

A SHIRT STOPPED THE STEAMER.
It Got Into the Steering Apparatus and the Rudder Was Useless.

New York Journal.

The Dutch liner Amsterdam crept into port rather sheepishly Tuesday night, and none of its officers had a word to say to the news-seeking reporters who scrambled aboard, and this was the reason:

The Amsterdam had left the channel and the wind came four directions at once, and the sea and the sky were having an awful time trying to maintain their natural relations to each other. It was raining; the night was black, and most of the passengers were wishing they were dead, when there happened a thing unparalleled in the history of navigation.

Rollins Stebbins, 14 years old, had gone into his stateroom to sleep. In looking around for a nook where he could lay his new, clean shirt, he espied a big box, seemingly built in the cabin wall over the upper berth. There was an opening at one side, through which came strange noises, but Roland gave no heed to the sound and gently placed his shirt inside.

A few minutes later there was a terrible shock, and the next moment the ship was wobbling helplessly in the trough of the sea. There was great shouting on deck and much running about of excited officers and sailors.

"The steering gear has broken down. The rudder does not move!"

A hasty examination failed to reveal any break or defect in the rubber. The men followed the chain, link by link, for half the length of the boat. They ripped up flooring, tore down cabin walls, groped on hands and knees through hold and storerooms, until the cause of the trouble was found.

The boy had placed his shirt between two big cog wheels, which, by means of other mechanism, moved the chain that moved the rudder. The shirt had become tightly wedged, and in its compact form it had the resisting power of a ball of iron.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

A London Bishop Says a Priest Was Kidnapped While Being Converted.

London, Nov. 9.—The Bishop of Marlborough, presiding at the Bible Society on Saturday, made a sensational statement to the effect that an eminent Roman Catholic priest who had been entrusted with important missions by the pope, came to London and asked him (the bishop) to prepare him for conversion to the Church of England. Directly the preparation was completed and was taken back to France, where he is still kept under restraint.

The morning papers demand that the bishop should give further details of this remarkable case.

DROUTH IN INDIA.

No Rain Has Fallen and the Suffering Has Been More Acute.

London, Nov. 7.—The viceroy of India, the Earl of Elgin, cables that there has been no rain anywhere in the famine districts during the past week and relief work should be immediately opened in the Madras and Decan districts. Prices are still rising slowly. About 7500 people are already engaged in the relief work.

STRANGE BALL-ROOM SCENE.

Seldom is the scene of such an event as took place the other day at Cadiz. A magnificent ball was being given by the Caditan Club, and the entertainment was in full swing, when the Marquis de Casa Laiglesia, formerly Spanish Minister at Washington, and subsequently Ambassador in London, was seized with a fit and fell to the floor. His condition appeared so alarming that the doctors ordered the last sacrament to be administered to him. As the priest arrived with the viaticum the orchestra played the royal march, all the ladies knelt down and crossed themselves in true Spanish fashion, as did most of the men. Happily, the old diplomat's condition improved so greatly a little afterwards that he was able to be removed, and the ball, after this strange interruption, continued until 5 o'clock in the morning.—Ex.



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Cameron County is the extreme southern county of Texas. It is separated from Mexico by the Rio Grande on the south and has about 100 miles of gulf coast as its eastern boundary. It was organized in 1848, and contains 3308 square miles. Farming and stock raising are the principal industries of the people the location, climate and soil being admirably adapted for both. The greater portion of the soil is a rich loam, and produces an exceedingly heavy yield of both cotton and corn the chief farm products. Two, and sometimes three crops of corn, averaging from fifty to seventy bushels per acre, are raised yearly, while cotton will easily yield from one to two bales per acres. Grasses grow all the year, and stock find pasture without being fed or sheltered during the winter. But the soil and climate of the Lower Rio Grande Valley are by nature best adapted for the production of vegetables and fruits. Vegetables of all kinds grow all the year around, and northern people are astonished to find tomatoes, lettuce, spinach, English peas, etc., served fresh from the gardens in midwinter. This is undoubtedly the paradise of truck gardeners, and so soon as rail transportation is obtained Cameron county vegetables by the car load will be shipped to northern markets during winter and early spring, and will obtain the highest prices, as there will be no competition. This is due to our exceedingly mild climate. Frequently the entire winter passes without a single frost, and there is rarely ever any cold weather before Christmas. Fruit culture has not been attempted in this county on a large scale, but there is one large banana plantation on which this delicious fruit yields most abundantly and in the greatest perfection. Grapes are also raised extensively, growing in almost every yard. They ripen from two to four weeks earlier than in any other section. Many planters here make all of their own table wines. Oranges and lemons also grow in profusion, and this section could easily be made to rival Florida in the production of oranges. Sugar cane is also one of the most important products of this valley. The Rio Grande plantation of Mr. Geo. Bralloy and the Rabb Starck plantation produce great quantities of cane, which is all manufactured on the Rio Grande plantation. This cane makes sugar which is produced by experts to be even superior to the best Louisiana product. Havana tobacco has also proven a success here. Col. J. G. Tucker having made some most successful experiments with it; his samples were classed by New York buyers as equal to the best Havana.

