

SAFETY OF A STEAMER. NEWS THAT BROUGHT TEARS OF JOY TO THE EYES OF MAMY.

The Long Missing Steamship Arrives at Last. The News Received at the Office of the Company with the Greatest Excitement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—When the news reached this city last Tuesday morning that the La Gascoigne, a large ocean steamer with some four hundred passengers aboard, which left Havre for this city over three weeks ago, and which was given up by many as long since sighted off the bar, there was the greatest excitement around the company's office, which was crowded with anxious inquirers, who had relatives and friends on board the steamship. They had been starting rumors with pale faces, expecting at any moment to hear the worst.

When the word came that the ship was safe for a moment stillness reigned in the most painful in its intensity. Agent Forster, who was rendered speechless, which evinced how anxious he had been for the safety of La Gascoigne. Then he rallied himself and became wildly hilarious. He shouted to many a French Line officer when the good news was ascertained and the tears were not from the eyes of women alone. Strong men went as little children. The steamer had been too much for them. One Mr. Riehe, broke down completely and sobbed as if his heart would break. Mr. Riehe had three daughters on board. La Gascoigne, two of them and very tenderly. He had been all day long all hope when the joyful tidings came. The delay of the steamer was due to a broken piston rod and to the terrific gales which have swept the North Atlantic for the past week or more and brought disaster to many a steamship.

Capt. Baudouin and officers and crew of La Gascoigne brought the ship and passengers through the gales and made port without help. From the time they left Havre on January 25, until Monday, the 15th, they were on the Atlantic steamer and saw only a four masted schooner, the one which reported at St. Pierre, Miquelon, N. S., as having seen a large steamer off the coast apparently in distress last Saturday.

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