

H Thoreau says "I am at the house where all the survivors came or were brought—they tell me the ship struck at 10 min. past 4 AM. & all hands, being mostly in their night clothes made haste to the forecastle the water coming in at once. There they remained, the passengers in the forecastle, the crew above it, doing what they could. Every wave lifted the forecastle roof & washed over those within The first man got ashore at 9, many from 9 till noon. At flood tide about three ½ P. M. when the ship broke up entirely, they came out of the forecastle & Margaret sat with her back to the forecastle with her hands on her knees—her husband & child already drowned—a great wave came & washed her aft— The steward had just before taken her child & started for shore—both were drow[n]ed.

I have visited th[e] child's grave—The body will probably be taken [aw]ay to day.

Mrs Hasty the Capt's wife told Mr Oakes that she & Margaret divided their money—& tied up the halves in handkerchiefs around their persons that Margaret took 60 or 70 doll.s Mrs Hasty can tell all abo[u]t M up too 11 oclock on Friday is said to be [go]ing to Portland Me., the cook,

the last to leave, & the steward will know
the rest. I shall try to see them. Mean
while I shall do what I can here to learn
particulars & recover property W^m H. Chan
ning came with me. Arthur Fuller has
this moment reached the house. He reached
the beach last night A good part of
the vessel still holds together & something
may come ashore with her fragments.

Mrs Oakes dried the papers which were in
the trunk & says they appeared to be of
various kinds “Would they cover that
small round table? “They would spread

Mrs Hasty

out—some w[e]re tied up.” “She ^ speaks of

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Celesta as if she might have been ~~some~~ sort
of nurse to the child— I expect to go to
Patchogue whence the pilferers must have
chiefly come, & advertise &c. Half a dozen
men are ranging the beach for 5 or 6 miles
saving the cargo & looking for the bodies
so that large articles [which] may come
ashore hereafter [are] likely to be saved
Dated Fire Island.

Ellery was helping Mrs Fuller dry the letters—
wh. related chiefly to her Italian life in Rome—none

He says

to the Florentine— ^ In this []d of chaos, now
well salted with old ocean’s [br]ine we see how
admirable a social person th[] was— A great

fund of new life was blossoming here—letters from Mazzini & Mickiewicz lay along with many others of a different stamp.

“I felt on looking down from the cold Alps of the shipwreck, into this blooming blossomy Italian life where all the buds & little spring flowers of her domestic affections were just beginning to grow, as if I had twice lived, & was now employed by Minos as a sort of assorting clerk beyond the grave— So many letters which begin ‘mia cara’ from pens now dry forever.”

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