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## "CAPTAIN" HENLEY'S ACCOUNT OF HIS SHIPWRECK.

Yesterday afternoon, we received a visit from Capt. John James Henley of the British boat "Consolation," which got wrecked on her way from Tortola on Tuesday night. Following is his narrative:—

"The 'Consolation', which hails from Cane Garden Bay and which had done service for 23 years and of which I have been master for the past 13 years, left port for St. Thomas yesterday afternoon at 12 30 o'clock, with a cargo of charcoal, provisions, one cow and calf, one bull, five goats, and the following crew and passengers. R. Henley, T. Henley, W. Henley, J. Raupsac, and J. A. Rhymer, crew. E. Parsons, Jas. Rhymer, A. Turnbull, A. Todman, K. Rhymer, G. A. Davis, and Mary Christopher, passengers. Shortly after leaving, the weather became squally, so we put back to port, but clearing an hour or so, later, we again put to sea. We found the weather outside calm and smooth, in fact so calm was it, that we had to pull a good deal of the time. We sighted St. Thomas land at about 7 p. m. Up to this time all was going well. We were chatting and pulling along quietly, when suddenly when off the 'Outer Blind,' so called, we felt the boat strike. She struck aft, and soon, in about 20 minutes had parted and gone down. But ere this, we had cut the cattle free, released the rudder and boom placing the woman, Mary Christopher, on the rudder and swam to the adjacent rocks, which were covered by the waves.

"We were sorely afraid, everything around us being so dark and still and with the water playing about us. We now began to blow our 'shells' and to cry for

help, which cries were luckily heard by the sentinels stationed on 'Signal Hill,' who immediately telephoned to the Harbour Department ashore, telling them of our great plight. Were we afraid? God; how we prayed! How we wished for some light in that impenetrable darkness! But succour was at hand. Soon at 1.30 a. m. the pilot boat, manned by 4 men, and under the direction of Assistant Harbour master W. O. Simmons hove in sight and took us off.

"The boat, from which we saved but the mast, rudder, and boom is a total wreck, having split in twain; while of the animals which were first cut loose from their lashings upon the first realization of the impending danger, of only one however,—the bull—have tidings been received.

Early this morning, (the 1st) the scene of the disaster was visited by Harbour-master Fischer, accompanied by myself and crew and a thorough investigation made."

News of the disaster was immediately sent up to Tortola by the "Lady Constance," and a boat "The City Belle," Captain Martin is expected down tomorrow to take the unfortunates home.

Much sympathy is felt for the "captain" and we are sure that his appeal for aid will meet with a generous response. —St. Thomas Mail Notes, October 2nd.

An interesting tale of a chocolate drop that was launched on a \$12. financial ship and now has grown to a 2,000,000 leviathan hails from Seattle. And this was only two years ago. Two sprightly American lassies, Helen Elizabeth Townsend and Martha Ardelle Townsend began with a dozen dollars and now their enterprise nets \$150,000 a year. Miss Martha was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and figured out how she could become more economically free while attending the University of Washington. There had been financial reverses in the family. Some Syracuse university girl had made a success of candies, and the two sisters put their heads together and formulated three business principles to run their business. They were: "Faith in yourself, Faith in your product and Faith in humanity." They started to make candy on a kitchen range and took small orders, Miss Ardelle taking a \$25 order the first day. They called their candies the "Helen Ardelle" candies and to-day they possess a large manufacturing establishment consuming tons of sugar and molasses. —The Louisiana Planter Sept 13th.

## Sweet Potatoes.

"Black-rock" potatoes can be bought at Est. "Diamond & Ruby," @ 3cts. per lb., or by the bank (700 ft. long).

ROBT. W. SKEOCH.

## LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCT. 4, 1919.

Oscar Benjamin, Company St.,  
Miss Catherine Class,  
Miss Christina Derricks,  
Mr. Rudolf Doyles,  
Mr. Augustus Jackson,  
Mr. Alfred Joseph,  
Mr. Joe Leader,  
Miss Veronica Lopez,  
Mr. Kenneth Mapp,  
Mr. Mc Bean,  
Mr. Hans J. A. de Mendes,  
Miss Agnes Philipus, c/o Mr. Charles Williams, Est. Altina,  
Senor Albin Clinton Penheny,  
Mr. James Reeve,  
Mr. Alfred Stevens,  
Miss Felecieta Williams,  
Mr. Thomas Wilson,  
Miss Gertrude Williams, Gallows Bay No. 14,

Mr. Jno. Toss,  
Miss Cathrine Jackson, Est. Sion Farm, c/o Mr. Victor Hall, Union Office.  
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Postmaster.

## Stop And Read!

### WE OFFER:

Greenfield's Assorted Chocolates 55c. pr. lb., Runkels Chocolates 15c. per cake, Mixed Candies 40c. per lb., Fancy Biscuits, Fig Bar and Lemon Jumbles 25c. per pack, Crisp Crackers and Uneeda Biscuits 14c. pr. pack, Sunshine and Ginger Snaps 15c. per pack, Cream Lunch Biscuits 35c. per lb., Grape Nuts, Corn Flakes, Puffed Rice, Instant Postum, Tetley's and Morton's Tea in packs at 7, 10, 13 & 20c. per pk., Peanut Butter 15c. pr. pot, Cream of Wheat 30c. per pk., Large Tins Sardines in Tomato Sauce 25c. per tin, Beets in Tins, Macaroni and Vermicelli 25c. pr. pack.

PRUNES and RAISINS.

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