

CORYDON SURVIVOR SAYS BIRD OF OMEN FOLLOWED SHIP

Sailor From Vessel That Perished in Hurricane Tells Thrilling Story of Experiences. Says Vulture Forecast Trouble.

Miami, Fla., Sept. 12.—A tiny black speck appeared against the sun and then gradually grew larger as it approached the Ward liner Corydon Sunday morning while the vessel peacefully plowed her way through calm and placid seas. It was a vulture. The bird of ill omen circled round and round the Corydon and then for a brief moment lit on the spar. Again the big bird circled, following the craft for many miles.

Such was the story told last night by F. Addison, in charge of supercargo aboard the liner, who, with eight others of the Corydon's crew, was brought to this city Thursday afternoon by the schooner Island Home after being adrift on an upturned lifeboat fifty-three hours without food and water. Although terribly bruised and battered, Addison and the others were at least able to tell their experiences during the two days they fought the storm on board the Corydon and the nearly three days they were afloat on the lifeboat.

Expected Trouble.
"I knew something was going to happen to the ship when I saw that bird," said Addison, "and when it kept following us mile after mile, I told the captain and the crew, but nobody would listen to me."

All day Sunday as the ship pursued her way in calm sea and light winds, the great bird hovered overhead.

Sunday night and Monday the Corydon staggered through smashing seas. Monday night every member of the crew was engaged in a desperate battle for life. There was no food, as the galley and provision room were flooded.

Tuesday morning, Addison said, they lost control of the ship. The wireless apparatus was short-circuited and no S. O. S. calls could be sent out.

When the vessel went under, the Americans kept their heads and saved the lives of some others of the crew of thirty-six.

Clung to Lifeboat.
"I said against a lifeboat and clung

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to it when the Corydon listed," said Addison. "Mallows was at the other end I drew out my razor and slashed at the lashings. Mallows cut them at the other end. The lifeboat and I shot into the sea together. Luckily it landed right side up and I got in. All the oars were lashed to it."

Battle With Storm.
Addison helped nine other men into the lifeboat. A few moments afterwards the Corydon went down. Addison called to Capt. Christian, but the latter would not leave the ship.

Almost immediately the heavy sea capsized their lifeboat three times, as fast as the men could dive from under it and right it again. They lashed themselves to the seat with strips of clothing. The boat was under the water most of the time with only the men's heads out. The boat could not have weathered the storm in any other position Addison declared.

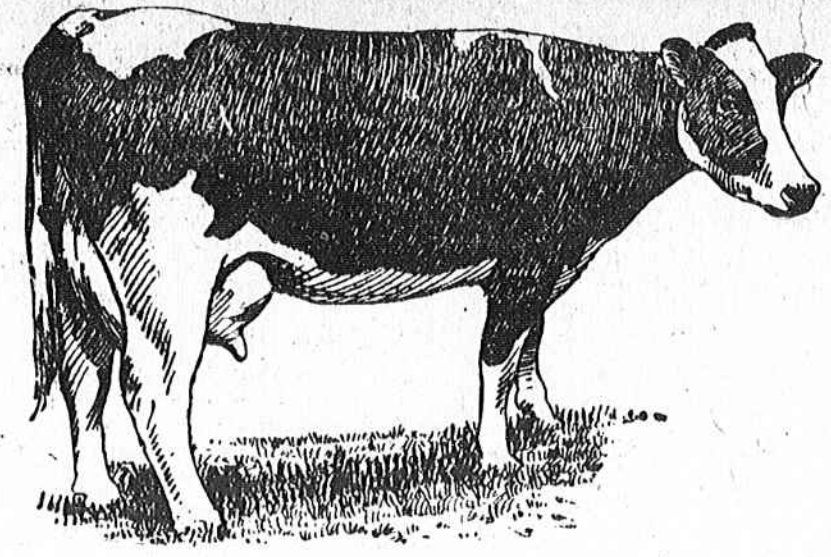
Third Mate Mallows told a graphic story of his battle with John Condon, a Greco-American seaman, when the latter became crazed by privation and fear. "I held him all of the first day and night," said Mallows. "He was raving crazy. He got violent and tried to draw a stiletto. I tied him to the boat then. Wednesday I became so weak I could do nothing with him and when he got a chance he threw himself overboard and was drowned."

Early Thursday morning the Corydon's survivors sighted Fowey Rock lighthouse and soon afterward the keeper of the lighthouse saw them and telephoned to Miami.

Every man in the party is bruised and battered by being thrown about by the wind. All are destitute. Today a telegram from the Ward Line's New York office instructed the men to report to New York and arranged for new clothing and their expenses until they reach New York.



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