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The Empress Was Struck In the One Had the Meight Behindilt.

down. Then he made out the lights stadt came forging on, apparently note her great length-385 feet ov- on most lake boats. On examination of an approaching steamer and ordred a stop. He whistled and the steamer answered, indicating that Captain Kendall's signal had been

The steamers were two miles apart when the first action was taken on board the Empress. As the big passenger liner and the Storstadt ap proached. The Empress engines had come to a full stop, but she still was proceeding forward under he momentum. Then Captain Kendal ordered them, reversed to "slow astern." The Storstadt had kept on her way towards the liner. It is thoughte that Captain Anderson, of the Storstadt tried to cross her bows of the large boat, but his intentions are not known. What did happen is that she came closer and closer. Her nose missed the bow of the liner and she plunged into the starboard side of the Empress just amidships, striking the big boat in her most vital spot. It was not a severe

The One Vulnerable Spot

One man said that he heard 'grinding, scraping sound," but the heavily laden collier had the weight behind it, and her bows tore through the liner's plates as though they had been of tin rather than tough steel crushing through them in pitiless destruction, and piercing her in the one spot that not all the double hulls nor all the bulkheads ever made

could save her life. Then the Storstadt backed out That ended the fight between huer and collier. When the latter frew away, she left a wide, gaping hole through which the waters rushed.

That was the stroke of doom. The Empress might not have sur vived the effect of the collier's blow, but it appears that had the Storstadt held her bow in the gaping wound she could have kept the Empress affoat long enough to have allowed people to swarm aboard, and to have allowed the disciplined crew of the Empress to launch their boats.

As the collier drew out the Empress immediately began to list and each succeeding cant was acceptuated. "It was so great when I came on deck," said one man to the captain, "that I slipped along the deck plates and slid into the water." Fifteen minutes after the blow had een struck, the Empress, which had been canting more and more, rolled on her side, virtually in her death agony; and in another instant she had plunged to the bottom.

There appears to have been some explosions; perhaps the boilers. Perhaps the effect of the air that had been compressed fairly tearing her

Coffier's Captain Must Explain Quebec, June 1 .- The arrival on hore of the comparative handful persons off the ill-fated Empress of Ireland, plucked from the very jaws of death, and the stories of the to-day. The particular phase which noon while making a connection. He Fireless cookers are also fitted at The magnificent new vessel was The new Sailor that dancis being taken up and which is rolling about on the tongues of the peoing about on the streets relates to the
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ing about on the streets relates to the ing about on the streets relates to the ing about on the streets relates to the ing about on the streets relates to the ing about on the streets relates to the ing about on the streets relates to the ing about on the every land lubber's heated responsibility for the collision. Ab- es worked over him for some time gards its cuisine as its best adver- 1913. An army of men has since been colutely no charge of any kind has before he revived.

een mude against officials in comarkable thing is that the accounts of different survivors agree identical-ly in showing that the accident was IS THE SUPREME EXPRESSION decks which have not been inspected. not the simple one at first suspected, but one for which there was apparently little reason. It was not a case of two vessels fouling each other in a blanket-like fog, but of an accident against which the Empress had taken every possible precaution. The substance is that the bulk of explanation in the coming official marine enquiry serve the Grand Trunk water route will rest with the officials on the between Sarnia, Sault Ste Marie, the office is Storstadt, Norwegian collier, and that Port Arthur, Fort William and Due of a huge this explanation will be as eagerly luth, made her inaugural trip on MUST EXPLAIN WHY HE DID NOT awaited by Captain Kendall and the Saturday and Sunday with a crew of the liner as by the waiting tinguished party of railway steamworld. The circumstances as they ships and newspaper men and their and other survivors are taken to in
The Noronic is the finest steameral design that they become part of This say | read from the lips of Captain Kendall wives.

