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## IN DISASTER AT SEA DESERVES HIS TITLE

### TRAVELER TELLS OF ACTIONS OF FELLOW PASSENGERS.

Little Excitement, Although All Knew the Ship Was Injured, and Later Deep Thankfulness for Preservation From Death.

I have often wondered how people would act, how I myself would feel, in the event of a disaster at sea. I had the opportunity of finding out the other night, when in the darkest hour just before dawn, in a dense fog, the ship on which I had sailed from Southampton, the New York, was rammed by the Pretoria, 400 miles from New York.

I was awakened by the stopping of our engines and the violent churning of the screw as the ship backed water. Then, out of the impenetrable darkness was heard the hoarse shriek of another foghorn than our own, which, at intervals of a minute, had been blowing for hours. I knew that another vessel was approaching, and every minute drawing nearer.

Then came a shock, sharp though not very violent, and I knew we had been struck. Passengers and crew rushed past to take up their station at the boats, and two or three minutes later the huge bulk of the Pretoria, towering above our craft, glided by so near that I could touch her with my hand, while she tore away part of our bulwarks in passing.

Then the passengers began to pour out from the cabins in scanty attire, many with life preservers buckled on. There were no hysterics, and surprisingly little evident excitement, but all quietly awaited the end which we thought was near, until in a few minutes the officers reported that the hole in our side was above the water line. It was big enough, however, to admit two or three trolley cars abreast, and a huge anchor of the Pretoria, weighing five tons, was found imbedded in our bow, while the iron plates of our ship were twisted up like shavings.

For nearly twenty-four hours more, the fog continued with brief intermission, and this evidently got on the nerves of the passengers even more than the shock of the first moment of the collision. Some tried to throw off their nervousness by singing ragtime tunes, others by playing cards, and not a few, I am glad to say, by looking to a higher power, and remembering that the father in heaven ruled the waves.

It was a time when many hearts were tender, and any appeal to their gratitude and reverence went home. Sunday morning, the next day after the accident, just before reaching port, I asked permission of the purser to hold a thanksgiving service, which was readily granted. I never knew an audience to be more responsive. There were few dry eyes in the crowded music room as we voiced our gratitude in song and prayer and brief words of thanksgiving. Tears streamed down the faces of many strong men, and the impressive service will never be forgotten by any who attended.—Christian Herald.

### Religious Motive.

"A missionary's first duty is to learn to think black," said Bishop Matipati Lucecock in a missionary Sunday address in Helena. "Until he learns to think black—learns to think, that is, as his dusky converts do—he will accomplish little, for he won't understand his flock."

"He won't understand, for example, a man like Ali. Ali, a fat, lazy rascal, was converted from the Mohammedan faith to Christianity. A Mohammedan, you know, can drink no alcoholic beverages."

"Well, Mr. Goodes, Ali's missionary, came on the new convert one evening in the market place, drunk."

"Why, Ali?" he said, reproachfully.

"Why, Ali, what religion has you just professed?"

"Same religion as massa's," Ali answered. "Plenty ram drink."

### Score Modern Mothers.

Dr. Gilbert Fitzpatrick of Chicago, president of the Obstetrical Society of the American Institute of Homeopathy, said recently at a convention that the modern mother is a poor mother and the direct cause of the high rate of mortality. These women, he said, are defectives and muscular degenerates. They are poor mothers, weaklings, mentally, morally, physically, and even socially, when the country's welfare and race betterment are hanging in the balance.

### Shrewd Citizenship.

"What's the wrangle about in Philadelphia?"

"Some of the community want to maintain mudpoles and swell their private fortunes by hauling automobiles out. Others want to improve the highways, punch 'em for speeding and apply the proceeds to public works and all kinds."

### JACK KING HAS EARNED RIGHT TO BE CALLED RIVER HERO.

Man Saved Three Hundred People From Drowning and Recovered Numerous Dead Bodies—He Knows the Missouri.

He is a small catfish-eating man, past sixty, who has won and gracefully wears the title of River Hero. Some 300 persons saved from the sucking throat of the flood, about one hundred and fifty bodies taken from the watery shifting graves—behold King's record! Of the rescued, 40 were boys, 25 were women, including a famous "laughing girl," and the rest were men, one of them a 250-pounder.

