BIG BOATS HAVE CLOSE FINISH IN 10,000 MILE RACE

Swazi and Marienfels, from Calcutta, Ice Covered, Reach Port.

BOTH HAD ROUGH TRIPS

Hurricanes and Heavy Seas Imperilled Them—Ddn't Sight Each Other Till Last Day.

Almost side by side, two sorely belabored freighters poked along up through the Narrows to-day after a 10,000 mile race. The spicy smells of the East came from their holds, but the salt icicles of bleak northern seas hung pendant-wise from their battered snouts. They were the Swazi, an English tramp, and the Marienfels, a German, and it was queer that, having left an Indian port two days apart, they should have reached New York together after stormiest trips in the experience of their respective crews, yet without once sighting each other until the Jersey headlands loomed through the sunset haze of Christmas Day.

It was on Oct. 23 that the Swazi cleared from Calcutta with a general cargo. Two days later, while she was still in the Bay of Bengal, she ran nose-on into a sudden hurricane that tried its level best to slap her to pieces.

All the deckboats were torn from their lashings and went overboard, along with 500 tons of coal that had been stored on deck. Hatches were ripped open and bulkheads and dead lights smashed. Capt. Dobbs spent forty-eight hours tied to the bridge, and when First Officer McDonald relieved him at the beginning of the third day he fainted away.

On Dec. 4 in midocean the Swazi met another and worse storm. It wasn't a hurricane this time, but just a roaring, carousing Atlantic gale, bringing with it waves as big as churches and as fierce as mad elephants. A pen containing six sheep that had been lashed to the after deck fetched loose and brought up against the companionway with a crash that made mutton of the sheep and kindling of the coop. Incidentally Steward Griffield and Carpenter Olesen got caught in the smash and were so badly knocked about that neither could leave his berth for a week. Sport, the pet fox terrier of the ship, had broken a leg at Calcutta. He broke two more in this storm, but he was still game as a pebble when he got here this morning with only one good leg and his tail wagging.

The German freighter, the Marienfels, started from Calcutta on Oct. 25. She weathered the hurricane in the Bay of Bombay and also met the storm of Dec. 4. During the very first hours of the blow her steering gear went out of commission and for the next twelve hours the heavily loaded steamer wallowed helpless in the trough of the great seas like a wounded whale.

While the crew were working to rig a temporary steering gear fire started in a coal bunker.

It smouldered there for two days, through all the storm. In the midst of the gale another bad thing befell. Fritz Claufen, the steward, went raving mad. He armed himself with a butcher knife and chased the other men over the careening decks until the fourth officer laid him out with a smash on the head.

He stayed in irons until he became rational again.

WIFE NOT POISONED, HUSBAND SET FREE

Police Had Arrested Albert Livingston, Though No Crime Had Been Committed.

The written statement of Supt. Ludlam, of New York Hospital, that Mrs. Jennie Livingston was suffering from kidney trouble and not from ptomaine or other poisoning, to-day caused Magistrate Finn in Jefferson Market Court to discharge her husband, Albert Livingston, who had been held by the police. The woman may die.

Livingston said in court that his wife and he had eaten candy Christmas eve and that yesterday when he awoke she was unconscious. When Magistrate Finn had heard this and read Supt. Ludlam's statement he exclaimed angrily to the policeman:

"What do you mean by bringing this man before me? He is discharged."

Livingston's actions first excited the suspicions of the police. After he had called Dr. Goehle from the hospital when Mrs. Livingston became unconscious, Livingston complained of suffering internally. He was taken with his wife to the hospital, but it was found that there was nothing the matter with him. Immediately after he left the hospital he was arrested on mere suspicion.

PARISIAN MODEL TO MEET MAYFAIR BELLE.

Anna Held's Company to Entertain Rivals at a Skate Tea.

Anna Held, the star of "The Parisian Model," who has the tea-party fever badly this season, has invited the members of Tom Ryley's "The Belle of Mayfair" company to be the guests of her and the members of her company at a "skate tea" at the Metropolitan Rink to-morrow afternoon.

The invitation has been accepted. Nothing stronger than tea and "rolls" will be served.

New Jewish Settlement in Jersey.

The Maccabean Association announces that it has organized and incorporated under the State laws of New York for the purpose of building a new Jewish settlement in southern Jersey. They have acquired 20,000 lots in Burlington Co...

Woman Who Wed the Man of Her Choice and Woman Who Didn't:—The Sequels.

Mrs. James I. Kernochan Takes the Advice of Her Mother-in-Law and Declines to Wed Jack W. Foster, for Which She Received a Christmas Present of $150,000.

Mrs. James G. Blaine Is Divorced After Being Warned that the Husband She Sought Was Not the Right One to Marry, but Took Him and Hoped to Reform Him.

There is much discussion to-day, particularly in families that have engaged or marriageable daughters, as to the value of an affianced husband should it come to the question of compensating a girl who gives up her intended bridegroom.

