

Prince Valiant

Synopsis: PRINCE VALIANT SAILS FOR HIS HOME IN DISTANT THULE, ON BOARD THE GREAT SHIP, POSEIDON. WIND AND TIDE ARE FAIR, AS THEY LEAVE THE THAMES AND HEAD OUT INTO THE NORTH SEA. THEN A GALE BLOWS UP FROM THE NORTHWEST AND THEY STRUGGLE TO KEEP THE CLUMSY CRAFT FROM DRIFTING ASHORE.



THE LOWER BANK OF OARS HAS TO BE WITHDRAWN FOR THE RISING SEAS COME IN THE OPEN PORTS.



ALL NIGHT THE STRUGGLE DRAGS ON. AT DAWN THE ANXIOUS CAPTAIN SEES THE DREADED GOODWIN SANDS PERILOUSLY CLOSE.



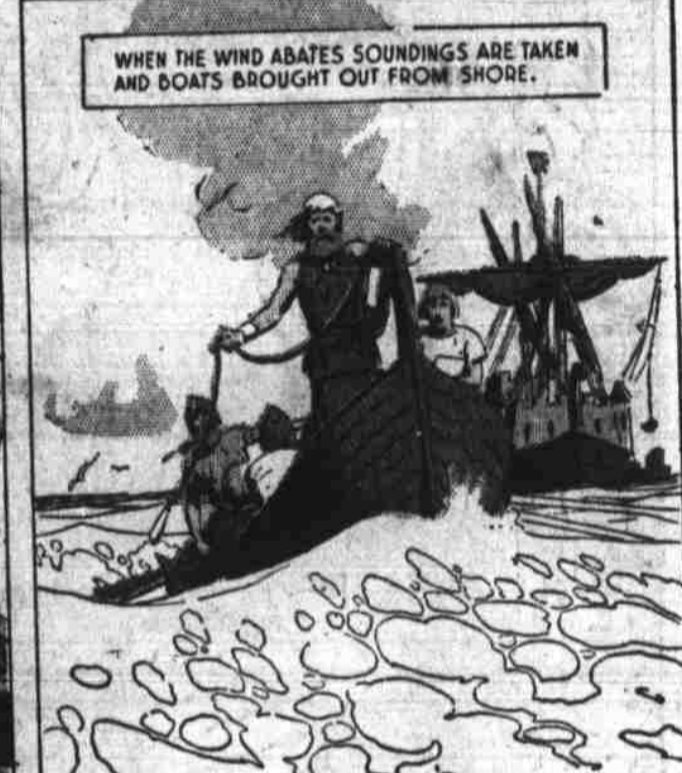
THE ANCHORS ARE DROPPED, BUT FAIL TO HOLD IN THE SHIFTING SAND. SLOWLY SHE DRIFTS TOWARD THE BREAKERS.



THERE IS A SICKENING CRASH, AS THE SHIP STRIKES AGAIN AND AGAIN SHE POUNDS UPON THE SAND AND THEN...SLIDES OVER INTO THE DEEPER WATERS.....



...AND RIDES QUIETLY AT ANCHOR, PROTECTED BY THE SAND BAR UPON WHICH SHE NEARLY FOUNDERED!



WHEN THE WIND ABATES SOUNDINGS ARE TAKEN AND BOATS BROUGHT OUT FROM SHORE.



THE CARGO IS REMOVED TO LIGHTEN THE SHIP, WHILE THE CAPTAIN WAITS FOR THE FULL OF THE MOON TO BRING A HIGH TIDE.



THEN THE SHIP'S BOATS CARRY THE ANCHORS SEAWARD TO THE END OF THEIR CABLES AND THE LIGHTENED SHIP IS DRAWN SLOWLY OVER THE BAR.



ONCE AGAIN THEY ADE AWAY WITH A FAIR WIND AND A GOOD VOYAGE IN PROSPECT, BUT..... "CAPTAIN, THE SHIP'S TIMBERS HAVE BEEN STRAINED, SHE LEAKS BADLY!"

NEXT WEEK - The Cruise of the Poseidon.