Jack King's boat is one mile of the river front, and he has patrolled it almost daily since 1873, with the exception of six months, when he was fighting in the Philippine Islands.

He knows the Missouri river; its subtle moods, when the floods will come and when recede; the changing channel, treacherous currents, suckholes, eddies, belings up; where the sandbars are; the habits and haunts of the edgling things, big and little, that inhabit the stream.

He has developed a scientific and effective method of rescuing persons from drowning.

He has discovered that there are mysterious laws which govern the movement of corpses in the water.

So intricate is King's knowledge of the river that if he be informed where an unfortunate sank to death he will locate the spot, the eddy or sandbar down-stream, 100 yards to five miles, where the body is likely to be found. Tests have often proved the accuracy of his conclusions.

Not by guesswork or intuition does King locate the dead bodies, as many have fancied. He consults his mental map of the river and then makes a mathematical calculation.

"And the map of the river is different ever year," the hero explained. "This stream is a restless thing, and twists and turns in his bed."

King's skill as a life-saver is predicated, of course, on his expert swimming. The supreme test of river swimming, so the expert said, is for one to be able to take care of himself in the swift and mighty current, battle through the suckholes and hold his own in the porous places where the water "kicks up" and back like a broncho. "I've been in a lot of ticklish places, but never lost my head," the old man mused, "and that's why I'm here."—American Magazine.

### Small Armies.

If ever the disarmament of the world shall occur, there will be several countries that will not have much to do in that line, such as, for instance, Monaco, the army of which comprises 75 guards, 73 carabinieri, and 20 firemen.

Another diminutive army is that of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which numbers 135 gendarmes, 170 volunteers and 20 musketeers. The Republic of San Marino can put in the field a total of nine companies consisting of 950 men and 83 officers, commanded by a marshal. The army on a peace footing consists of one company of 60 men.

The fighting force of the "Black Republic," Liberia, is composed of 760 men and almost as many officers. Liberia, however, evidently considers its army a formidable one, since, upon the occasion of hostilities between any of the powers, it always issues a proclamation of neutrality.

### Class Reunion Hero.

The man who won the long-distance cup at the Yale 1914 class reunion this year, which a number of Hartford alumni attended, traveled all the way from Java, says the Hartford Opuntia, in thanking his classmates for the cup he referred to another long-distance cup which a 1904 man won at a class reunion a few years ago by traveling "from heaven to earth," and he said that the changes in temperature through which he had passed led him to think that he had equaled the previous record, only that he had come from the other direction.

"What that heaven to earth record?" said one of the fellows who had not been back to a reunion for many years.

"Don't you know that?" said the other. "That was when W— broke off his honeymoon trip in order to come back to the reunion."

### About the First Public Library.

Thebes, in the time of Rameses II, established and supported the first public library, and the records of the monuments show that its director was a high official named Am-m-s-an-ke appears also to have been a literate man, and corresponded with Perseus, who was the popular author of the "best-sellers" of his time.

## SIMPLEST OF ALL FAITHS

### Religion of Islam Makes Minimum Demand on Intellect and Nature of Man.

It was afternoon in a small oasis village of the Zizans. I was seated on a straw mat in a little garden space just outside the cafe, and dreamily regarding the intense blue sky through the vine leaves trellised overhead, which fecked me with their shadows. An old Arab was praying just in front. Two groups, one on each side of me, were placidly seated on clean yellow mats—young men, whose dark, sad faces, thin-featured and large-eyed, contrasted with their white robes. They were smoking kif—a transluence of gold in their clear bronze skin, a languor of light in their immobile gaze, content. The garden made off before me, topped with palm distance; the silent street to one side was out of sight, as if it were not. It was a place of peace. I had finished my coffee and dates. I filled my brier-wood. The May heat was great, intense; and I settled myself to a long smoke, and fell into reverent reflection.

