

THRILLING WRECK AT SEA.

Missionaries to Society Islands in a South Sea Typhoon—Narrow Escape From Watery Grave.

Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands, April 1.—For the benefit of our friends, returned Elders and other readers of the "News" who may be interested in the welfare of the missionaries, the progress of the work of God in the most isolated part of the world, and Society Island news in general, we take this opportunity of informing them of the current events in the South seas.

During the month of March just passed we witnessed another cyclone, and it is said by those who were in the cyclones of 1875 and 1890 that it killed both of these, not perhaps in the loss of life, but in the loss of ships, coco-nut palms and houses. This means that the country is dead commercially, and as the lives of the natives depend more or less upon this industry, it is not hard to foresee the conditions which will prevail among this people.

As the writer was at sea in this cyclone, and was wrecked on one of the islands, an account of this experience will no doubt be interesting.

President Hall sent Elders S. A. Baker and the writer to attend conference at the island of Takarua. We left Tahiti on the 20th of March on the Teavara, the third largest ship in the islands, and we arrived at Anina on the 7th, it having taken us six days to go 250 miles, as a result of one of our characteristic calms. We were there only one day and then continued our journey towards Takarua, but when we were in sight of the island we were again changed and we were not able to get to it. The next day the wind became much stronger and carried us away to the east and for five days we did not know where we were, as we could not see the sun and could not therefore locate ourselves.

On the 14th, however, the storm abated for several hours. In a beautiful lagoon inside the island of Amanu, we remained there three days repairing the sails for they were nearly used up. During this storm we had a small accident on board. A little native girl, 24 years of age, was blown off the ship and lost. Her father, Puaheia in his name, jumped in after her, but the waves were so strong that he could not get to her in time. It was more than an hour before the ship's boat reached him, so rough was the sea, that part of the time he was fighting off a shark. It surprised us the way he handled himself for he had lost partly the use of one arm and leg in diving for pearl shells.

On the 15th of March we left Amanu and arrived at Fakaina the next day, where we met three other ships, and congregated each other on Takarua. The next day, the 18th, all the ships left Fakaina for Takarua. On Thursday the 23rd, another storm came up, which next day developed into a cyclone. The waves, without any exaggeration, were three times the height of the masts. At 5 o'clock the vessel received a terrific blow and the masts were blown down. The boat before the boat could be cut loose another wave struck us and water rushed into the ship's hold.

Twelve hundred dollars' worth of lumber which was on deck was thrown off. All the cargo was piled up on one side of the ship and the captain ordered my companion, another white man, and myself to go down into the hold and throw the cargo to the other side. I believe we never worked so hard before in all our lives. For we landed nearly 25 tons in 15 minutes. While we were down in the hold the vessel was again struck, the railing around the deck was broken off, the windows of the cabin were smashed in, and again water rushed into the ship, the people in the cabin being up to their waists in water. Some made an effort to get up on deck, but Mr. Mervin, the owner of the vessel, ordered them to stay right where they were, saying that we would all go down together instead of one going off and then another.

There were 31 people on board, including the sailors and little children, and only four white men. That night at 7 o'clock we saw the island of Takarua, but thanks to the Lord we were not washed upon that island. All night long the cyclone kept getting worse but we couldn't get out of it. Two men were washed to the wheel and the four other sailors to the boat so that they would not be washed or blown off the ship. We kept the natives singing all night so as to keep our spirits up.

The next morning at 9 o'clock when the vessel itself was trembling like a leaf and nearly all of us had made up our minds that it would not stand it 20 minutes longer, we struck something. The vessel fell on her side and we were riding the reef. Everyone picked himself up as best he could, for when the vessel fell on her side all were bunched up together on one side of the cabin, and waited to see if the vessel

was going to pieces. In a minute the vessel stopped and did not move again. The sea took turns looking over the door of the cabin, but could see nothing but waves that looked like snow-capped mountains all around us. We could not tell the lagoon from the ocean, for it all looked the same. The cyclone kept up all day and part of the night, and it was three days before the sea began to calm. We could find a piece of the island large enough to make a bed on. For three days and nights we had no sleep and then when we did we had to sleep standing nearly straight up, because the vessel was on her side.

After the sea went down we made a raft of the masts of the ship and carried that part of the cargo which was not spoiled to a place on the island a mile from where we were wrecked. When we had been on the reef a week, a native came through the lagoon, and he saw us and came to where we were. He told us the name of the island was Kaukura, that every house on the island was washed into the sea or blown over, and that all the coconut trees were destroyed, but no lives had been lost. We had come from Takarua to Kaukura, a distance of more than 150 miles, in less than 48 hours under bare poles, not a sail was raised, so it can be judged how fast the wind was traveling.

We lost all our fresh water, but the captain happened to have a shotgun, and so with the barrel for a pipe we joined two coal-oil tins and boiled sea water in one and as the steam would rise through the pipe and condense, we were able to make 25 gallons a day and that was enough.

The place where the vessel struck the island was about 200 yards wide, and we were carried nearly into the lagoon. Had we gone into the lagoon or been washed back into the sea we would have certainly gone down, because one side of the hull was broken in completely.

I left Kaukura in a little native boat and arriving at Tahiti learned that the cyclone reached here, dismantling ships in Papeete bay. Of the four ships that left Fakaina after the first cyclone, one went down at sea and all lost, another went to pieces on the reef at Takarua and all lost but two, this one belonged to Harris, the Jew, and he was wrecked, the third, the one I was on, is wrecked on the reef at Kaukura, and the other, the Papeete, is under repairs at Papeete. There are three other vessels that were at sea in the cyclone and we have not heard of them, so it is thought they are lost. Five people lost their lives at Arutua and others are reported missing at Makemo.

