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## ARCTIC DISASTER.

### Failure of a Relief Expedition.

The United States Greely relief steamship *Yantic* arrived at St. Johns, N. F. on the 13th. Her tidings are lamentable. No word has been received from Greely or any of his party. The steamer *Protens* was crushed by a floe of ice at the entrance to Smith's Sound July 23d. Captain Pike, his crew, and the scientific party are passengers by the *Yanic*.

The first officer of the *Protens* briefly summarizes the ill-fated *Protens* expedition as follows: "The *Yankee* and *Protens* left St. Johns at 4 p. m. June 29th. *Protens* arrived at Good Haven bay, Disco Island, July 6th, and the *Yankee* at the same place July 12th. The necessary preparations were made and the *Protens* sailed for Cory island, arriving on the 16th; left the 21st, and two days afterwards was crushed, sinking at 7 p. m., July 23d. Twenty-one days were spent in the boats and several storms encountered, from which the boats took refuge under the lee of icebergs.

Lieutenant Clowell and six of the crew parted company with the others at Cape York; found the *Yantic* July 31st and reported that Captain Pike and the remainder of the crew were moving southward. The *Yantic* reached Cory Island August 2d, and the same night she proceeded to the Pandora harbor, where the records from Pike and Garlington were found. She proceeded south along the Greenland coast, sending boats all around the islands, and searched for the missing crew. The storm and heavy packed ice on August 9th forced the *Yantic* to anchor to the leeward of the Northumberland island. The next day she bore away for Upernavik, arriving there August 12th. On the 27th she started for the Walgate coal mines and returned to Upernavik, September 2d. Captain Pike and crew were found and taken aboard the *Yantic*. It seems the first intimation of the *Protens* disaster was found August 3d, at Littleton island by the *Yantic*. Lieutenant Garlington left the record there coming south, describing the shipwreck and indicating the general movements of Captain Pike and ship's company.

On the 3th a search was instituted along the Greenland coast from Cape Alexander to Cape Robertson and every point likely to have been visited by the wrecked party till September 2d, when Upernavik was reached and the whole *Protens* party found in good health and tolerable spirits. They were exposed during thirty-one days and nights in their boats, making some stoppages at intermediate points. The *Protens* was crushed in the ice at 3 p. m. of the 23d of July, and sunk within four hours. Fortunately sufficient time was given to save clothing, provisions, a compass and other necessities to meet what might prove a protracted voyage. On the 25th, the boats being equipped, provisioned and manned, a start was made. The scene of the disaster was eight miles north-north-west of Cape Siberia, latitude seventy-nine degrees fifty-one minutes north. Over six hundred miles of ice and frozen sea was passed before Upernavik was reached. The worst feature in the unfortunate *Protens* expedition is no provisions were landed or caches made and all stores intended for the Arctic Colony of Relief went down with the steamer.

While at anchor in the Danish harbor, the 12th of August, Governor Elburz came on board the *Yantic* and reported that the Danish steamer *Sophia* had arrived there from a harbor thirty miles north of Cape York, and the captain states a native Eskimo told him that two natives with the Greely expedition had arrived in sledges last winter, and reported the party all well except Doctor Pavy, who had died. The natives who went back to

Lady Franklin bay. Another Eskimo arriving from Greely camp, reported all the officers murdered by the men. Neither of these reports is reliable, as the fondness of the Eskimo for lying and sensationalism places them in the category of fiction. Captain Tinkle says that as far north as Cape Sabine there was no trace of Greely or his party, and his failure to come south to Littleton Island to meet the relief steamer this summer works grave apprehensions as their probable fate. The *Protens* was returning home when the ice overwhelmed her. She got barely fifteen miles north of the scene of the shipwreck. The prospects of the Greely Colony encountering the rigors of a fourth winter beneath the Arctic circle are mournful to contemplate. The crews of the ships *Yantic* and *Protens* are in excellent health, one death only having occurred during the expedition, that of Henry Wilson, gunner's mate of the *Yantic*, of apoplexy.

At St. Johns Lieutenant Greely had chartered the steamer *Protens*, a Labrador whaler, which it was thought was well fitted for the service. Although a comparatively new vessel she was strengthened and fitted out anew for the voyage. The party was well supplied with provisions and boats, and when they touched at Greenland they took on board a number of dogs and sleds and were joined by Dr. Pavy, who acted as surgeon of the expedition. A small steam launch was also taken along. That season the *Protens* succeeded in reaching within a few miles of the spot where Greely intended to make his permanent base of operations. Smith's Sound was unusually open and everything promised well for the success of the expedition. Now in her attempt to relieve the party the *Protens* has been lost. Lieutenant Greely was instructed besides his meteorological duties to fit out sledge expeditions and search along to the eastward for any traces of the *Jennette*, as his fate at that time was in doubt. Near this station on Lady Franklin Bay is a coal mine, from which plentiful supplies of fuel can be obtained, and it is believed that he is within the territory frequented by the muskox, a quadruped which furnished Lieutenant Schwatka a good part of his subsistence for several months.

