

SHIPS SAVED AT SEA.

WHAT IS MEANT BY 'SALVAGE' AND HOW IT IS PAID.

There is no law that signifies of distress at sea must be attended to. The opinion alone enforces response to calls for help.

Salvage on ships saved at sea by others in the majority of cases is paid by the underwriters, although the big steamship companies pay for themselves. The insurance companies think that a board of arbitration can more satisfactorily adjust salvage claims than can the courts.

In discussing the merits of salvage it is essential to remember that there is no obligation, written or implied, upon the master of crew of any vessel to be sign of distress. Public opinion alone enforces the idea that "a call for help at sea is a call for help at sea." The law of salvage is merely framed to encourage the saving of life and property on the deep.

There is avarice in the matter as far as the law is concerned, and the law is made to overcome and curb these mercenary ambitions. For that reason a master and his crew cannot expect salvage for saving their own vessel. It is the national assumption in law, as well as in fact, that they must do what they can to preserve their lives and under an agreement with the vessel's crew to keep it from danger when possible.

In salvage one of the first laws is that the peril must be actual. The bargain made in time of danger by the master or agent of the imperiled craft with another vessel is not binding unless it is made in court, and generally does not. As a rule the bargain is exorbitant and made at a time when the victim would be willing to guarantee the payment of a million for the desired assistance.

This point has been decided hundreds of times, the courts taking the stand that the peril under an exorbitant bargain necessary.

As a general rule, the salvage award is equal to about one-third the value in the case of sailing craft and from one-third to one-half in the case of steamers. The owners of the salvaging craft, whose money was wasted by delay and loss, are of course entitled to the larger piece of the plum.

The master of the salvor gets about twice the share that his mate receives, and the mate is paid something like double the amount of each sailor.

Should the latter have been a member of a lifeboat crew used in running the vessel or in going aboard in a prize crew and his mate is entitled to an extra compensation. Naval officers cannot claim salvage when the work accomplished is in the direct line of their duty.

In the case of a abandoned vessel there is a peculiar law as applied to ownership. No matter where the wreck is found and towed or assisted in by a prize crew or otherwise, the court holds that she is still the property of her original owners, although abandoned by her crew, their agents, and that no effort has been made by them to recover her. It is so provided in the average mariner, but it is the law.

To make a successful salvage claim it is necessary that the property must be actually saved and salvaged by those claiming to be salvors. The property must be saved in whole or in part, and the salvage services must be rendered by persons not bound by contract to render them. If the mariner or other encounter the danger or misfortune or distress which might possibly result on the ship to destruction unless assistance is rendered and he can save the vessel, and his services tend in some degree to save or mitigate the loss, he will be entitled to it, although the vessel is mainly preserved by other means.

The longest time that any one steamship has been at sea with disabled machinery before reaching port was 72 days. This was the United States corvette Itasca in 1890. She was bound to San Francisco from Honolulu, and had only seven days' rations for the crew when she was towed to the steamer Itasca, which was bound to San Francisco, after having been at sea for 47 days. The Itasca was towed to San Francisco, and after 23 days out of the British steamer Caspian broke down 2,000 miles from port and sailed in unaided, much to the delight of the dwindling band of naval experts who maintain that every warship ought to be provided with ample sail power.

The owners of these ships that were obliged to drift for weeks, and in several cases for months, and in some cases for years with the question of salvage had a helping hand come along at least there would have been no complaint just then.—New York Mail and Express.

Work of Helmsmen. I was driving through one of the best farming districts in western Ontario a few years ago. I expressed my admiration. "Yes," said my companion, who knew the country thoroughly, "nearly all the farmers around here have second wives."

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A Handsome Present.

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WATCH FREE! With every bill of Goods, amounting to the sum of \$25.00 bought from T. E. Powell, the leading Dry Goods dealer of West Texas, will be given a handsome, stem winding and stem setting watch free, as a present, and to show my appreciation of your patronage. XXXXX

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indication a steamer's lights came into view. It was soon evident that the steamer was curious to know the meaning of the illumination. For she altered her course and made for the light vessel. The marines on the prince's vessel understood by this time that the illumination was probably believed to be evidence of a disaster. Just as the prince's steamer was moving up to explain matters she was nearly run down by one of the large liners in the oriental trade, which had also left her course to render what assistance she could.

