

## SHIP GOES DOWN IN FIERCE STORM.

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Fernandina, Fla., Aug. 28.—Twenty men, constituting all but two of the officers and crew of the American steamship Peconic, Capt. Jones, bound from Philadelphia to New Orleans with coal, were drowned by the sinking of that vessel off the coast of Florida today.

The disaster was the result of a fierce gale which raged along the coast during the night and early morning.

Struck by the vessel, an immense wave, the ship with terrific force about 12 o'clock this morning. The impact, coming just as the vessel was making a turn, caused a shift of the cargo and the vessel leaned over and sank immediately.

The accident occurred so quickly that only two of those aboard her, an Italian and a Spaniard, were able to save themselves. They succeeded in getting into a lifeboat, reached Amelia Island about noon, and on landing told the story of the disaster.

About midnight of Sunday, according to the story, during the heaviest part of the storm, which had raged all day, the crew of the deck gave the order to put further out to sea, fearing they were approaching the coast too rapidly. In the endeavor to turn, the ship was struck with a heavy sea, the cargo shifted and she began sinking rapidly. In less than 10 minutes after the accident occurred so quickly that only two of those aboard her, an Italian and a Spaniard, were able to save themselves. They succeeded in getting into a lifeboat, reached Amelia Island about noon, and on landing told the story of the disaster.

One of the two survivors was at the time the vessel was driven even ashore at the open water. As soon as the ship began to career, these two men grabbed one of the small boats, which then jumped into as the vessel began to sink. With their knives they severed the ropes as the water's level had reached and the small boat was thrown far out on the waves.

They fortunately said that they discovered through the blackness and sound the course of part of the awakening crew, some of whom managed to crawl into another of the ship's boats. This was, however, caught in a trough of the sea, thrown violently against the ventilator and then wedged fast. Their pulling for help could be heard as the ship went down in the sea.

At last, through the remainder of the night, in the awful wash of waters, with the storm raging and threatening each moment to swamp their small boat, these two men were gradually borne ashore toward Amelia Island, landing about 11 a.m. today. The men, who have been identified as John Richard Thompson and Antonio Clark,

were unable to speak except in their native tongue, and it was some time before the facts of the disaster were thoroughly ascertained. They have testified to the correctness of the above report before a notary public, and the community here came for their wants, at the same time giving them shelter.

They are now staying at the home of James W. Johnson, a prominent citizen, who is about 10 miles northeast of here, having mouth and in the teeth of the gale.

The vessel had been engaged in the fruit trade from Central America to New Orleans, but on account of quarantine regulations prohibiting the import of bananas she had been engaged to bring a cargo of coal from Philadelphia to New Orleans. She was a ship of 1,144 tons register and had on board about 1,500 tons of coal. She arrived at Philadelphia Aug. 14 and cleared for New Orleans Aug. 19.

**MRS. ARTHUR PAGET.**

She Will Have to Undergo Another Operation.

New York, Aug. 28.—Operations which have saved her one another through months of pain suffered by Mrs. Arthur Paget, the well known society leader, have proved in vain, and another most difficult one will be attempted next week, at the hands of Dr. George C. Moore, of New York.

Mrs. Paget sustained a fractured thigh and the bone failed to knit sufficiently to support the weight of her body.

The operation will be performed in a difficult and serious one and will it is expected last three hours.

The end of the thigh will be cut open and the bone ends and the fractured bone are reconnected. There will then be firmly set together with ivory and a few months' time, it is hoped, the bone will be joined strong enough to bear the weight of her body.

**DENVER SAVINGS BANK.**

Its Officials in Criminal Court to Plead.

Denver, Aug. 28.—Officials of the suspended Western bank and the Denver Savings bank, awaiting trial on charges of bankers' loans—receiving deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent—were in the criminal court today, the last of a series of trials for the continuance. The motion for a continuance will be heard on Wednesday. Charles Wood, cashier, and Robert A. West, postmaster, were indicted for receiving loans from the banking firm of J. H. and Wm. Wainwright and W. H. Thompson.

Mobilizing Russian Troops.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—An Imperial decree dated 1 Aug. 27, authorizes mobilization of troops for "Festive celebration of the 300th anniversary of the reign in the Russian Empire." The order applies to certain districts of the government of Vilna, Grodno, Kovno, Courland, Livonian, Prussia, Volhynia, Smolensk, Saratov, Mervenka, Astrakhan, Terek, and Orenburg, and to the districts of Irkutsk, Krasnoyarsk, and Chita. The order also applies to the districts of Tula, Moscow, and Nizhni Novgorod, and to the districts of St. Petersburg, Vyborg, and Leningrad.

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