

CREWS CRAZED BY SUFFERING

Victims Lick Boats for Moisture and Seek Death in Sea.

TALES OF PLUCKY DEEDS

Acts of Officers and Men Belonging to All Branches of Sea Service, Naval and Mercantile.

London.—Much has been written about the hardships endured by the crews of vessels sunk by German submarines. Here are some particulars along with the plucky deeds performed by officers and men belonging to all branches of the sea service, naval and mercantile.

The first case is that of a passenger liner which had been torpedoed on Monday, without warning, as usual, in the Atlantic, 200 miles from land. The chief officer took charge of 50 persons, including two women and a baby four months old.

Bad weather prevailed all that day and throughout the night, increasing the plight of the miserable people. Provisions, too, were scarce, but what existed was taken charge of by the chief officer, who doled out half a dipper (half-pint) of water to each person night and morning.

They had been barely twenty-four hours in the boat when the horrors of the situation were added to by much more. On the Tuesday the cook lost his reason, and on the Wednesday he died. That night witnessed the insanity of the storekeeper, who had to be lashed down. On Thursday he too died. On Friday an A. B. expired.

The water was now beginning to give out and the boat's company suffered from intense thirst.

A fireman was found dead in the bottom of the boat on Saturday morning, and the third-class pantry boy died during the day.

On Sunday the cattleman tried to jump overboard three times, and succeeded at the fourth attempt. The survivors were in too feeble a state to save him, although they turned the boat round and searched for him. The chief gave out on Sunday.

There were occasional showers of rain, but everything was saturated with salt, and the little water they got was undrinkable. They licked the woodwork, hoping to gather up the drops.

When they broke up the water kegs and licked the inside, which they found saturated with moisture, and delicious. At 3 p. m. on Monday land was sighted, but it was a long way off, and by the time they drew near darkness and heavy northerly swell made a landing impossible. They lay to, and during a squall their mast carried away at the heel, but that did not matter much, for it acted as a sea anchor.

At daylight on Tuesday they were sighted by a couple of fishing boats, which towed them into port. The baby lived for some time after being landed. The linen keeper died as he was being lifted from the boat. Two of the crew refused to leave the boat, having gone mad. A trimmer died from gangrene two weeks later.

The chief officer remarked: "I would like to testify to the excellent behavior of the boat's crew throughout our period of eight days' hardship and exposure."

The second case deals with a British oil ship which had been torpedoed without warning. The torpedo struck it between the two forward tanks, and it was burning furiously. Its engines were still running, because it had been impossible to reach the engine room after the explosion on account of the heat. Visible for miles through the darkness, it looked like some fiery planet flung across the face of the night. All the holds had caught and a continuous stream of oil kept feeding the fire.

Crouched up in the peak, which was the only part not yet alight, were about thirty Chinese, all who remained of the crew. Death by fire or by water was only a matter of time; that seemed to be a certainty.

Sighted by Patrol Boat. The lieutenant in command of a patrol vessel saw a ragged sheet of flame and altered course forthwith. To extinguish the flames was impossible, and the rescue of the survivors in the other's peak, but there was no more life-ties.

He ran his vessel close past the other's men and at the peak, where about thirty Chinese, all who remained of the crew, were pitched overboard by the crew of the patrol ship. The Chinese were told to jump overboard. This was repeated three times. By that time all boats had been lowered to pick up the men in the water. There now remained only the men in the other's peak, but there was no more life-saving apparatus on board the patrol vessel. The lieutenant decided it was necessary to place himself alongside the ship and take off the remainder of the crew. A speed of eight knots being maintained, this was done. They remained alongside, lashed to the steamer's windward bow, for a period sufficient for all nine men to lower themselves on board this ship, which sustained slight superficial damage to guard rails and upper-deck fittings. Ten minutes after clearing the steamer she was burned to the water line.

Men's Clothing for Spring Lighter Weight Than Usual

With the wind-up of the buying season for spring delivery, manufacturers in New York of men's clothing find themselves with a volume of orders on hand which, in most cases, is above the record for the corresponding period a year ago. It is said that, as a rule, the fabrics to be used in these garments for next spring are lighter in weight than ordinarily. In other respects, however, there is practically no evidence of the war regulations, the modifications in styles that have been agreed to applying more to next fall than to the coming spring season. Patch pockets will be worn a great deal, and many double-breasted coats have been sold. Trousers will be turned up at the bottom as usual, though this feature may be cut out in the fall styles. The cloths used are mostly of subdued colors and combinations of colors, and conservatism seems to rule in the great majority of

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But Not Counted Among Those Who Take Advantage OF THE BIG 10 DAY SALE

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Spend a Little and Save a Lot at the Fair Department Store's Big 10-Day Sale	Come and See	Don't Wait	February 9	Look For the Signs and Run to the Right Sale where your Dollar will do wonders
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Yes, we have lots of goods that go on sale, but have not got the space to tell you about them. All we ask is that you come and see for yourself. Mark the date—Saturday, February 9th—just 10 days of it. Tell your friends about the great coming event. All goods have got to go regardless of price. Mark the date, Saturday, February 9th. Miss it and you will regret it.

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