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WRECK OF THE MOHEGAN

Over a Hundred Lives Were Lost.

MANY AMERICANS WERE ON BOARD

Report That the Machinery of the Unfortunate Vessel Was Defective.

Falmouth, Eng., Oct. 15.—It is certain that over 100 lives were lost by the wreck of the British steamer Mohegan in the vicinity of the Lizard.

Reports received here showed that forty-five survivors out of 200 persons on the Mohegan were landed at Porth Hellick, Cornwall, where the bodies of five dead persons have also been received.

Then came the unanswerable fact that fourteen of the crew of the wrecked steamer had been found alive on the rocks near the scene of the disaster.

One of the passengers rescued by the Port Houstock life-boat says that all the passengers were dining when the catastrophe occurred, though some of the children and those who were seasick were in their bunks.

Suddenly the Mohegan struck with a grating noise. At first the engineers thought this was caused by coal falling down in the bunkers, but a second shock followed, and the vessel began to settle.

Among the passengers known to have been saved from the wreck are Miss Nolle of Baltimore, A. G. Smith, W. Bloomingdale, R. Kelley, Mrs. Piggett and Miss Rondebush.

The following officers of the steamer have been saved: Victor Lawrings Ferguson, Dr. Trevor, and Mrs. Piggett, the stewardess.

The saved include thirty members of the crew.

Among those who are still missing are Mrs. S. C. Crane, believed to be the wife of Stephen Crane, the novelist, and J. Y. Hyslop, who is believed to be the official measurer of the New York Yacht club.

Miss Rondebush is the American operatic singer who is professionally known as Maud Rondebush. She telegraphed to a relative in London today, saying:

"Shipwrecked. Mother dead."

List of Passengers.

New York, Oct. 15.—Following is a list of the passengers on board the steamer Mohegan:

J. A. Baxter, James Baxter, W. J. Bloomingdale, Miss Bushwell, Henry Brown, Miss Bulkley, Cowen, Mrs. S. C. Crane, Charles Duncan, Miss Rose Duncan, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. J. P. Firing, Miss Fraser, B. Franklin Feller, C. S. George, Mrs. L. S. Gamble, Mrs. Grunbrecht, A. H. Harrington, Miss Hart, John Hyp-ton, Richard Kelly, T. W. King and valet, Mrs. T. W. King and maid, Master W. King, R. A. Kipling, J. L. Lelacheur, F. W. Lockwood, L. M. Luke, Mrs. L. M. Luke, Miss F. Merryweather, H. Hotson, Jr., Miss Katharine Noble, D. J. O'Neill, F. A. Pemberton, Mrs. F. A. Pemberton, two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Pemberton's two maids, Miss Maud Rondebush, Mrs. Shepard, Miss Saunders, A. G. L. Smith, Mrs. Compton Smith, Mrs. A. H. Warners, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gardner, Dr. Fellows.

Evidence of the Survivors.

The Journal prints the following list of passengers saved from the wreck:

Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton, two Pemberton children and nurse, Miss Katherine Noble, Miss Rondebush, Miss Lelacheur, J. N. Adams, J. N. Metchine, James G. Gould, H. D. Mesnell, Victor Rawlins, Alfred Warren, W. B. Redburg, A. McWhitter, James Ward, W. Hess, Miss Milne, G. H. Hunter, George Maule, R. D. Watson, J. Pitchlen, H. Bullings, Thomas Moore, G. W. Unthoe, W. C. Fairlane, Thomas Nicholls, Walter Winshead, Frank Hunter, J. W. Hyslop.

Sixteen other persons, names not reported, are saved.

Heroic Officers and Crew.

The survivors without exception speak in the highest terms of the devotion and coolness displayed by the officers and crew of the Mohegan. Captain Lewis stated that all were instantly at their posts when it was known that she had struck. The officers ordered the crew to the ship's boats and shore and a warning rocket was fired up, but it was too late then to avoid the catastrophe, which occurred in seven or eight minutes, not sufficient time to get all the life-saving appliances out of the ship. The boats of the crew were indescribable—men jumped overboard in an agony of despair, and the women passengers huddled together and refused to leave the deck.

The officers remained on the bridge to the last, and many instances of sacrifice are recorded.

Not Like French Sailors.

