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STORY OF SHIPWRECK.

Max Schulz, seaman, and Arnold Nelson, engineer, of the four-masted schooner Alvara D. French, from Newport News for Portsmouth, N. H., with lumber, which foundered off Montauk Point, L. I., in the gale which swept the Atlantic seaboard last Wednesday, arrived at Norfolk yesterday afternoon aboard the schooner Margaret Haskell. These men are the sole survivors of the crew of nine. They suffered untold agonies for days and nights, buffeted about by wind and wave, with nothing between them and death but the cabin of the wrecked vessel. Ship after ship passing them as they drifted about upon their frail raft, their signals of distress having failed to attract attention, and the mental agony added to the physical tortures they suffered from chilling winds at night and blistering sun by day, proved almost fatal, and they were forced to see their companions on the raft one after the other drop into the sea from exhaustion. The officers and crew who are supposed to have gone down with their vessel are: Capt. Daniel G. Conner, First Mate Adde, Steward Geo. T. Brand, Seaman Barney, Seaman Edward McBride, Seaman Andro and an unknown seaman.

Seaman Schulz last night said that they left Newport News on September 12, and that the storm struck them without warning off Montauk Point, September 14. The sails were blown to ribbons, and the next day the schooner was found to be sinking. As the men rushed for the boats the stern sank out of sight, and the crew were thrown into the water. Schulz and Nelson clambered onto the cabin, which had been washed from the vessel when it sank, and several other members of the crew afterward sought refuge upon it, but they finally succumbed to wounds and exposure, and fell off the cabin into the sea, and were drowned or fed the sharks.

"For some hours after being in the cabin the sea was so heavy," said Schulz, "we could do nothing but cling to the combing of the skylight and wait for the storm to cease. Friday morning the sea became calm, and we then began to prepare, as much as possible, for our safety. Several flags were found floating under the cabin. These were attached to a plank in hope of attracting attention. Several planks which had washed from the deck were around us, and with these was made a box-like affair to lie in. Nelson remarked at the time that I was making my coffin, and I thought so at the time, as the box did look like a coffin. Friday afternoon we saw a three-masted schooner three miles away, but she failed to notice us, and kept on her way. Saturday morning a mail steamer passed us about five miles off, and still we were unnoticed. Sunday afternoon, however, we saw a five-masted schooner bearing our way, and we thought surely we had been seen. This schooner was about three miles off and was passing to the eastward. She kept her course, and as she began to recede we gave up hope. Suddenly she came about and headed directly for us. We knew then we had been seen, and Nelson and myself began to cry, dance, and sing like we were crazy."

The two shipwrecked men were taken on the Haskell and given medical treatment until they recovered partially from the effects of the exposure they had been through. The Haskell arrived at anchor off Lambert's Point at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Seaman Schulz went to Norfolk to report the disaster. Engineer Nelson was too ill to leave his berth and may be taken to the hospital for treatment.

SPLIT IN A CHURCH.
Theatergoing among church members has resulted in a split in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Midland Park, N. J. Members of the number of 58 have started a new church of their own and applied for a charter. Those who stand by the old church say the others wanted to hold a minstrel show in the church on Sunday. Altogether Midland Park has a nice little local sensation. There are great numbers of Jersey Dutch in Midland Park, and nine-tenths of the congregation of the church is composed of persons who received their early church training in Holland, where theatergoing is not considered, wrong, even on Sunday evening. They joined the Methodists, but they could not bring themselves to embrace the whole doctrine, and in consequence a division occurred. When Rev. W. R. Keifer, who is 70 years old and opposed to theatergoing, card playing and dancing, took charge; it the trouble grew, and when one woman was called before a meeting of elders and asked why she had attended a theater in New York there was much indignation. For years the Ladies' Aid Society has led in every movement, and this seemed a just cause to many of the women and 28 of them left in a body. The Sunday school teachers were not far behind, and as many of them like to go to the theater, 14 walked out of the Sunday school room at the next session. The superintendent of the Sunday school, finding that he had very little to superintend, left also, taking his family with him. The dissenting faction got together

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