

**MEN WHO FACED
DEATH RESCUED**

For Twenty-Four Hours Fate of
Seventy-Two on the Peter
Rickmers in Doubt.

HOPE ALMOST ABANDONED,
No Less Than a Dozen Times

Life-Savers On the Point
Of Quitting.

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Easing of Gale and Terrible Sea Made

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 New York, May 8.—Seventy-two men, who for more than 24 hours have been facing death in the raging sea near Etes, today

Five islanders were rescued from the crumbling hulk of the big German ship Peter Rickmers early today. The rescue was effected after one of the most trying experiences the life-savers on this coast have ever been called on to face. No less than a dozen times hope of saving the men on the doomed

ship was hit and abandoned, and it was only the easing of the gale and terrific sea that made the rescue possible. Fortunately not a man lost his life and it is believed that not one of them suffered any permanent harm as a result of their long fight against

The greatest ship, one of the finest sailing vessels that ever rode the sea, is a total wreck. Her bow and stern have been completely torn off by the waves, her masts were swept out, her deck-houses and bridge swung away and she is full of water.

WHERE ROCKMERS LIES.

She is lying far back on the bar and it is unlikely even that any effort will be made to tow her to deep water again.

The Rickmers struck the sand bar about 10 miles from Fire Island April 30, while bound out from New York for Europe. At first it was believed that she would be floated without difficulty.

As the wind continued and the boat drove farther and farther on the shelling bar her position became serious. Even then, when the wind decreased, it was believed that she would be floated without serious damage after a portion of her cargo of case oil had been jettisoned. A large force of wreckers was set at the task and excellent progress was

being made up to last Tuesday night, when a great storm broke on the coast. The wind increased so rapidly and the sea assumed such proportions that the wrecking tug standing by were forced to flee for their own safety, leaving behind on the ship 39 salvagers who had been working on the cargo, and 33 of the crew of the

As the storm increased, the waves drove the hulk steadily back on the bar. One by one her masts went by the board and, surging over the crumbling hulk, threatened to sweep every living thing on board into the sea.

LIFE-SAVERS AT WORK.

Life safrs on the beach stnd lifed to the Rickmers, but before a single man could be hauled ashore, the ropes parted. The storm continued to grow in intensity and the plight of the men on the wrecked ship became more desperate. Five crews from life-saving stations were on the beach, but their boats were useless in the sea and the men were in subduence of the

On the morning of the shooting of lines over the storm of rain.

Early this morning the storm had subsided sufficiently to permit the wreckers on board the ship to launch their boats and they landed unaided. Then a line was sent to the wrecked ship and the crew of the ship were brought ashore.

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OLYMPIC RIFLE MATCHES.

Team to Represent United States at
Them Will Be Selected.

Washington, May 8.—The National
Association announces with rela-

tion to a team to represent the United States in the Olympic rifle matches at Birsley, England, July 9, 10 and 11 this year, that it has been definitely decided to send a team consisting of eight shooting members, six principals and two alternates. Selection of the team will be made by open competition to which any citizen shall be eligible, at

place and a date to be announced later. The United States magazine rifle, model 1903, with four-pound trigger pull and pointed bullet ammunition, will be used at distances of 500, 500, 200, 300, 900 and 1,000 yards; two sighters and 15 shots at each range; position, including 200 yards, prone without artificial rest. Names of candidates for should be, fur

positions. The team wanted, once to the officers of the National Rifle association, Washington, D. C., by competent authorities. The team as selected will be assembled on or about June 20, and return to this country about July 20. No one should be certified to as a candidate who is not prepared to remain with the team for that length of time. Expenses of

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Washington May 8.—As the first publication in a series of studies of the apparently elementary rocks and of the ancient forms of animal life contained in them, Secy Walcott of the Smithsonian Institution, has just issued two papers, the first of them on some Cambrian formations of the Rocky mountains and the second on several new general and species of extinct fossil animals known from the Cambrian.

as trilobites, small crustaceans and other fossils, thus reassembling the crabs of today. This study of the trilobites, which is now being taken up by Dr. Walcott, follows a 10-year investigation of the division of shell animals called the brachiopods as they occur in the Cambrian sedimentary rocks.

Helena, May 8.—Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, who has been a Helena visitor for two days, said today that his company would throw open immediately 200,000 acres of land near Billings to the new future 500,000 acre land near Billings. The company will endeavor to bring in only actual settlers, the deeds being conditioned on residence.