SAFE THROUGH WINTER SEAS

HURRICANES AND A BLIZZARD ON THE FROSTED SAALE'S LOG.

Her Passengers Beneath Decks All the Way Across and Her Battered Starboard Side in an Ice Plaster—Stories of Other Ships.

Chief of the ice-sheathed steamships that were yesterday out of the turmoil of the winter sea was the Saale of the North German Lloyd line. She was due on Thursday, and did not reach the bar until 1.10 A. M. yesterday. She discharged her tempest-tossed passengers at her pier in Hoboken at 9 A. M. Capt. Pinckoll told the story of the voyage. He has been a sailor since 1856, and long since made his hundredth voyage across the Atlantic. He says the Saale's last trip was one of the roughest, if not the roughest, he ever had. The bad weather began immediately after she left Bremen on Dec. 13. Crossing the North Sea was both difficult and dangerous. On Dec. 14, when she came out of Southampton, she could not pass the Needles, but had to anchor to the south of the Isle of Wight. The four succeeding days the sea was very rough, and the wind finally settled to blowing furiously from the southeast. The sky was overcast and there was much rain. About 9:00 o'clock, P. M. Dec. 18, the wind went down all of a sudden and there was a perfect calm, which snow light shone on the sea from the moonlight. Then suddenly the wind began to blow violently from the west, and both sides of the ship at once were attacked by great waves, which broke over the deck nearly meeting in the middle. The wind became a hurricane at 11 P. M. and blew with unabated violence for the following thirty-five hours. The Saale lay to from 6 P. M. on the 18th until 5 P. M. on the 19th and she made little progress for the next day or two, the wind being still in her teeth and the sea very rough.

At 1 P. M. on the 19th a tremendous wave broke down three of the boats on the starboard side of the promenade deck smashing one davit and sending it and the broken boats adrift. Part of the broken davit, made of steel weighed many pounds, was found 70 feet aft. One of the ventilators of the engine-room was broken in a little time and hurled to the deck, while the deck beneath was dented. The saloon was also damaged. The wind was blowing a hurricane from the west, and the sea was mountainous. The ship was almost at the mercy of the elements. At 4 P. M. one of the lifeboats on the forward deck was thrown from their chocks. The men attempted and there was considerable danger of a mutiny. But the next day when the ship was off the Lizard, a regular gale was blowing, the weather became moderate and the sea was comparatively smooth. The Saale lay to from 6 P. M. on the 19th until 5 P. M. on the 20