The county is watered by the Rio Grande with its ample flow along the southern boundary, and numerous small streams called "arroyos" and "resacas."

The population of Cameron county according to the census of 1890 is 13,424. Brownsville, the county seat, has a population of about 7000. Point Isabel, the seaport of the county, has about 400 inhabitants and Santa Maria, a growing little river settlement, has about 250.

Improved lands sell for from \$5 to \$25 per acre, unimproved for from \$2 to \$6 per acre. The average taxable value of land is \$1. There are 82,240 acres of school land in the county. The county has a total school population of 1490, and gives employment to 80 teachers. The average length of the school term is five months. The total tuition revenue received from the State is \$13,000. There are a number of public schools in the county, affording ample educational advantages.

Home-seekers are gradually beginning to find their way to this land where farmers can work in the open air 235 days in the year, but it is comparatively undeveloped as yet. With the building of the railroad to Corpus Christi, however, a great influx of settlers may be expected and they will be heartily welcomed. This valley is capable of supporting millions of people. The Herald will be pleased to furnish any further information regarding the Lower Rio Grande Valley that readers abroad may desire.

1st. 300 acres of land, two must from city hall of Brownsville, situated on Resaca la Guerra, and horse-shoe affluent of such resaca on mail road, suitable for fruit orchards, 30 acres now in irrigation with peach, walnut, chestnuts plum, peach, pear, apricot, cherry Japanese persimmon, fig grape and ribbon cane. Can be sub-divided into 5 or 10 acre lots, giving each abundant water supply, there being a depth of 5 to 15 feet of water all seasons of the year. Price \$10 to \$25 per acre, according to location. Will sell in a body at special rates.

2d. 32 pieces adjoining, one of 200 and the other of 120 acres, situated on Resaca Rancho Viejo, five miles from city hall on mail road. Both pieces almost surrounded by water of 10 to 15 feet in depth, 40 acres under irrigation. This land is equal to if not superior to the Mississippi bottom lands, and can be made a paying investment for a fruit orchard or truck gardening. Can be sub-divided into 5 to 10 acre lots. Price \$10 to \$25 per acre; whole tract on special terms.

3d. 160 acre tract two miles from the city of Brownsville, on Resaca, with good water supply. Ebony, Mesquite, Ash, Hackberry and other timbers. Alluvial soil. For one who desires to sub-divide in small tracts, this is a paying investment. Sold in bulk only. Price \$10 per acre.

4th. 25,000 acres in one body, having a frontage of about six miles on the Rio Grande Railroad on the south, and the Arroyo Colorado on the north. Well timbered along the streams and lakes; balance prairie. Includes within its limits the famous battle fields of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma. Arable and pasture. Price \$3, per acre.

5th. A tract adjoining No. 4, which together with that tract will include 100,000 acres in one body very desirable. Special terms to colonist.

6th. 10,000 acre tract about three miles from the Arroyo Post Office. This land is well timbered and watered, soil alluvial, adapted to fruits, cotton, corn, cane, etc. Special terms to any one buying tract, obligating to colonize.

7th. 1200 acre tract, fronting on the Rio Grande, about twenty miles from Brownsville and 8 miles from Santa Maria, 300 acres under cultivation on low lands on river front. All good arable land. Price \$3 per acre.

8th. 725 acres, triangular form, fronting on Rio Grande, 16 miles above Brownsville, good land. Well watered. Price \$3,000.

9th. Numerous tracts of pasture lands from 1000 to 5000 acres each in different parts of the county.

10th. This is a very desirable place for a small fruit or truck farm, containing 101 acres, with a new brick dwelling of 6 rooms, frame stable and other out-houses, and large underground cistern; 1/2 mile from Brownsville on Resaca de la Palma on the county road.

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