The subject was brought up by the announcement that Mrs. James P. Kernochan had made her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James I. Kernochan, a Christmas present of $150,000 as a reward to the young widow for not marrying Jack W. Foster, the monocled Englishman who trained hounds for the Meadow Brook Hunt Club.

Most of the women who debated the subject for publication were of opinion that no reliable quotations could be given as to market value of an affianced husband. It was too much like setting a price on a pig in a poke, one woman pointed out. The real worth of a man as a husband could not be determined until after he had endured the tests of time and trouble. As to foreign husbands for American girls, however, there was evidence of a decided slump in the market, occasioned by the recent outcome of two conspicuously unhappy investments in England and France.

Revulsion Against Foreigners.

Mrs. John S. Crosby, president of the Women's Democratic Club, said:

"It is, of course, impossible to fix any general standard of the value of an engaged man, be he American or foreign. I do not think the rate made by Mrs. Kernochan is valuable even as a guide for other cases. I should say that she was moved simply by a desire to save her daughter-in-law from the man she did not wish her to marry. The value of the man to the woman, supposing that there was a love to be foresworn, did not, I think, enter into the calculation.

"A revulsion of feeling certainly has set in against the distinguished foreigner as a marriage proposition for American girls. It is born of bitter experience. And yet, a foreigner is not objectionable merely because he is a foreigner. There are other qualities that should be weighed in considering his suitability for an American girl's husband; the same qualities that should be considered were the candidate an American. If he is not found wanting in the traits that make for a good husband I don't see why the foreigner should not be regarded as favorably as an American.

"But when it comes to a scale of prices, either for buying him or giving him up, that is impossible to establish. I should think, though, in view of recent experiments abroad, that the selling price must be way down."

No Price Great Enough.

Mrs. Clarence Burns, head of the Little Mothers' Aid Society, said:

"If she loves him no price is great enough. What is an affianced husband worth? Making the price on his known value as a husband he is worth nothing. But what girl looks at the question that way?

"Where sentiment is not the paramount consideration, however, I suppose there might be some sort of standard of prices for a surrendered sweetheart. It would vary according to the characters and circumstances of the girls who do the surrendering. The market must ever be what the Wall street people call an unsteady one.

"In the light of recent experiences I should think the quotations on foreign fiances would be very low. Indeed, the bottom seems to have dropped out of that market. Why an American girl should sigh for a foreign husband I can't understand. But vanity, title hunger, is at the root of the evil. It is not born of love. If it were, the prices they pay would not be too high."

Hook and Haul Him Out of River.

Cries for help were heard coming from the water last night at the foot of Old Slip, and James Herbert, of the tug Elsie K., and Martin Clark, of the Ward line steamship Seguranca, hauled a man out with hooks and ropes. He said he was Frank Kell, No. 61 South street, and that while trying to walk on an ice-covered plank to a tug he had slipped overboard.

JACK W. FOSTER.

J. G. Blaine Jr.

The romance of the girl who had her own way has a new chapter to record.

The news that Mrs. James G. Blaine, jr., formerly Miss Martha Hichborn, who secured a divorce in South Dakota several days ago, has announced that her marriage to Paul S. Pearsall, of New York, would soon take place, has brought out more forcibly than ever the denouement of the story of the girl who had her own way in spite of her parents' protests.

The marriage of Miss Martha Hichborn, the beautiful daughter of Rear-Admiral Hichborn, of Washington, to James G. Blaine, jr., son of the distinguished statesman, June 4, 1901, was not accompanied by parental assurances of future happiness. When Miss Hichborn announced her love for James G. Blaine, jr., man-about-town, with a recent divorce from the attractive woman who later became Dr. William T. Bull, there was a storm of parental as well as friendly protest.

Parents Forbade It.

Prophesies of future unhappiness were the confidences given the bride-elect. The parents went so far as to absolutely forbid the wedding when pleadings and reasonings failed to prevail.

The record of James G. Blaine, jr., was held up before the eyes of the young girl who could choose her future husband from the most brilliant men of Washington society. She remained steadfast, and many of her friends thought in the young man's promises to reform there might at last be a saving chance of regeneration for the son of the famous statesman who had sowed his wild oats with such a lavish hand.

The divorce of James G. Blaine, jr.'s first wife, who was Miss Marie Nevins, following his desertion of her, was painted in strong colors as a forecast of her own future by strenuous friends, who did not believe that happiness could possibly be in store for Miss Hichborn at the hands of James G. Blaine, jr.

In spite of all this the beautiful young woman married the man of her choice, forgot his past and believed implicitly in his promises for future rectitude.

The marriage took place at noon in the drawing-room of the Hichborn residence in N street, Washington, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York avenue Presbyterian Church. The wedding was a brilliant affair and the only daughter of Admiral Hichborn was showered with wedding gifts.