She had hardly got away when a second steamer came into view, and she too, bore down upon the lighted boat. The marines on the prince's vessel understood by this time that the illumination was probably believed to be evidence of a disaster. Just as the prince's steamer was moving up to explain matters she was nearly run down by one of the large liners in the oriental trade, which had also left her course to render what assistance she could.

FOOLED IN A HORSE TRADE. This Animal Possessed Several Remarkable Traits. A prominent English landlord was one day riding across a common adjacent to his preserves when he overtook one of his tenants, who was also perfectly saddled. With much agility the tenant leaped to his horse, and all went well until they came to a small stream, where the landlord's horse was immediately balked. A driver home with the sports brought it again to his notice.

St. John & Powell, DRUGGISTS. Start the New Year, happy, having the confidence of the public, their trade is growing rapidly. We shall endeavor to hold your trade by exerting every energy to please you, keeping first-class goods and doing the right thing at all times. SEE OUR NEW LINE OF WALL PAPER. ST JOHN & POWELL. If You Owe Us We Need the Money

CLOTHES SPECIALS. Queer Pockets and Things Tallers Have to Put in Garments. "No special." With that remark to the assistant who took down the measurements the clerk dismissed his patron and said that the suit would be finished "sure" on a certain day.

FINERY'S SERMON. It brought Praise From the Preacher. When the Rev. Father delivered his sermon before the congregation of St. Finery's church, he became famous as the great American British lion tamer. He was one of the best preachers in Chicago. He was on the Tribune, and one day a certain editor (best known to fame as the man who always wore a straw hat and smoked a corncob pipe) decided that Mr. Finery should be disciplined.

SURPRISED HER HUSBAND. Why the Young Wife Spent an Afternoon in His Office. Young Mrs. Smith, who lives down on Prairie avenue, is very fond of her husband and also very jealous of him. Mr. Smith knows this and enjoys it immensely. Before the Smiths were married he used to know a Minneapolis girl who visited his sister in Chicago. Mrs. Smith knew her very well too. The Minneapolis girl came down not long ago, and Mrs. Smith called on her. A few days before the Minneapolis girl went home she called on Mrs. Smith, and they had an enjoyable quarter of an hour thinking things about one another and talking about Mansfield.

JOHN HAY'S BIG APRON. One of the Causes Where Dishwashing Produces a Poet. Colonel Hay was when a boy a regular attendant of the Presbyterian Sunday school at Warsaw, Ill. The Sunday school lessons partly consisted of committing to memory Bible verses, and to attain supremacy in this created quite a rivalry among the scholars. John Hay was sure to come out ahead from two to five answers, some times more, causing those of his comrades who were always behind him to regard him with envy.

PASTURE POSTED. I hereby notify all persons not to hunt in my pasture owned or controlled by me. W. F. WILSON, at Winona's Meat Market. Top prices for good fat cattle. P. M. RICHARDSON.

OLD DUELING RULES. "MUCH USEFUL ADVICE" FROM AN ANCIENT BOOK. To Englishmen dueling is happily a lost art, but three-quarters of a century ago dueling was sufficiently in vogue to induce an anonymous writer to publish a book "containing much useful information." Ironically dedicated to Daniel O'Connell, Esq., M. P., and James R. Bingham, Esq., M. P., as "enterprising the opinion first promulgated by the immortal Falstaff of happy memory that discretion is the better part of valor."

The author advises "all my countrymen who go abroad to use the pistol instead of the sword when they have the choice of the weapon, as the balance of killed and wounded is now much in favor of the French, who, upon the termination of the late war, amused themselves by occasionally spitting some half dozen of our traveling young fashionables before breakfast." "The French means 'Parley, in Oxford street, as the maker of the best dueling pistol locks,' care in the selection of a stock which fits the hand comfortably and is neither too heavy nor too light. The stock should be ten inches long and half rifled, which, considering that throughout his volume he poses as a man of the strictest honor, is puzzling for the author admits that a wholly rifled pistol is considered an unfair weapon, therefore one not appearing to be rifled should be substituted.

