. A. Holmes left this morning for Trinity where he will attend several missionary meetings and address the different audiences.

The pictures shown at the Palace on Friday night were very good, and highly appreciated by the crowded audience. A complete change of programme is on to-night.

The patriotic entertainment held by the before-mentioned young ladies in the Academy Hall on Thursday night was a great success. The young ladies acquitted themselves admirably, as did also the young men who took part in two farces. The entrance fee was placed at a very low rate, so as to come within the means of everybody, but so large was the audience that the proceeds amounted to \$83.50. Well done, girls, hearty congratulations.

The s.s. Euphrates arrived from Bell Island at 8 o'clock on Saturday night with a number of passengers. She left again for the Island yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Miss Maysie Pike, who had been spending a time here with her aunt, Mrs. Stewart, left for home on the boat.

At the Sale of Work held by the ladies of St. Peter's Church, Southside, the handsome sum of \$120.00 was realized.  
—COR.  
Hr. Grace, Nov. 29, 1915.

## Police Officer Assaulted

Quite a scene occurred on Water Street near the Court House, about seven o'clock last night when Sergt. James Mackey was attacked and assaulted by an undesirable, without any provocation whatever. He would have fared much worse than he did but for the assistance that came in time. He was on his "beat" and was abusing in the most insulting terms by this good-for-nothing, who was in fighting trim. The officer had just turned round when he was delivered a few stunning blows in the face. Punctiliously, however, he gripped his assailant and downed him. In the mix-up that followed, the prisoner, who was exceptionally strong, seized the officer's stick and smashed it. Mackey was being pummelled badly when four policemen reached the scene and arrested the aggressor, though after a hard struggle.

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## Obituary.

There passed peacefully away at her residence 457 Southside, on the 29th, Annie, the beloved daughter of Mark and Hannah McCormack. The deceased had attained her 17th year and was a bright pupil of the Sacred Heart Convent, and was well liked and esteemed by her fellow pupils. After spending 13 months in the camps of Mundy's Pond with the constant visits of kind friends which she highly appreciated; she bore her suffering with resignation to the Divine Will and showing a little improvement, she decided to come home among those she loved, thinking she would gain her health. But alas! the Grim Reaper claimed his victim as she passed away on the above mentioned date. To her sorrowing father and mother, sisters and brother, we tender our sincere sympathy in which the writer joins.  
JOHN REDMOND.

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## Amusements.

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## "THE GODDESS" AT THE NICKEL.

"The Goddess" commenced at the Nickel Theatre yesterday and hundreds of citizens were present and all were delighted with it. The story is a remarkable one, entirely different to the others usually seen at the movies. It has been called the most artistic serial ever taken, and the opening chapter certainly leaves the impression that it is. The story begins with three millionaires who desire to bring the world to their feet, and to accomplish their ends a beautiful child is stolen and placed in a cave for fifteen years. She is stolen to-day and also the following chapters. The other pictures last night were splendid. The programme will be repeated this evening. Be sure and see it. "Exploits of Elaine" to-morrow.

## BRITISH THEATRE.

"Fichelleu," the great historical 4-act drama, was projected at the British last night and was well attended. Nothing can be said which would convey any idea of the elaborate settings, costumes and acting by those versatile stars, Mervock, McQuarrie and Pauline Bush, with an immense cast of other great actors and actresses. The conspiracy, the court scene, the determination of Fichelleu were vividly portrayed, and the British is to be congratulated in affording the public of St. John's the opportunity of witnessing such an interesting and educational picture. If theatre goes miss the show to-night they will miss a rare treat. Mrs. Ayre sang in her usual highly pleasing style the well-known song "Land of Hope and Glory" and responded to an encore.

## COMING THE ONE AND ONLY MADGE LOCKE.

Patrons are looking forward to the appearance again of Ballard Brown the actor vocalist and the one and only Madge Locke. The little lady who is a whole company herself, the girl with the grand opera voice and educational feet. Mr. Rossley has booked them for the pantomime will be gorgeous. Carroll and Elliot last night in their act Kelly's Hotel, were very good and had the house in roars. Don't miss this act, and the pictures are splendid. Rossley's the leaders of amusement and originators of Christmas pantomimes, and there are other big surprises.

## Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
CAPE RACE, To-day.  
Wind northeast, strong, weather fine; no shipping sighted to-day. Bar. 29.60; ther. 42.  
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