How simple it all was! That prayerful Arab—what an immediacy with God! What a nonchalance in the dreamy pleasures of those delicate-featured youths! What a disengagement was here! I had only to lift my index finger to heaven dying, to be one of the faithful; and the fact was symbolic, exemplary, of the simplicity of Islam. It makes the minimum demand on the intellect, on the whole nature of man. I had but lately placed the faith in its true perspective, historically. Mohammedanism, the Ishmael religions, was the elder brother of Protestantism, notwithstanding profound differences of racial temperament between them. The occidental mind is absorbent, conservative, antiseptic. It is not content, like the Mohammedan, to let things lie where they fall, disintegrate, crumble and sink into oblivion. Western education fills the mind with the tangle-foot of the past. Catholicism was of this racial strain. It had a genius for absorption. It was the melting-pot of the religious past, and what resulted after centuries was an amalgam, rich in dogma, ritual and institution, full of inheritance.—Baltimore American.

## Claims Allowed By the Board of County Commissioners.

AT THE LAST REGULAR MEETING of the Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Nevada, the following bills were allowed:

Wm. McMillan, St. Trans.	120 52
P. M. Fox road work	150 00
Pat. Jordan road work	12 00
R. L. Mason road work	20 00
John Carothers road work	20 00
Carothers & O'Brien road work	23 00
Earl Williams road work	31 00
Dave Flack road work	6 00
Will Laughlin road work	33 00
Henry Boerlin road work	90 00
A. A. Travis road work	9 00
J. M. Slater road work	21 00
Stewart Kirkwood road work	51 00
Jim Wilson road work	34 00
Aurora Con Mines Co road work	329 91
L. J. Wheeler road work	12 00
L. J. Wheeler road work	35 00
G. B. Lalolo road work	184 50
B. Lalolo road work	40 00

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J. B. Stan road work	70
H. Barran road work	2 00
Development Co road work	5 00
C. P. S. supplies C. H.	70
Pacific Power Co. lights Aurora jail	2
R. McCarty, stamps, etc.	40 00
Haw and Mina Toi Co. messages	3 10
Adams & Miller, supplies	1 00
A. A. Travis, sup. Aurora jail	1 00
J. N. Adams Merc. Co. supplies	30 00
Dr F C Pache, County Physician	150 00
Ida Leonard, hospital matron	1 00
G B Stannard, supplies hospital	88 60
J T Mack, aid to indigent	10 00
Adam Bay, and wife, aid	20 00
J. Knapp, aid	10 00
E Sanchez, aid	10 00
J. D. Sampson, aid	14 25
Mrs Dunn, aid to indigent	15
Adams & Miller, supplies to hosp.	37 00
Adams & Miller, Aid to Indigent	1 00
Adams & Miller, supplies to hosp.	1 00
M. Edam, nurse	10 00
C. M. Wood physician Aurora	10 00
W. H. Gibson freight	10 00
Hirard & Van Every aid	10 00
Chas Jorger burial indigent	10 00
John Co. drug	10 00
J. M. Wood, Co. supplies	10 00
Wm. Gibson freight	10 00
O. Gerbig, meats to hosp.	10 00
O H Pearce, aid	10 00
So. Development Co., water hosp.	10 00
F R Red, salary and mileage 1 mos.	10 00
S. M. Summerfield, salary	10 00
J. H. Miller, salary	10 00
J. R. Melrose, salary	10 00
Eugene Grutt, salary	10 00
H. S. McLeod, salary	10 00
J. H. White, salary	10 00
S. T. Keiso, salary	10 00
Cecilia Cunningham deputy recorder	3 00
G. G. Atchison det.	10 00
W. Hinton, det.	10 00
D. Ross, det.	10 00
Leo Grutt, det.	10 00
A. Nage, det.	10 00
Miller & Co., det.	10 00
J. H. Mitchell, janitor	10 00
B. S. Fitzpatrick, Justice fees	2 00
P. G. Morgan freight charges	5 00
J. A. McCarthy, printing	40 00
R. H. McP.	10 00
Orphan's home	10 00
A. Carlisle & Co.	10 00
Green Stannard	10 00
Tonopah Bonanz	10 00
Underwood typew.	10 00
Green, Stannaker &	10 00
I. E. S.	10 00
L. W.	10 00
Stover	10 00
G. S.	10 00
G. S.	10 00
H. B. Baker road work	10 00
Western Nevada Miner, printing	4 00
Nov Ind Com June Premium	10 00
J. Hamilton, treas. Esq.	127 00

I. J. H. Walte, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County of Mineral, Nevada, do hereby certify that the foregoing bills were passed and ordered paid by the Board of County Commissioners on July 6, 1914.

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