Members of the crew are known to have stood by and watched the boats launched and put off when it was apparent that there were but only means by which their own lives could be saved. A life boat with a load of forty persons on it, we are told, passed many men who were battling for their lives in the water upon it was impossible to take them. The lifeguard, headed by the vicar and coast guards stood up on the shore and cheered the boat. When the life boat entered the little cove the lifeguard rushed into the sea to help drag the little boat up on the beach, and tenderly carried the distributed survivors to their homes, which had been already prepared for their reception by the vicar and his family.

The life boat was again launched and put out for the wreck, on its outward journey picked up three drowning men.

The trip to the wreck was fruitless so far as taking anyone from the vessel was concerned, but on the way back to the shore sixteen other survivors were taken off the water. One man was just before daybreak.

The latest list of the rescued shows that only eleven passengers were saved.

LIFE-SAVER'S GRAPHIC STORY.

Plucky Conduct of Miss Noble, of Baltimore.

Falmouth, Oct. 15.—By dispatch from H. Kerevine, a small town a little to the northward of The Manacles, says eighteen bodies from the Mohegan have been washed ashore there. They have been identified as those of passengers.

A member of the Port Houstock life-boat crew named James gave a graphic account of the wreck. He said that as soon as the disaster was announced, big rockets were fired up from the boat and succeeded to The Manacles. They could see no lights, the night was pitch dark, and no rocks were discernible, but they heard shouting, and pulled toward the spot from which the voices came. No steamer was visible, but the life-boat came across an overturned life-boat to which four or five men were clinging. Later she heard shouting near another overturned life-boat, and with grapnels managed to drag it inside the boat. In this boat they found a woman and two or three men alive. The woman was so tightly jammed in the wreckage that the boat's men had to cut away the thwarts of the small boat before they could rescue her. James said the boat passed the bodies of several men and women and picked up a couple of men who were floating on wreckage. The boat picked up as a ship's boat having on board twenty-two of the ship's crew and passengers, all of whom would have been speedily lost if not rescued at that time, as the boat was battering against the rocks. The occupants of this boat were taken into the life-boat.

Rescue of Miss Noble.

While the life-boat was beating homeward she picked up a woman, Miss Noble, Baltimore.

"She is the pluckiest woman I ever saw in my life," said James. "She shouted, 'Don't mind me, men, but give me a rope!' The sea then swept her towards us and we caught her hands and got her on board in good order, as we could be expected. We then had forty-eight persons on board. The life-boat crew, the crew, and could hear shouting from the steamer. We approached to the save Steward Grare clinging to the jigger-mast. We then saw that all four masts were still standing and that survivors were clinging to each. We backed right into the wreckage and managed to bring the boatswain, cook and others. Next we saw a man, seeming lost, was clinging to the steamer's funnel. All this occupied several hours. We then made for the shore."

Panic on Board Was Terrible.

Further evidence from St. Ruthven says the panic on the Mohegan was terrible and that the crew refused to leave the ship.

One passenger cut away the falls of a life-boat with a razor, and thus saved several lives.

Miss Rondebush and her mother, Mrs. Grandin, entered a ship's boat, which was crowded with men, and Mrs. Grandin was jammed between this boat and a life-boat. Upon the life-boat she saw her personal risk jumped on board the ship's boat, which was better and righted, and pulled Mrs. Grandin from her dangerous position. But she was landed in a dying condition and all efforts made to revive her were useless. When Miss Rondebush landed, later she anxiously inquired for her mother, whose body was identified by her. Her dress, though some of the children, description of a ring furnished to him by the daughter. One of Mrs. Grandin's feet was torn from the leg.

AT THE NEW YORK OFFICE.

Crowds Inquired Anxiously About Friends and Relatives.

New York, Oct. 15.—The office of the Atlantic Transport line was crowded today with people who came to inquire about friends and relatives. Henry Morrison, a lawyer, inquired about his son, Henry Morrison, Jr., and his daughter, Miss Hannah Hart. Who Mr. Morrison learned that the names of his son and step daughter were on the passenger list he fainted. Mrs. John Hyslop, wife of the chief measurer of the New York Yacht club, fainted when she was overheard inquiring about her husband and talk passage on the Mohegan.

Mrs. Merriweather comes from Cincinnati, Miss Katherine Noble from Baltimore, D. J. Kipling, a relative of Rudyard Kipling, a relative of Rudyard Kipling, from Glen Ridge, N. J., J. J. Firing was a passenger from the United States navy.

Boilers Were Not Defective.

