

LOSS OF THE STEAMSHIP CENTRAL AMERICA.

INCIDENTS OF THE DISASTER. STATEMENT OF CAPTAIN THOMAS W. BAKER. (From the Baltimore American.)

Capt. Thomas W. Baker, who is in command of the steamer, has arrived here in a capsule, and has expressed his astonishment at the news of the disaster. He is a native of Baltimore, and has been in the service of the United States Government for many years.

We give this morning the statement of Capt. Baker, as received from the Central America and the latest news received by telegraph and mail. It is a long and interesting story, and we will give it in full.

The steamer Central America, of the United States line, was wrecked on the coast of Cuba, Sept. 10, 1887. The ship was carrying a large number of passengers and a great quantity of freight.

By this time the water had risen high enough to extinguish the fire, and the men employed in the coal hole and engine room were able to get out. The principal leak was found to be around the coal shaft, and at the lower end of the shaft the water was found to be coming in.

At 4 o'clock on Saturday morning the water gained fast on us, as the men were fatigued and worn out by incessant work. The water was then being pumped out by hand, but it was not doing much good.

At 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, however, all hands took to the water, and the ship was abandoned. The water was then being pumped out by hand, but it was not doing much good.

The error of the loss of the Central America was a result of the fact that the ship was overloaded. The cargo was piled up in the hold, and the ship was unable to maintain its equilibrium.

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