The lobby on the main deck

IN LAKE LINERS. "Empress of the Inland Seas" Justly are panelled with quartered of Deserves Its Title — Is Flagship with beautifully carved ornamen

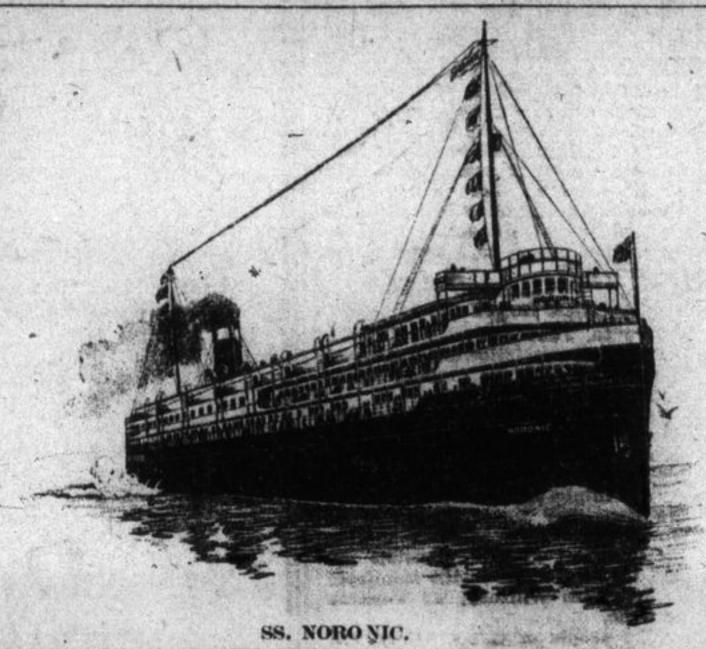
of Lake Superior. The steamship Noronic which will

Vulnerable Spot - The Collier dicate this. In the first place the fog ship that has ever ploughed the the decorative scheme. The ceiling that the Weight Behind It. spoken of was not of a heavy, opaque broad water of Lake Superior or is beamed in brown oak with panels Rimouski, June 1.— Captain Men-dail, who was reported to be dying, but is suffering from injuries, was better yesterday and was able to talk

He states that while on the bridge

The greyhounds of the A.lantic sur-pass her in size, but in the elegance and comfort of her passenger quarabout the disaster. His story of the he discovered the lights of an apters, in the stoutness of her build, hall, the passengers enters what is tragedy as related by him to friends proaching, steamer and came to a she is their peer.

"At 7.30 a.m., the Empress had forth and was answered according to safety devices have been employed. staterooms. This portion of the boat passed Himouski and was proceeding marine signal. At this time the ves- A double bottom is fitted four feet both fore and aft, is carpeted with on our course. The weather thicken; sels were two miles apart. Notwith- nine inches deep, extending the full beautiful Wilfon carpet in greens, ed a bit, there was not an actual fog, standing the interchanges the collier length of the vessel; the hull is divibut the weather had inickened to the came on. The momentum of the ded by 8 watertight tranverse divi- and ceilings of the half and passage extent described by nautical men as liner was then checked by the order heads into nine compartments. Two ways are enamelled in soft we being misty. There was a vaporize of "Slow astern." collision bulkheads are fitted for greys, it having been the object. Captain Kendall was on the The peculiar part of it all occurs ward, making her practically unsink- the architect to do away with bridge and ordered the ship slowed here. Almost in a bee-line the Stor- able. As she leaves the dock you cold white or cold grey prevalent



with no slackening in speed. happened then is difficult to describe. She blundered across the interventempt to cross the bows of the Empress, but instead crashed in amid-

It is the explanation of this seamanship that will be awaited with nipatience. Here there was more than thirty miles width of water, the liner lying practically dead in the water, and yet rammed in her very

MILL BLOWN UP.

The Whig was notified on Monday morning by telephone that Foxton's saw mill, situated on the Perth road, was blown up by dyna-

mite some time during Sunday night. No reason can be given for the outrage. The people living in the vicinity were given a bad scare. No person was hurt, as there was no one in the mill at the time. It is stated that the mill is almost

a total wreck. This is the second dynamite outrage in this district inside of a few weeks, the mill dam at Millburn being blown up with dynamite, it is alleged by people who hold spite against the owner.

Plumber Overcome by Gas.