Mrs. Blaine Went Home.

The prediction and fears of friends and parents soon began to be realized. The final breach came in New York, and Mrs. Blaine left for Washington and took up her residence with her parents.

The young couple were separated nearly a year before the former Miss Hichborn left for Sioux Falls, S. D., to take up a residence there pending her divorce.

The announcement of her coming marriage to Paul S. Pearsall, a lieutenant in the regiment of Rough Riders during the war with Spain, only a few days after she secured her divorce in South Dakota, has set her friends again to talking. This time it is with well-grounded belief that her second chapter of married romance will have a happier denouement.

Mr. Blaine, who has had a varied career, has been among other things a newspaper man and a Wall street broker. Mr. Pearsall, who is a member of the most exclusive society set, has an independent fortune. His town house is at No. 173 Madison avenue and his summer home is at Black Rock, on the Sound, just outside of Bridgeport.

The "I told you so" friends attendant at the first wedding of the girl who had her own way say they have no objections this time and there is also no parental opposition.

WASHINGTON CAN ONLY URGE CONGO ACTION.

Root Makes Explanation, Prompted by Letters from J. P. Morgan and Others.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The letter of J. P. Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and others addressed to Secretary Root urging him to use the moral support of the United States in the direction of correcting abuses said to exist in the Congo region, it was stated at the Department to-day, would be taken into consideration along with other similar communications on the subject.

Secretary Root, in speaking of the matter and of the recent statement in the Belgian Parliament, that the purpose of Belgium in annexing the Congo Free State, was to enable that country to deal with the subject in a more effective way, said that all this country could do was to decorously and politely urge Belgium to greater activity.

CZAR NOT AT FUNERAL OF SLAIN IGNATIEFF.

But Other Members of Royal Family Present and Great Military Showing Made.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The body of Gen. Count Alexis Ignatieff, who was assassinated at Tver, Dec. 22, was interred here in the Alexander-Nevsky monastery. The funeral was attended by the Grand Dukes Michael Nicholas, Sergius Michailovitch and practically all the members of the imperial family here except the Emperor.

The procession was the most stately witnessed of recent years. The entire Chevalier regiment of guards, the Pavolosky regiment of the guards and mounted infantry formed the escort. The Emperor and Empress sent floral wreaths.

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COP BADLY HURT, BUT SHOOTS HIS MAN AT ST. REGIS

Four Men Attack Policeman Gleason and Break His Club on His Head.

As he was dashing through the employees' entrance of the Hotel St. Regis to-day, after attacking a policeman with two other men, John Walsh was brought down with a bullet in his side, fired from the policeman's revolver.

The policeman who shot Walsh is James P. Gleason, of the East Fifty-first street station. Gleason was at Fifty-third street and Third avenue, just about dawn, when four men approached. One of the men was almost helpless from drink. His three companions were noisy and profane.

"You must stop this," Gleason warned them.

A second later Gleason was felled by a brick hurled at him from behind. As he dropped the three sober men sprang upon him. One of them, a young giant, wrested the nightstick from the policeman and broke it over the fallen man's head. He and his two companions then kicked and beat Gleason until he was semi-conscious, and, apparently satisfied with their attack, then started west through Fifty-second street.

Gleason was soon on his feet and following the trio, leaving the drunken man to care for himself. The three took to their heels. Then ran to Park avenue, where they separated. Gleason, half blinded from cuts on the face and head, followed the big chap who had taken his club.

At Fifth avenue the man turned north, but could not outstrip the policeman. Near the Hotel St. Regis the policeman fired twice at the fugitive. The man turned and dashed towards the employees' entrance to the hotel as the policeman turned the corner and fired the third time. Then the man screamed and fell to the pavement.

Policemen Larkin and Daggett joined Gleason, as he fell from exhaustion and loss of blood, and the injured man was arrested after a fight. The man was badly beaten before he surrendered and gave his name. He said that he lived in the servants' quarters of the hotel, where he was employed as elevator man.

Walsh and the injured policeman were taken to Bellevue, where it was found that Walsh's injuries were not serious. Gleason was badly hurt, but insisted on being taken to his home.

The shooting aroused the guests at the hotel and caused excitement in the neighborhood.

WHIRLED TO HIS DEATH.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 26.—Falling into a sponge mixer full of dough at the Bliss bakery to-day H. D. Vankirk, a baker, was whirled round and round until every bone in his body was crushed. When the machine was stopped he was taken out dead.

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BELGIAN PARLIAMENT ASKED TO BURN AUTOS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 26.—Motoring Belgium is discussing to-day a petition which has been presented to Parliament asking that every automobile in the country be burned in one great bonfire before 1908.

The prayer calls for the selling of the scrap metal and the distribution of the proceeds among those who have been maimed by the machines.

Members of the Parliament who own cars facetiously suggest that the action is not necessary, explaining that the automobiles in time will burn themselves.

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