

GALLANT SAILORS RESCUE 16 FROM DISABLED VESSEL

Gripping Drama of Sea Witnessed by Passengers of Liners Standing by Storm-Tossed Freighter, Sisto

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ABOARD THE S. S. EUROPA AT SEA, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Sixteen men perilously near death on the storm crushed freighter Sisto owe their lives today to a gallant lifeboat crew from the passenger liner New York.

Amidst storm lashed seas, the Sisto's crew was taken from the sinking freighter late last night, while four vessels, including the palatial Europa, stood by playing searchlights on the scene.

Passengers Watch Feat.
The dramatic victory of the New York's tiny lifeboat over the North Atlantic was accomplished as virtually every person on the Europa watched anxiously the progress of the rescue craft to and from the freighter.

There was a great shout of joy from the Europa as the lifeboat reached the side of the New York in safety.

It had been a precarious trip for the small rescue boat, for the rolling seas tossed the craft like a bobbing cork. It reached the side of the crippled Sisto, however, and the members of her crew, weary from long hours of battling the savage storm, dropped quickly into the lifeboat.

Then began the even more dangerous trip back to the New York, for this time the boat was laden almost beyond capacity. Although 14 ft. from the surrounding vessels pierced the darkness, there were times when the lifeboat was scarcely less visible from the Europa and only an occasional flash of an oar could be seen.

Rescue None Too Soon.
The rescue of the 16 men of the Sisto, a Norwegian boat, was accomplished, apparently, some 200 miles from the little vessel was in a helpless condition when the Europa reached the scene of distress, approximately 300 miles off the coast of Ireland.

The Sisto's rudder had been twisted into a useless thing, and her whole superstructure had been crushed by giant waves. Her lifeboats had been washed away and the ship was in dire need when the New York, Hamburg-American liner, launched her lifeboat.

The Sisto was further endangered by her shifting cargo of lumber, which had caused her to list badly. It seemed to be only a matter of hours before the little vessel would succumb to the sea. She was left in a sinking condition, with one feeble light showing.

The New York continued on her way to Cherbourg soon after the Sisto's crew had been taken aboard. The Europa and the other two vessels at the scene, the Cunard-White Star liner Aurania and the British tanker Mobiloil also resumed their course.

Oil Falls Quiet Sea.
It was the Mobiloil which had stood by the Sisto for more than 18 hours, held by the heavy seas from taking the crew off the freighter. Tons of oil poured on the water by the Mobiloil had failed to calm the water and the tanker finally sent out calls for assistance which brought the New York, the Aurania and the Europa rushing to the spot.

Anxiety gripped the Europa's passengers when the huge liner turned her prow toward the Sisto, 140 miles away. As she pushed forward through terrific waves, passengers in evening dress bundled themselves in heavy clothing and came on deck, peering into the darkness to see the stricken freighter.

Vessels Race to Scene.
Then in the distance they caught a glimpse of another ship hurtling to the rescue. As the Europa neared the spot where the Sisto lay wallowing in the waves, two other vessels were seen, the Mobiloil and the Aurania.

The four ships were about half a mile from the Sisto when the New York sent her lifeboat over the side. They dared not come closer because of the high seas.

The Europa's big rubber boat had been made ready during the run to the Sisto, but it was not needed. Members of the Ascania's crew said a 90 to 120-mile gale was blowing and waves were running 30 to 50 feet high while the rescue was being made. Captain J. G. P. Bisset of the Ascania said it was the best piece of rescue work he had ever seen.

INCENDIARY CASE SLATED JAN. 7TH

Final criminal case of the year is scheduled to be heard tomorrow in circuit court. It is the case of the state against J. Noel Colby, charged with a statutory offense, involving a 14-year old girl, Colby, a resident of Grants Pass, and a married man, is represented by Attorney Charles W. Heaman.

The first criminal case of the coming year, has been set by Judge Norton for January 7, and is the charge against George High, and his brother Robert High, of Ashland, charged in an indictment, with setting a fire with intent to injure the Insurer. The High brothers are at liberty on \$2500 bonds.

The Highs are alleged in the complaint to have set fire to a large barn on the Balduf-Gutrie tract east of Ashland, in January, 1932, which was insured for \$15,000. The barn was one of the largest and most

modern in southern Oregon, and the fire was spectacular. Ninety tons of hay went in smoke.

Poison Finally Killed Baby.
MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark.—(UP)—It took two years for home-made rat poison to prove fatal to four-year-old Frank Walker. The mixture of lye and molasses burned through the child's throat, starving him to death.

Married in Lion's Cage.
LEOMINSTER, Mass.—(UP)—A hope that it wasn't symbolic of what their married life would be was expressed when Ida M. Kierner and Ralph A. Rosier were married in a cage with a bear and two lions.

Sheriff and Justice Fined.
ROCKVILLE, Conn.—(UP)—During a non-parking campaign, Sheriff Fred Vinton and Justice Fitch Jones found police tags dangling from the steering wheels of their automobiles. Both paid fines of \$3.

Skunk Broke Up Rehearsal.
WINDSOR, Conn.—(UP)—A skunk ambled into the Windsor Dramatic club during a rehearsal and played lost little time in beating a retreat. Until the air cleared the rehearsal was held in nearby rooms.

BRANDON, Vt.—(UP)—The situation was reversed by Mrs. George Glove, 42-year-old grandmother. Her married son and daughter had presented her with four grandchildren, but she recently presented them with a brother.

Nearly \$4,000,000 annually in taxes is paid the Philippine government on tobacco.
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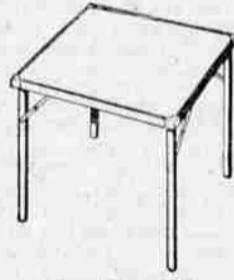
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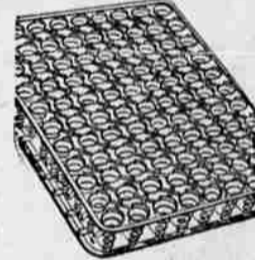
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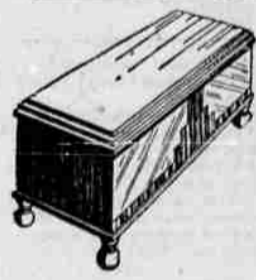
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