NorgeJune 25, 1894... Rockall Reef-Stranded . 600

Reina Regenta. . . March 11, 1895. Qff Gibraltar-Foundered 400

Portland Nov. 27, 1898...Off Cape Cod-Stranded , 157

PrimusJuly 21, 1902... In Elbe River-Collis'n . 112

LibauJune 7, 1903...Off Marseilles-Collision.. 150

General Slocum ... June 15, 1904 ... East River-Fire 1000

AquidabanJan. 21, 1906...Of Rio Janeiro-Explos'n. 212

Valencia Jan. 22, 1906... Off Cloose Sunk 140 Sirio Aug. 4, 1906... Off Cape Palos Stranded 350

Variag Oct. 21, 1906. ... Near Vladivostock-Ex'l'n 140

Larchmont Feb. 22, 1907... Off Rhode Island-Col's'n 131

Columbia and S.P. July 20, 1907. . . Off California-Collision. 100

latsumaru March 23, 1908 .. Near Hakodate-Collis'n. 300

publicJan. 24, 1909...Off Long Island-Collis'n

General Chanzy Feb. 9, 1910... Off Minorca-Sunk 200

Calvados March 8, 1913. . Sea of Marmora-Sunk .. 200 Volturno Oct. 10, 1913 ... Mid-Atlantic-Fire 136

ombuna April 3, 1911... -- Sunk 150

berte Sept. 25, 1911... Toulon Harbor-Explos'n 233 Russ Jan, 11, 1912... Black Sea-Sunk 172

..... Sept. 28, 1912 .. Japan Coast-Sunk 1,000

Mikasa Sept. 12, 1905...

Maine Feb. 15, 1898. . Hayana Harbor - Explo'n 264 La Burgogne July 4, 1898 ... Cromartyshire Collision . 571

all. Her six decks tower above a number of English fireside chairs in the water. They are of steel main- mahogany upholstered in English blue deck, spar deck, promenade deck and brown tapestry. This tapestry observation deck, boat deck and was manufactured especially for use in hurricane deck. The propellers are this particular work. This deck is churning the water in her wake, but provided with three stairways to the in spite of the mighty power of her observation deck. engines she moves without apparent vibration.

Sarnia is left behind, adds a zest to the appetite and makes the sound of the bugle call to the dining room very welcome. The passenger does not lose sight of the beautiful scenery by leaving the decks, as the dining room extends from side to side of the vessel and, with its large plate glass windows, affords an unobstructed view of the points of inerest and the passing shipsbedecked with flags to greet the new leviathan of the lakes.

low relief being beautifully hand-| shaded windows to the deck. are of mahogany and bronze, the cated the smoking-room, ceiled and marquetry inlaid. The room is pro- walted in grey oak, furnished with with the general scheme of the glass, so far as the walls are concernroom. The dining tables and chairs ed, and the dining-room. are of mahogany. rosewood, and There is a wide promenade extend-chairs being upholst-red with tapes- ing completely around the vessel, sim-******************************* try of the same soft green used ilar to other vessels of this line, and throughout. This dining room is one which has proved to be very popular hundred and eighty feet long with the passengers. The distance by fifty feet wide and has around is about eight hundred and Walter Ferguson, a plumber em- a seating capacity of two hun- eighty feet, or six laps to the mile. wreck which they tell, are putting a ployed by the city in making the ex- dred and eighty-six. The electric When the beauty of its interior finnew complexion on the whole disas- tensions on Princess street was ov- lighting is indirect, large bowl fix- ish is seen one realizes why it has takter as it is recognized by the public ercome by gas on Saturday after- tures being fitted over each table. en a whole year to fit up the Noronic.

