

THE BATTLESHIP HERO

Midshipman Who Saved a Dozen Lives in Barge Disaster Bewails Hoodoo

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Midshipman Godfrey Chevalier, the hero of the New Hampshire disaster last Saturday night when more than a score of the battleship's crew were lost by the swamping of a barge, has just been released from the care of surgeons.

Even in the light of his own heroic conduct Chevalier does not regard the affair with any degree of satisfaction.

"It seems as if I have always been in trouble," he told a number of friends who went aboard the New Hampshire to congratulate him on the part he played in the work of rescue.

"There was a hazing matter at Annapolis in my plebe year, when everybody in the upper classes thought I had peached on the upper classmen. Other things followed one another, so that I thought I was hoodooed for fair."

"Then for a while it seemed as if I had a little luck. Things were going pretty well. But two months ago at Provincetown my old bad luck turned up again. I was out in a cutter and we nearly collided with another boat as we rounded the prow of the battleship."

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Leutenant Commander Schofield, of the New Hampshire is authority for the statement that a recent census of the ship showed that more than 300 members of the crew were unable to swim a stroke.

"There is nothing in the regulations compelling an enlisted man to swim," said Commander Schofield. "Many of them enlist from inland towns where they never had an opportunity to learn. When they get time in that way, and so what can we do?"

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Capt. and Mrs. G. W. Streeter, Who Lose Millions by Forced Land Sale



\$90,000,000 WORTH OF LAND GOES FOR \$10,000

'Cap' Streeter of Chicago Loses Title to His 'Deestriet' in Lake Michigan

CHICAGO, Oct. 4.—Captain George Wellington Streeter's dream of wealth from the sale of land thrown up by Lake Michigan about the good ship Reuben, when it was wrecked off Chicago avenue in 1888, was given a final jolt yesterday.

It was announced through the medium of the legal boards in the county building that all the "Cap's" interest, real or phantom, in the "Deestriet of Lake Michigan" would be sold at auction to the highest bidder October 18.

The property is valued at \$90,000,000. The reason for the sale of the property is a judgment of \$10,000 against "Cap."

The debt was incurred by the marine-estate man in his efforts to obtain his release from a life sentence at Joliet, which had been imposed following the trial of the "Cap" for killing a watchman, while defending the "deestriet" with armed retainers.

"Cap" was released after serving twelve months in the penitentiary, but not before he had run up a heavy bill for legal services. Now he is to be stripped of his rights to any lands he owns in the "deestriet" to satisfy the claim of Attorney W. G. Anderson, who brought about his release.

It is stated in the present move is only a forerunner to mandamus proceedings which will then be instituted by the purchasers of "Cap's" claims.

"Cap" in his "dand boat" is pondering over the shattering of his hopes, which had survived the many jars sustained in his battles with the million-acre land holders who had made the "deestriet" one of the fashionable sections of the north side.

While the man writhed in death agony flames whirled to his side and his sister wife rushed to his aid and fell unconscious.

Verna McMaster, a sister, who lived next door, heard the cries and hastened to her brother's home. She seized McMaster by the hand and received the full force of the deadly current.

Neighbors coming in response to the alarm found the man and his sister badly burned. Physicians were called to attend McMaster's wife, and she was revived after considerable effort.

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