

THE GREAT STORM IN EUROPE

A HEAVY SNOW ADDED TO THE FURY OF THE GALE.

Reports of Disasters on the Ocean Coming in Thick and Fast—The Entire British Coast Strewed with Wrecks—The List of the Dead Increasing Steadily—France and Russia Get a Touch of the Disastrous Storm—The Worst Gale Known in Years.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—There was some abatement yesterday afternoon in the great storm that swept over these islands. The lull was very brief, and then the gale was renewed with seemingly increased fury. Vessels are arriving hourly at Dover, and many of them report narrow escapes from wreck. Many steamers have reached Dover with their smokestacks gone. The Channel steamer from Calais, due at Dover last night, had not arrived at 11 o'clock this morning.

A heavy snowfall is reported in some parts of the country. A train left Saffron-Walden, in Essex, at 8 o'clock this morning bound for Haverhill. It got stuck in the snow at Bartlow, and finding it impossible to proceed, returned to Saffron-Walden. The snow lies in drifts twelve feet deep on the railway.

As the day progressed reports of wrecks and loss of life came in from the coast towns and villages with which telegraphic communication has not been cut off. It is feared that the loss of life will be greater than in any storm of recent years.

A spar bearing the name Moray has come ashore at Sand End, Banffshire. This is taken to confirm the report that the steamer Moray was lost off that place during the gale of Friday night. There is now scarcely a doubt that her entire crew of fifteen persons were drowned.

The Electric has foundered in the North Sea near Helgoland. Her passengers and crew were saved.

Eight fishing smacks from Hastings are missing, and it is feared that they were not able to ride out the storm.

The 8:15 express train from London for Cambridge was snowed in yesterday morning near Royston. One hundred men worked all day long in digging out the train. Snow plows had gone out in advance of the train, and they, too, were imbedded in the drifts. Toward night the track was sufficiently clear for the train to proceed. All went well until Harston was reached, where the train stuck again. The passengers then abandoned it.

Mrs. Eyre, a local carrier of Smalley, was found dead in the snow yesterday on the road to Derby, to which place she had started to walk Saturday.

Many smacks are missing from Yarmouth. The ship Samuel Landann has foundered in Lynn Channel. Five of her crew were drowned.

The British steamer River Garry has gone down off Dunbar, at the mouth of the Firth of Forth. It is feared that all on board of her were drowned. One body has been washed ashore.

Two large vessels are ashore at Dungeness, on the English Channel. A three-masted vessel is ashore in Dover Roads.

A dispatch from Hythe, on the English Channel, eleven miles southwest of Dover, states that a three-masted vessel foundered off that place to-day. A part of the crew took to the small boats, but before they had got far from the vessel the boats were swamped and all in them were drowned. When the vessel sank her topmasts stood above the water. Nine men could be seen for hours clinging to the upper rigging, with the water sweeping over them. The vessel was too far off shore for a rocket to reach her, and it would have been foolhardy to have attempted to get a lifeboat through the surf that was pounding with terrific roar upon the beach. There is scarcely a chance that a single man in the rigging will get ashore alive. In fact, some of them have already been swept off into the sea.

Three ships are ashore between Dymchurch and Romney, on the English Channel. The life-saving crews waited for several hours, until there was a lull in the storm, and then as rapidly as possible put off to the stranded ships and rescued those aboard of them.

The whole Kentish coast is strewn with wrecks of large and small vessels, and it is believed that aside from those heard of, many others have been wrecked at places remote from telegraphic communication. The maritime underwriters will sustain heavy losses through the storm.

The schooner Wick Lassies ran on the rocks off Winterton, Norfolk, and became a total wreck. Every soul on board of her perished.

A body was cast up on the beach at Margate to-day. It was subsequently identified as being that of the Captain of the brigantine Economy. It is feared that the vessel has foundered, but it may be that the Captain was washed overboard and that the vessel is safe.