A. D. Franklin, of the Atlantic Transport company, said today:

"There is no truth in the report that the Mohegan's boilers were defective and that her engines were in bad condition. The vessel was in first-class condition. Her boilers were first rate. Her engines took twenty-two days and for that reason it was supposed that she was defective.

"This was not so. The ship was going only at one-half speed and we knew that she was in good order. We knew all about her before she did. On her arrival she was complete in every detail. It was deemed advisable to give her a trial before she went out for her regular run. She went forward and the Manitou sailed in her place. Oct. 8.

"After the trial trip we received a cable from the ship's engineer and officers saying that the Mohegan was perfect. I do not believe the wreck was caused by any defect in the machinery of the Mohegan."

A cablegram was received by Capt. Lewis, a yachtsman and friend of the Hyslop family, this afternoon to the effect that John Hyslop was among those saved.

It was learned that A. H. Harrington of Chicago, Mrs. Grunbrecht and Mrs. Grinbrecht and F. W. Lockwood, of Stamford Comm., and R. A. Baxter, of Surrey, England.

A Survivor's Story.

Falmouth, Oct. 15.—One of the survivors of the Mohegan disaster, Mr. Hotson, of New York, was interviewed after he had sufficiently recovered to be able to tell the story of the disaster. He said:

"I am a shipper of horses, employed by the American Transport company. We left London on Thursday, and all went well until 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, when most of the passengers were at dinner. The steamer was going at full speed, when we felt a sudden, heavy crash, which seemed to denote that we had struck something of great weight. But when we rushed on deck we found that the Mohegan was leaving her bows behind. The Manacles and the lowlands in the vicinity of The Lizard.

"Orders were given immediately to lower the boats, and the crew of the steamer behaved splendidly. Captain Lewis stood on the bridge and the greatest order was observed throughout the ship's company.

"The steamer, however, immediately began to settle by the head. Two boats were launched. Women were sent away in the first boat. But whether those boats reached shore I do not know.

"I managed to secure a life-belt, and jumped overboard. I swam to the chief officer, Mr. Couch. He made me take off my coat and shoes. Soon after that we were parted from each other. When I was leaving the ship I saw a little girl begged piteously that I try to save her, as she did not want to die yet. I tried to reach her, but failed.

"Eventually I caught hold of a plank which was floating near me and managed to get on it for seven and a half hours, jumped overboard, and swam to it, and picked up by a tug. I could not have lasted much longer.

"I cannot explain how the accident occurred. The whole matter is not very clear to me."

Steamer Was Defective.

London, Oct. 15.—Dreadful scenes were witnessed today at the London office of the Atlantic Transport company, to which the owners of the steamer Mohegan belonged. A number of women fainted when the extent of the catastrophe became known, and there was a constant stream of people inquiring about friends and from the office seeking information or taking messages to anxious inquirers. The bad weather, it is now said, has been an ill-fated vessel from the start. It is added that she was only bought by the transport company when its boats had been sold to the United States government during the war. She was formerly the Cleopatra, of the Wilson and Furness-Leyland line, and was bought direct from the Hull shipyard. She never ran for the Furness line and only made one voyage out and put out from which the voices came. No foreign territory and to fight for the honor of our flag and for oppressed humanity. There was no break in our ranks. There was no division in our part of the country. North and south, east and west, alike cheered the soldiers and then what victories were achieved in a little more than three months! Our troops sailed 7,000 miles away to Manila and won a signal victory. Our troops sailed to Cuba and achieved a glorious triumph. Our fleet in Manila bay and in Santiago harbor destroyed the Spanish fleets without the loss of a ship and the brilliancy of both is not paralleled in the annals of war. And all over in 100 days. That is the story of our glorious army and navy did. Now it only remains for us citizens of the republic to be as wise in our statesmanship as our soldiers and sailors have been valorous in arms."

Tribute to Lincoln.

The crowd at Springfield was the record breaker for the day, numbering about 40,000. The 5th Illinois Infantry, stationed at Springfield, was a pleasing feature here. From the steps of the old state house the President addressed the crowd. He said:

"Fellow Citizens—I am glad to meet the people of the city of Illinois and the state capital. I am glad to be at the home of the honored President. His name is an inspiration and a holy one to all lovers of liberty. He lived here, he saved the union. He liberated a race—a race which he said ought to be free because from the days of the old state house the President addressed the crowd He said:

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