tisement, and the service of the uni- employed on fitting her out. Her gross formed colored waiters is perfect. I tonnage is 6,905 tons and she has ac-

of the vessel is made. You pass ries 3,500 tons of cargo and has into the observation room, which is speed of nineteen miles an hour. Sh divided from the dining room by takes up this week what will be her Thousands to Watery Graves folding glass partitions. An orches regular run between Sarnia, Sault tra stand is build at this point so Ste. Marie, Port Arthur, Fort William that the music can be used for danc- and Duluth, connecting at Port Arthur ing or the glass doors can be fold- and Fort William with the Grand ed back for the dining room. Above Trunk Pacific railway for all points in deck, where dining and observation Western Canada. deck, where dining and observation Here are the writing rooms with card places the Northern Navigation complaying space, etc. The walls are pany in the possession of a fleet of panelled in brown English oak with steamers that has never been ap ceiling of highly ornamental design, proached in the history of the lake ceiling of highly ornamental design. At each end, above the wainscoting, are placed panel decorations. One of these depicts nymphs sporting in the sea, while in the foreground, is arranged a flight of gulls. In the centre of this panel is placed a clock, special train from Montreyl, access the guests. Among those present and one is reminded that while there sions being made all along the route. The special passed Kingston at 2.30 Steedman, J. W. Norcross, Hon. Senflight. The other panel is of fanciful a.m. on Saturday. About 250 were depth of the Northern Navigation comdesign. The figures are mermaids in aboard the palatial steamer and Sa-conjunction with fish. The composione an effect of "Over the Sea," and Lake Erie. The weather was delightthe other "Beneath the Sea." The ful. H. H. Gildersleeve, manager of passenger agent; J. B. Dagan, mayor carpets throughout the apartments on the Northern Navigation company, of Sarnia; Prince Affred Hohenloe, of this deck are of black, blue and had all arrangements carried out the Austrian consulate; J. F. Dalrybronze tone Wilton. The furniture is skilfully. To add to the pleasure a mple, vice-president; E. D. Galloway. a combination of oak and reed up- splendid orchestra and a male quar- assistant to the president; G. T. holstered in English tapestry. There tette rendered effective music. "Sam" are three oblong tables and small Kiser, Chicago, recited a number of round tables for the purpose of cor- his humorous skits in splendid form, respondence, while in the aft end of and Mr. Giles gave unique expression the deck are tables and seats for the to Dr. Drummond's French-Canadian accommodation of the card play- poems in broken English. They were

dead halt. The whistle then boomed In her construction the best of sages at right angles to the different struck with the unusual features provided by the company for the comtort of its passengers. Each state room has an individual radiator, hot and cold running water, and bert reading lights. All staterooms are carpeted to correspond with the gen-eral carpets used throughout the spar deck. The furniture is English Queen Anne style in oak and lea-Further alt will be found barher shop, bath rooms, lavatories, etc.

Passing up the grand staircase the grand salon is entered, located amidbeauty of the carpets and the general spaciousness are striking. The decor-Four large carved panels in bas relief depict the passing of the water from the mountain to the sea, with water sprites, dolphins, cherubs and ailegorical figures, beautifully portrayed by the artist. Both on starboard and port side are large lounging seats. Here again is noticed the quiet dignity of the mahogany and the rich blues and browns of the tapestry in the finwindows are draped or hung with straight lines of antique velvet. In

a good starting point for this fur-

ther examination. The walls

The parlor staterooms pannelled mahogany, with private bath, here ar It is luncheon time, and the fresh, rest attention. There are ten in all, Sarnia is left behind, adds a zest to ished with chairs, table and bed of mahogany, oak and other woods. It has been the aim of the architect to go contrast the parlor staterooms that one at least would not fail to please ionalities whose patronage the Northern Navigation company receives.

addition to the lounging seats there

are provided for this deck throughout

At the extreme forward end is drawing-room, furnished in perfect taste and semi-circular in form, being a miniature effect of the large observation-room on the deck above. Passing between walls of magnificent ma-The dining room is in many re- hogany, here and there is found a spects the most delightful of all the stateroom finished in white enamel pleasing spaces upon the ship. The and oak. Here again are the indiceiling is finished in very pale greens vidual heating arrangement, hot and and whites, wedgwood in effect, the cold water, berth lights, and square

The walls and the columns | On the promenade deck is also lo vided with a sideboard, which, while large lounging seats, tables and easy large, is so perfect in scale, so clev- chairs, upholstered in warm Spanish erly designed, that one is not con- leather. Ascending the stairway to scious of its remarkable size. The the observation-room deck the passenwindows are tastefully draped with ger reenters the large observationsimple hangings colored in harmony room that impresses one as being all

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