### Demoralizing News.

The New York *Tribune* has some suggestive reflections on the kind and quality of news that all respectable journalists are constantly called upon to determine as proper to be laid before their readers. There are, the *Tribune* says, newspapers and newspapers, of course, and some of them have a good deal to answer for. Those that make a trade of sensationalism are not scrupulous as to either their matter or their manner of presenting it. But a little reflection will show any one that those form comparatively a small class among the journals of the country. Charles Dudley Warner, in speaking on the subject of the press two or three years ago, said that the moral tone of a newspaper was usually higher than that of the community in which it was printed. There was no little truth in this observation. Even the sensational newspaper hardly furnishes crime and scandal enough to satisfy its readers, and the respectable newspaper has to make up its mind to do without the custom of a large portion of the community because it will not pander to a diseased appetite for details of revolting crimes or unclean gossip.

There is another point on which the newspapers are liable to be misunderstood by the public, through lack of information. The public does not see, and therefore can not appreciate, the vigilance which is exercised in every respectable newspaper office to keep such news out of its columns. More care and discretion are needed in this matter than the average

reader realizes. The system of news collection becomes more complete every year, and the field is swept more thoroughly each time than the time before. The wheat and the chaff come in together, and it is the province of the clean newspaper to see that as little of the latter is used as possible. Probably the average reader would be surprised if he could see the quantity of news that is thrown aside each day because it is not of a kind that ought to come before the eyes of his girls and boys. At the same time the papers must print the news. The widespread publication of a murder arouses a whole community, and often brings a thousand eyes and ears to the help of justice. Then, too, there is a natural and pardonable curiosity with regard to some sensational occurrences that must be satisfied. When men hear of a friend's death, they are eager to know the details of his sickness, or the accident that befel him, or if he has gone astray, to understand how and why. This is a human instinct, to which few of us are superior. It is the delicate duty of the newspaper to satisfy it without going so far as to make its news demoralizing.

The South African steamer, with O'Donnell, the slayer of James Carey, on board has arrived at Madeira. O'Donnell is in charge of two Colonial detectives. His manner is quiet and reserved, and there is no sign that he feels any anxiety for the future. He said he was utterly indifferent to the result of his trial. He, however, was perfectly sure he would never be hanged. When told of the manifestations of sympathy for him and the delight at Carey's death exhibited by Irishmen all over the world and particularly in America, he laughed and said he had no doubt of it. He expressed himself as being more than grateful to the Americans for the manner in which they upheld him and for the light in which they looked upon the impulse which compelled him to rid the earth of such a man as James Carey.




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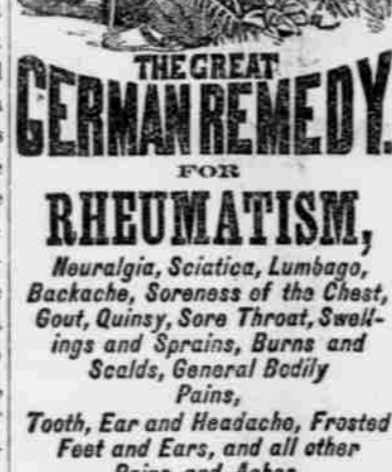
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### MOTHERS, READ.

Guests—About nine years ago I had a child two years old and almost died. The doctor I had attending her could not tell what ailed her. I asked him if he did not think it was worms. He said no. However, this did not satisfy me, as I felt convinced in my own mind that she had. I obtained a bottle of DR. C. McLANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE (worms). I gave her a teaspoonful in the morning and another at night, after which she passed seventy-two worms and was a well child. Since then I have never been without it in my family. The health of my children remained so good that I had neglected watching their actions until about three weeks ago, when two of them presented the same sickly appearance that Fanny did nine years ago. So I thought it best to be sure, and went to work at once with a bottle of DR. C. McLANE'S VERMIFUGE between four of my children, their ages being as follows: Alice, 8 years; Clara, 4 years; Emma, 6 years; John, 3 years. Now comes the result: Alice and Emma came out all right, but Clara passed forty-five and John about sixty worms. The result was so gratifying that I spent two days in showing the wonderful effect of your Vermifuge around the city, and now have the worms on exhibition in my store. Yours truly, JOHN T. FLEMING.

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