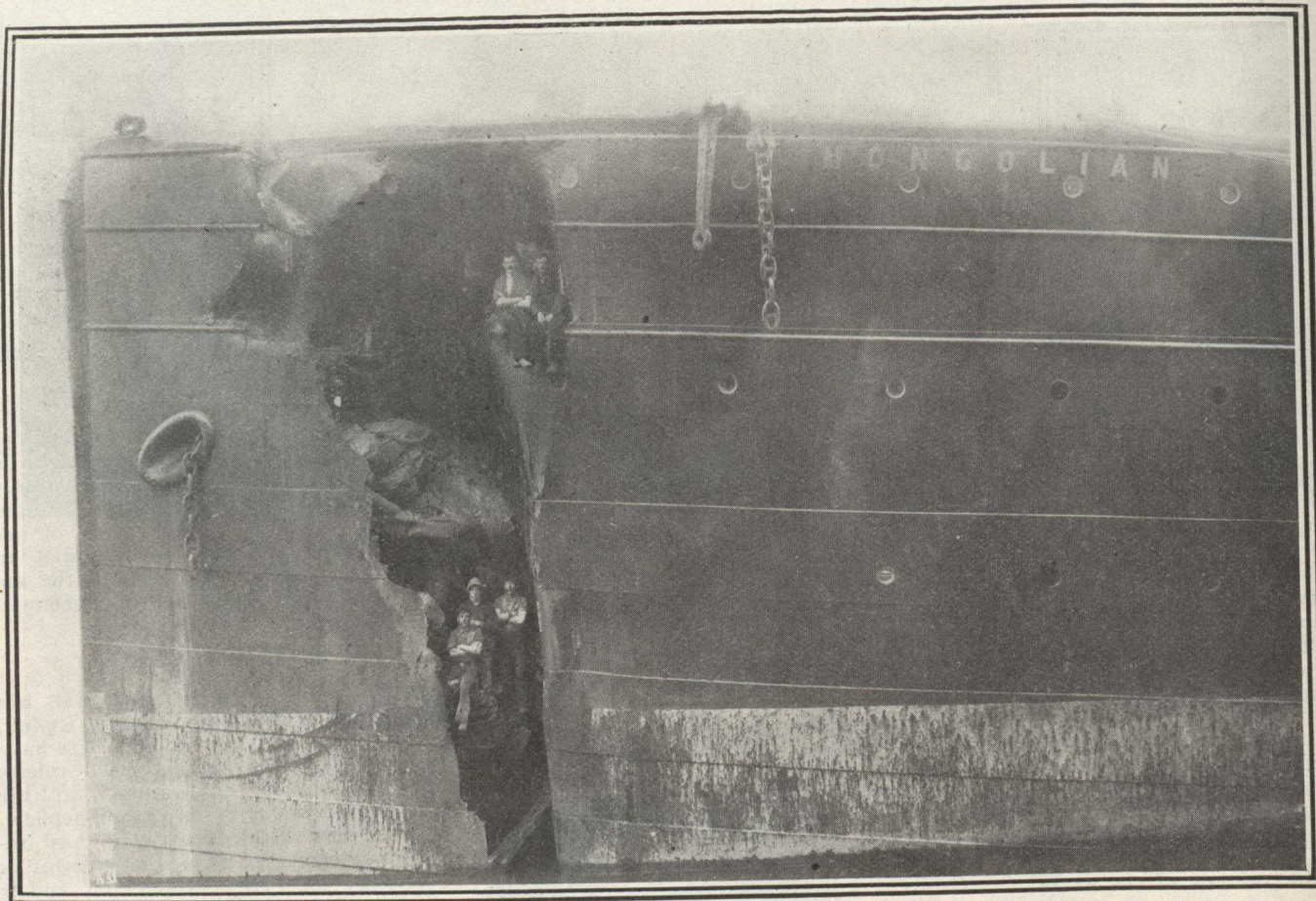


The Dangers of the Deep



A HOLE FOUR TO TWENTY FEET WIDE IN THE "MONGOLIAN."

