

Loss of the "City of Columbus." The Story in Detail. Awful Terrors of the Night. Swept from the Decks or Frozen in the Rigging.

The following is a corrected account of the terrible disaster to the steamer "City of Columbus" off Gay Head on Friday morning:—Thursday night the wind blew a hurricane from the northwest and a tremendous sea was running. At 3.45 o'clock on Friday morning with the wind blowing south, half east, the vessel struck on the reef outside Devil's Bridge buoy.

THE RESCUE. About forty men took refuge in the rigging, where they remained until 10.30 o'clock a. m., on Friday, when a life boat put off from Gay Head and took away seven passengers, one of whom died soon afterward. Shortly after noon on Friday another life boat put off to the distressed vessel, and meanwhile the revenue cutter "Dexter" came along and sent off two boats.

STORY OF THE CAPTAIN. Following is Captain Wright's statement regarding the loss of the steamer "City of Columbus": The "City of Columbus" left Boston at 3 p. m. on Thursday, carrying eighty passengers and a crew of forty-five. At 3.45 a. m. on Friday, Gay Head Light, bearing south half east, vessel struck off the outside Devil's Bridge buoy.

THE IMMEDIATELY STRUCK. I ordered the engines reversed and she backed about twice her length. The steamer immediately stopped and I ordered the jib hoisted and endeavored to head her to the north, but she filled forward and listed over to port so that the plank-sheer was about four feet under water.

THE STEWARD, A. F. Pitman, said: I was in my berth when the vessel struck and was not awakened by the shock. A general alarm was given, and I hurried into my clothes and left my stateroom. The greatest excitement prevailed and the women were rushing about the cabin in their night dresses.

AN AWFUL NIGHT. The officers of the cutter "Dexter" furnished the following statement: At about 12.30 we sighted a vessel ashore on the reef at Gay Head. The wind was blowing a gale and a terrible sea was running.

THE LIFE BOAT transferred several men to the cutter and at length the rigging was cleared of the survivors. The vessel was sunk in about four fathoms of water and the railing on the bow was the only portion of the hull visible.

We found the men in the fore and main top rigging. It was impossible to run over the rigging, as the boats would have been pounded to pieces, so the men in the rigging were forced to jump into the sea and we caught them as they arose to the surface and pulled them into the boats.

LIFTED FIFTEEN FEET on a crest and it was necessary to starboard to avoid being swamped. The poor man was not seen afterwards. At the same instant nearly McGarry's brother was pulled into the boat. Captain Wright was among the last to leave the ship.

PERIL OF HIS LIFE. Returning to the cutter he asked Captain Gabrielsen to give him a sixth man to steer, that he might swim to the wreck and rescue the unfortunate men.

ON THE LEG AND SUNK. He was pulled aboard the boat and taken to the cutter. His leg was found to be cut, but after changing his clothing, as the sea was smoother, he determined to make a last attempt. He again set out for the vessel and this time the men were reached.

THE FATAL REEF. The Devil's Bridge, on which the steamer struck, is a dangerous, ragged reef, a large portion of which is bare at low water. It juts out from Gay Head promontory, about five-eighths of a mile, and in southerly and westerly gales the sea breaks over it with great violence.

Notes. The "City of Columbus" was one of the finest vessels on the coast. She was built in 1878 by John Roach & Son at Chester, Penn., for the Ocean Steamship Company of New York, to run between that port and Savannah.

The Baltimore Council. THE PAPAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AMERICAN EPISCOPATE. Cardinal Simeoni, in an interview at Rome, on the 16th inst., praised the American prelates for their piety and patriotism.

St. Patrick's Hall, Tuesday, 29th Instant. Doors open at 7.30. Lecture at 8 o'clock, p. m. Admission 10 cts. Reserved Seats 15 cts.

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Our Advertisers. J. H. Fletcher, Esq., will deliver his popular lecture "Common Sense," in St. Patrick's Hall, on Tuesday evening, January 29th.

TRUTH—(Sonnet.) BY MOST REV. DR. O'BRIEN, ARCHBISHOP OF HALIFAX. "What is true youth?" was asked in days of yore; And many smiled, that one reputed wise, Should ask a question of such simple guise, Nor see that youth is when life's all before.

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LECTURE

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Subject:—"PURE WATER." In connection with this Lecture some experiments will be performed, showing the character of the water in some of the city wells; also, from Spring Park and Winter River.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE EXAMINER PUBLISHING COMPANY will be held at the office of THE EXAMINER newspaper, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th of January, at the hour of eight o'clock, in the evening.

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