The British ship Garsdale, that some time ago arrived at Hull from Tacoma, is probably lost. She was being taken to the Tyne in tow. When off Flamborough Head, on the North Sea, the tow lines parted and the Garsdale went adrift. She was very short-handed and flying light, and it was known that she was in no condition to battle with the storm. The tug tried to get lines to her, but failed, and the vessel rapidly drifted toward the rocky shore under her lee. The tug made port, but nothing has since been heard of the Garsdale. It is hoped that she was able to claw off shore and stand out to sea, as, under the circumstances, this was the only chance those on board of her had for their lives.

The British steamer Falls of Inversnaid, Capt. Wilson, from Samarang for Sandy Hook, has put into St. Michael's with her machinery out of order. The steamer passed Gibraltar Oct. 29, and was a considerable distance to the westward of St. Michael's when her engines gave out. She had much difficulty in reaching port.

Reports received from many points along the coast this evening show that the gale has spent its force, although heavy seas are still running. The list of disasters grows rapidly. Between Calais and Dunkirk fifty-eight vessels were ashore at 6 o'clock. Most of them are fishing boats, but two are steamers, and seven or eight are barks. Along the coast near Calais seventeen more bodies were recovered this afternoon. Many houses were unroofed last night in Calais and Dunkirk, and the streets were swept clean of obstructions. A lifeboat went out from Dover this afternoon and rescued eight men from a sinking schooner.

The bark Johanno Mario sank off Dungeness this morning.

At Scarborough, on the Yorkshire coast, several houses were blown down and many were unroofed. Fifteen fishing smacks are missing from the town. The Swedish schooner Djalmar foundered near the headland this morning, but the crew was saved.

PARIS, Nov. 20.—Telegraphic communication between Paris and other cities has been seriously interrupted by the storm that is raging over Central and Northern France.

Dispatches from Biarritz, the noted watering place on the Bay of Biscay, state that a hurricane set in there last night, and that the wind is blowing with terrific violence. A fearful sea is running in the bay. The wind during the afternoon gained in strength, and is now said to be blowing at least ninety miles an hour. Where it has free sweep it is almost impossible to stand up against it.

CHERBOURG, Nov. 20.—The storm has been increasing in violence all day long and the wind is this evening blowing a perfect hurricane. Seafaring men say they never before saw such a storm. Fears are entertained for the safety of the breakwater here. Giant waves are pounding it with awful power. The boom of the sea as it strikes the walls can be heard across the harbor in all parts of the city. At times the breakwater is invisible, the spray hiding it completely from view.

The German vessel Corrientes, bound for Lisbon, has been wrecked near Barfleur, fifteen miles east of this place. There were fourteen persons on board of her, eight of whom were saved.

CALAIS, Nov. 20.—Neither the Calais nor the Boulogne channel steamers left port to-day. The Boulogne boat feared to face the gale that is sweeping up the channel. The Calais boat could not have left even had she so desired. The sea is pounding the jetty here to pieces. In fact, it is already about completely destroyed. The entrance to the harbor has been so blocked up by the masses of rock swept from the jetty that it is impossible for vessels to get in or out.

KIEL, Prussia, Nov. 20.—A great northeast storm is raging over the Baltic Sea, and much damage afloat and ashore is being done. The tide has caused an extraordinary high tide here, and the streets in the harbor quarter are inundated.

The imperial yacht Hohenzollern broke from her moorings in the bay and commenced to drift shoreward. A heavy anchor was hurriedly dropped and a long cable paid out, which held the yacht safely.

OSTEND, Belgium, Nov. 20.—The coast of Belgium is being swept by a gale almost phenomenal in its intensity. Many fishing boats have been lost and their crews drowned.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 20.—A very heavy

gale is prevailing here and elsewhere in Holland. Dispatches received from the coast towns report heavy loss of life through the foundering of fishing smacks. Some of the fishing boats belonging to Amsterdam have not been seen or heard of since they left port, and it is generally believed that they have been lost.

ANTWERP, Nov. 20.—A vessel foundered to-day in the River Scheldt. Her crew was drowned. Many chimneys have been blown down in this city. The telegraph lines are badly crippled, the wires in every direction being down.