On Sunday, September 22nd, the "Mongolian" outward bound, met the "Hurona" inward bound in the St. Lawrence, about 900 miles east of Quebec. In the fog, the "Hurona" crashed into the "Mongolian" with the result shown. The gash was just before the first watertight division, and very little cargo was injured. The "Hurona's" prow was badly smashed, but her injuries were all above the waterline. Both vessels came on to Montreal for repairs.

With a Prince for Prize

THE millionaire hostesses of Newport and New York have lately been waging war o'er the prostrate youthful form of their latest Royal visitant, Prince William of Sweden, whose engagement to the Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna was lately announced. The visit of Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the German Emperor, was the occasion for the triumph of the Vanderbilt social section. The recent visit of Prince William of Sweden gave opportunity for revenge to another. To an expectant American public, through an amenable American press, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish announced her intentions of avenging, during the stay of the Swedish Prince in Newport, the defeat sustained by herself and other millionaire ladies on occasion of the Prussian visit. She secured the young Prince to lunch, and omitted from her list of guests the Vanderbilts and Mrs. Harriman. She booked him for a farewell party four days later, but reckoned not on the wiliness of her enemy. Mrs. 'Corny' Vanderbilt, patrolling Newport in her dog-cart, swooped down on the unsuspecting Prince William while he was out for a stroll, and, before he knew where he was, whirled him off to a tea-party at her 'cottage.' Next day, all Newport expected to meet the Prince on board his cruiser 'Fylgit,' but owing to bad weather it had to be postponed at the last minute. Mrs. Vanderbilt, on receiving word of the postponement, sent off her husband post-haste to request the honour of the Prince's company on board their own yacht "North Star," on which, in less time than it takes to tell, a magnificent fete had been arranged. That was score No. 2 over Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, who, recognising defeat, climbed down, announced to the aforesaid Press that it was all a mistake, and declared that revenge had never even entered her calculations.

"In the end, therefore, honours were fairly easy. The Prince, as the bone over which the dogs were quarrelling, behaved really beautifully, and came out of the 'shindy' far less scratched than the dogs themselves. He entertained his hosts on board his cruiser 'Fylgit,' and, naturally, ignored entirely their recent struggles over his person. The Swedish Minister at Washington, alarmed as much at the grandeur of the hospitality extended as at the severity of the battle, intimated that the young

Prince had had as much as was good for him of this kind of thing; besides which, the spectacle of a Prince of democratic Sweden revolving in the plutocratic whirlpool of Newport might not please his compatriots' eyes. So the Prince tore himself away, having first refused, with manful persistence, an invitation to join a bathing-party on Bailey's Beach, for which the waves, in anticipation, had, it is reported, been plentifully sprinkled with gallons of Eau de Cologne.

"The result of the contest was (1) Vanderbilts, (2) Stuyvesant Fishes. Also ran: Harrimans, Goelets, Ogden Millses and Havemeyers."

—The Bystander.

Official Responsibility

WITHIN the last month there have been two cases of prosecution of negligent or erring railway employees which have attracted attention. Hill was sentenced to jail for six months for being drunk on duty. The punishment may seem severe for such an offence but we must remember that the intoxication of such an official might mean a terrible loss of life. In the second case, the jury, after nearly three hours' consideration, acquitted a conductor charged with manslaughter in connection with the Myrtle collision. The latter verdict is said to have been given on purely sentimental grounds and Judge MacMahon made a departure from usual procedure by remarking: "I hope, gentlemen of the jury, if you should happen to be on a train when there is a collision and you are injured, that perhaps your ideas of duty and care of officials will change."

However sympathetic may be the attitude of the public towards the man who has made the mistake, his responsibility should be amply recognised and also the penalty which negligence of such duty deserves. The drunkenness of an operator, the disobedience of a conductor are far more serious than such frailties in the ordinary workman. If we are going to render those in extraordinary positions immune from extraordinary penalties, the safety of the travelling public will be materially affected.