Elders McIntosh and Brewerton writing from Takarua report that the houses and coco-nut trees are all down, but no lives were lost there, and that the people are living on raw fish as they all they have. Letters from Elders Clawson and Fullmer at Tubuai let me learn that the cyclone was felt there. Elders Tibbitts and Peck are at Mangareva so they are all right. It is all they have in a high island. We have not heard from Elders Pierson and Huffaker, they are at Hikuera, that is the island that suffered the worst in the cyclone of 1890 when nearly 500 people were drowned who had gathered there to dive for shell. We think they are all right though for the most damage in this cyclone was done by the wind and not the waves.

It will be very hard with the natives now for pearl shell is not worth much and as most of the ships are lost, there is no way of gathering the copra that is made, however little it may be. Something must be done to help our people out or they will die of starvation, because they can not live long on raw fish.

In conclusion we will say that all the Elders are enjoying good health, and doing all they can to bring the people to a knowledge of the truth.

ELDER LAWRENCE A. MINER.
P. S., May 5, 1905.—Since this letter was written by Elder Miner, who is now at Tubuai, Elders Geo. A. Pierson and Parley L. Huffaker, who were at Hikuera during the cyclone, have arrived here at Tahiti. They did not suffer from the storm, as it did not reach Hikuera and the upper islands. Six schooners and 24 cutters have so far been reported wrecked, and others are missing.

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UTAH AS SEEN IN OLD KENTUCKY

Reader of Salt Lake Papers Tells What She Thinks of the Situation.

GIVES TRIBUNE CENITRE HINT.

Has a Son Here Who Says the "Mormons" Are the Best Friends He Ever Had

To the Editor:
Mayfield, Ky., May 25.—How would you like a letter from Kentucky, the "dark and bloody ground"—the field of politics and feuds, the land where pretty women most abound, where the colored "navas tobacco" and the housewife plies the loom, whose grass that's blue is green on every sun-kissed mound.

Many changes have taken place since I wrote you my first letter away back some 11 years ago. But I have kept up with you—have read the Deseret News all the while, and kept up pretty well with affairs in the boundless west. I have read more of your papers than one and have weighed well the many conflicting stories told about Utah and adjacent states. I have an uncle in Blackfoot, Ida., who has lived in the west a long time, and who sends me well-marked copies of the Salt Lake Tribune; a friend in Utah sends me that fearless paper called Truth, and I take the Deseret News myself. So you see I have plenty of reading matter from the west—also, I beg to say, I am somewhat acquainted with the Ogden Standard, which a friend in Ogden sent me for a while. I wanted to be in Utah just then, so I could vote for Mr. Glassman for mayor of Ogden. But I am satisfied—he got it anyway.

I sometimes wonder if the Tribune has "gone back" on its own state. If I lived in such a place and among such people as those the Tribune describes, I wouldn't tell it. I'd move away. But then the other papers give a "black eye" to very much that the Tribune says. Were it not so, I should be afraid of Utah. As it is, I shall sit out some day and see for myself. I have a son in Utah, who writes me he has met a delightful class of people—"Mormons," too, whose morals are better than morals here. He also says the "Mormons" have proved to be the best friends he ever had, and that he can't help loving them.

Speaking of "Mormons," I do not see how they can refrain from paying back in their own coin some who revile and persecute them so mercilessly. They must be courageous to bear so patiently the rough attacks made upon them. I shall not trespass upon your very valuable time with a lengthy letter. I only want you to know that your paper is appreciated above all the papers I ever read, and that I am glad the polygamy question has been investigated in Utah and Hawaii, and it is all untrue, this report that it is still entered into. I know enough about polygamy de facto to feel strongly against it. I have seen the practice cause trouble untold here in my own state, have seen it break up hearts and homes as many times as I can count.

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ARCHBISHOP RYAN FOR REDEMPTION.
The news that Pius X has issued positive orders for the holding of a consistory sometime next month, brings up the question of the appointment of new cardinals. For a long time the influential Catholics in this country have felt that we were entitled to more than one cardinal. It is understood that the Pope is inclined to favor the view and at the consistory will confer the red hat on Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia.

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times almost as I have seen the sun rise and set.
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H. M. CUSHING, Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 10, 1904. Member Legislature, Salt Lake County, and traveling passenger agent of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad.

St. Louis artists will have a comprehensive exhibit of Missouri art at the Lewis and Clark exposition, as an offset to the general belief that Missouri produces mainly apples and army mules.

The Illinois building at the Lewis and Clark exposition is a replica of the home in which Abraham Lincoln lived while a resident of Springfield. This property is said to have been the only real estate the martyred president ever owned.

The Massachusetts building at the Lewis and Clark exposition has as its distinguishing feature a replica of the famous Bulfinch front of the old State house in Boston. When the State house was rebuilt, Massachusetts went to an expense of \$5,000,000 to retain this front.

Mrs. Rosemary Glose Whitney, one of the most popular of western soprano soloists, has been engaged to sing at the Lewis and Clark exposition during the month of August, as soloist with Dierke's band, which has been engaged to give concerts during that period.

The Lewis and Clark exposition, to commemorate the exploring expedition of Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, which added 397,000 square miles of territory to the domain of the United States, will open June 1. President Roosevelt, at Washington will press a button and the great chimera in the United States government building will peel the stirring strains of America's national anthem. The people of the Pacific northwest have spent \$5,000,000 on their fair, and it will be ready on time.

Frank Hall, manager for John L. Sullivan, is negotiating with the authorities of the Lewis and Clark exposition for space on the Fair, the amusement street of the fair, where wax figures of men whom the twelve-years champion knocked out will be shown, with the winning punch indicated in each case. The former champion wants to spend the summer in Portland, and plans to give boxing exhibitions. He would like to get a fight with Charley Mitchell and Tommy Burns.

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