On "the chances" he writes: "Many a poor, long armed, straggling fellow has received the coup de (sic) cour (or fatal stroke) who might still have been in existence had he known how to protect himself in the field." "The necessary protection consisting in standing sideways and drawing in the stomach." "Should the party be hit"—"presumably because he could not draw in his stomach"—"he must not feel alarmed. This seems difficult, as a man with a bullet in his stomach can hardly be expected to display some little natural anxiety, for, as is admitted later, 'a shot in the digestive organs must be particularly annoying to a bon vivant.' To aldermen his advice is 'the old method of fighting—the back to the adversary and discharging over the shoulder.' "The chances of a man's being killed are about 14 to 1, and of his being hit about 6 to 1." He arrives at this conclusion by dividing a man's body, when opposed to his adversary, into nine parts. Therefore he says, "As in only three of these a wound would prove mortal, the chances are 3 to 1 against his being killed, and 5 to 1 against his being hit. But that is never, he hastens to add, 'provided his antagonist has never read my work. If he has, the case may be different'."

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A Double Headed Bull. On the occasion of a public reception at Napier, Australia, the school children of the town, after being duly complimented by his excellency from County Tyrone on the hearty manner in which they had undergone the national anthem, were solemnly assured that if they put their shoulders to the wheel they would be sure to reach the top of the tree! Upon which a companion turned to me and said, "Now it was an axletree he meant, head."—Spectator.

Let Him Off. One night Green came home very late and found his wife evidently prepared to administer a Caudle lecture. Instead of going to bed, he took a seat, resting his elbows on his knees, and absorbed in grief, sighing heavily and uttering such exclamations as "Wasteful! Poor fellow!" Mrs. Green, moved by curiosity, said "What's the matter with Watkins?" "Ah," said Green, "his wife is giving him the just now." Mrs. Green let her husband off this time.—Liverpool Mercury.



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The Stars and Stripes Forever.

The Courts of Texas are too numerous and too costly and half of them at least should be abolished.

Big Thug Sharky knocked out Little Thug Kid McCoy in the tenth round in New York one day last week.

It will be exceedingly unfortunate for the Filipinos if they mistake the forbearance of the United States for fear.

J. H. Walker, foreman of THE STAR has bought the Putnam Gazette and will add more material and improve the paper. D. C. Walker has charge of the Gazette for the present.

The St. Louis Republic tersely says: "So far Aguinado has contented himself with making faces at the buzz saw." Ag may yet make the fatal mistake that others have made about that buzz saw.

Late dispatches from Washington say that Germany is backing Aguinado in his bullheadedness, and fear is expressed that we will yet become involved in war with that nation. No doubt Germany would like to gain a foothold in the Philippines, but that she will go to war with this country about such a trivial affair is not at all probable.

A special from Austin, Jan. 2, states that Congressman J. L. Slayden and Hon. J. F. Quinn of San Antonio have interviewed the railroad commissioners at Austin for the purpose of obtaining information in regard to the issuance of bonds to extend the Fort Worth and Rio Grande railroad from Brownwood to San Antonio.

The Colorado Spokesman intimates that we waste our breath in advocating a change of the terms of state and county offices from two to four years, and then repeats its opinion that no man should be elected for a longer term than two years.

We copy the following from the Shelton (Wash.) Tribune, W. R. Lotz, proprietor. The sentiment expressed is just as applicable to Callahan county, as to Mason county, Washington.

The Houston Post and a good number of the weekly press are urging the legislature to submit a joint resolution to the people to form a new constitution.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Hon. J. S. Sherrill was elected speaker of the House and Lee J. Rountree chief clerk. The newspaper fraternity is pretty well represented in both houses.

The mileage and per diem bill went through with a whoop as usual. No matter how the members may fight and scratch over other bills the mileage and per diem and contingent expense bills always go through without debate or comment by even the worst clerks in the legislature.

