

A Sad Calamity—Two Steamers Collide.

At a late hour on Friday night the 11th inst., the steamer Narragansett was run into by the Stonington, another boat of the same line, and the former boat sunk in a few minutes. The night was very foggy, which is the excuse for the collision.—Quite a number of lives were lost. The following account told by Mr. Dennett, one of the survivors, gives a pretty fair idea of the horrors of the occasion.

"I was on my way to South Attleboro, Mass., and took passage on the Narragansett. I was sitting in a chair in the passage way between staterooms Nos. 35 and 40 when the collision took place. The other vessel must have struck our boat just outside of stateroom No. 35, which is forward of the wheels. A man rushed out from that room covered with blood, and there were a number of others in that and the adjoining staterooms. The whole side of the vessel at that point seemed to be crushed in, and many of the occupants of the rooms must have been thrown into the water and killed. I ran to the stern of the vessel, and on looking over the rail I saw five women and several men struggling in the water.

Men and women rushed out of their rooms with nothing but their night clothes on them shrieking wildly. Some of the officers and a few of the cooler passengers tried to allay the excitement, and assured the passengers that there was no danger.—Some of them went to their staterooms and put on their clothes, but the alarm and excitement became wilder and wilder when the cry that the steamer was on fire went up. All the lights were put out by the shock of the collision, and the darkness made the confusion worse. I secured a life-preserver, and as I did not know how to put it on, I asked a saloon passenger if he knew how to work it. "Yes," he replied, "I will show you," and taking the life-preserver he ran off with it. I followed him and we had a tussle for the belt, but he gave me a blow in the face and knocked me down. When I got up he was gone.

I then went where the other life-preservers were kept, and as they were high up out of reach, I asked two passengers to lift me up and I would hand down the belts. By this time there were fifty persons around us. I threw the life-preservers one by one among them and kept the last one for myself, but I no sooner got on my feet than several men rushed at me and tore the preserver from me. I came near being trampled to death.

I then ran off again, and just then a small raft was thrown into the water. I swung myself down by the side of the vessel and got on board of it. The officers and men tried to get the large raft overboard, but it was lashed down too tightly, and the job was given up. In a few minutes there were about twenty-five persons on the raft with me, and as the vessel was pretty well on fire by this time we shoved off.

It was almost providential that the steamer took fire, because by the bright light everything could be plainly seen, and great numbers were picked up from the water who, but for the flames, would never have been seen. As our raft floated away from the steamer, we picked up 11 women whom we found struggling in the water.—We came across a young girl and her brother struggling together for life, and we were about taking the girl on board, when she cried out, "Don't mind me take up my brother first." She was a brave girl and we saved them both. We were now more than a quarter of a mile away from the burning vessel, and the fierce flames lit up the whole sea for miles around with a bright red light.

Our raft was now too heavily loaded and there was great danger of our being all lost, four of us jumped into the water and held on by the edges of the raft until we were almost numb. Then we were taken up on the raft and four more took our places in the water. We kept this up until a boat came alongside and took off the 12 women we had on the raft. Then we were all right and paddled along to where the Stonington lay. When about half a mile from the burning vessel we picked up a very old man, and in another minute he would have gone down. At last, after being about an hour and a half on the raft, we got alongside the Stonington and were hauled up on deck. The only man who saved anything from the wreck was a Jew who scrambled on the raft with a carpet-bag in his hand.

I was rubbed down for half an hour and then put in a bed. A man about thirty-eight years old was brought in soon after, and he died in a short time. We remained on the Stonington about two hours, and then were transferred to the city of New York. The company gave me a ticket to my destination by another line, but they refused to give me any money.

As it was plain to see that Dennett was really hungry, a little assistance was given him by the reporter, and he went to Castle Garden, where Superintendent Jackson saw he was well treated.

"How many persons do you think were lost?" he was asked.

"Well, I should say that there must be fully one hundred that have gone down. I saw a number of young children and babies in the water and I know they were lost. I heard that two men shot themselves on board the Narragansett when the collision occurred."

AUDITORS REPORT of Spring twp.

WE the undersigned Auditors of Spring township, Perry county, Pa., having been duly sworn, proceed to the examination of the accounts of Wm. H. Kistler and Jas. Swisher, late supervisors of said township for the year of 1879.

Wm. H. Kistler and Jas. Swisher in account with said township.

Table with columns for DL, CR, and Total. Items include Gross amount of duplicate, Amount of account of Jacob Keck due the township, and Amount of work done by J. Keck before going West.

Balanced A balance of \$11.00 due the township we find in the hands of Jacob Shearer, supervisor of 1879. After a careful examination of the accounts of Wm. H. Kistler and Jas. Swisher, late supervisors of Spring township, we do report the above as just and true, to the best of our knowledge and ability.

DAVID R. KANE, JACOB STUTZMAN, Auditors. May 25, 1880.

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All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims to present them for settlement to JACOB REMPER, FREDERICK REMPER, Administrators. W. A. Sponster, Atty. April 20, 1880.

ESTATE NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Sarah Kline, late of Blain borough, Perry county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned residing in said place.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims will present them duly authenticated for settlement to Wm. A. KLINE, Executor. W. N. Seibert att'y. Blain, Pa. 19 6w

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