The United States would today be a very small nation but for expansion. Gen. Miles seems to have outwitted his enemies by his coolness.

There is nothing in the constitution to prevent this country from holding as colonies, islands secured from Spain or elsewhere. Ex-Gov. Boies says Bryan's heaven-born ratio is a moldering issue.

If Gen. Egan has not fired a misdeed that will blow up both himself and Secretary of War Alger, then there is nothing in the signs of the times. The people are becoming utterly disgusted with the jowling among high army officials.

The Brenham Banner wants to make Whitelaw Reid governor general of Guam island with the understanding that he assume charge of that mud bank at once and never return. We suggest that McKinley should appoint Secretary Alger and Gen. Egan on Reid's staff under the same conditions.

It is said that Secretary Alger is responsible for Egan's assault on Gen. Miles. It looks as though these two worthies had hoisted themselves with their own petard.

Gen. Gomez is sulking in the interior of Cuba. The closer we get to the "Washington of Cuba" the smaller he appears, and the less he deserves such an application.

Gen. Egan head of the commissary department, denounced Gen. Miles in unmeasured terms before the War Investigation Commission.

Gen. Egan towards his superior officer has done more to discredit the army, and belittle us as a nation in the eyes of the world than anything that has happened in this country since the revolution.

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TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

By Childs-To abolish the terms of legal interest and fix a uniform rate not exceeding 6 per cent. By Childs-Joint resolution so as to have a law every four years.

By Childs-To provide that in civil cases also juries may render a verdict. By Childs-To protect workmen in their right of organization.

By Childs-To amend revised civil statutes giving twenty days to file statement of facts. By Childs-To create a preference lien on corporate property for labor.

By Childs-To punish vagabonds who act as locomotive engineer not having served two years as fireman, and requiring conductors to serve two years as a brakeman.

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SHALL WE MEET AGAIN?

The fiat of nature is inexorable. There is no appeal from the great law which doometh us to dust. We flourish and fade as the leaves of the forest, and the flowers that bloom and wither in a day have no frailer hold upon life than the mightiest monarch that ever shook the earth with his footsteps.

Generations of men will appear and disappear as the grass, and the multitude that thronged the earth to-day will disappear as the sands on the shore. Men seldom think of the great event of death until the shadow falls across their own pathway, hiding from them the faces of loved ones whose living smiles were the sunlight of their existence.

Death is the antagonist of life and the cold touch of the tomb is the skeleton of feasts. We do not want to go, though the dark passage may lead to paradise; we do not want to lay down in the grave, even with princes as bedfellows.

In the beautiful drama of life, the hope of immortality so coveted by the death-devoted Greek finds deep response in every thoughtful soul. When about to yield his young existence as a sacrifice to fate, his Clemencia asked if he should meet again, to which he replied: "I have asked that dreadful question of the hills that look eternal of the clear streams that flow forever-the stars among which fields of azure mist spirit has walked in glory. All were dumb, but as I gazed upon thy living face, I felt that there is something in the love that mantles through its beauty that cannot wholly perish. We shall meet again, Clemencia."-George D. Prentiss.

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BEARING FRUIT.

The Stockman respectfully calls the attention of the Scurry County Board to the notice sent to a law abiding citizen of this county by the Dark Night Riders of Block 97.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS. In the Justice Court Precinct No. 1, Callahan County, A. D. 1898. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting: You are Herely Comanded, That by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Callahan, if there be a newspaper published in said County, (but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon W. W. Want, who is a non-resident of this state, to be and appear before the Justice Court Precinct No. 1 to be holden in and for the County of Callahan, at the Court House thereof, in the City of Baird on the 23d day of January 1899. File Number being 407, then and there to answer the suit of B. W. Vaughn and Ed Vaughn filed in said Court, on the 29th day of September A. D. 1898, against the said W. W. Want, and affleging in substance as follows, to-wit: Suit on open account for the sum of \$30.45 for merchandise sold and delivered by plaintiff to defendant between Aug. 12th 1898 and Sept. 19th 1898.

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