

Mc Thorsen says "I am at the house where  
all the survivors came or were brought - they  
told me the ship struck at 10 min. past 4 AM.  
& all hands, being mostly in their night clothes  
made haste to the fore-castle the water coming in  
at once. There they remained, the passengers in  
the fore-castle, the crew above it, doing what  
they could. Every wave lifted the fore-castle roof  
& washed over those within. The first man got  
ashore at 9, many from 9 till noon. At flood  
tide about three 1/2 P.M. when the ship broke  
up entirely, they came out of the fore-castle &  
Margaret sat with her back to the fore-castle  
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 drowned.

I have visited the child's grave - The body  
will probably be taken away to day.

Mrs Gasty the Capt's wife told the Dakes that  
she & Margaret divided their money - & tied up  
the halves in handkerchiefs around their persons  
that Margaret took 60 or 70 dollars Mrs Gasty  
can tell all about it up to 11 o'clock on Friday  
is said to be going 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. Wm H. Chan-  
ning came with me. Arthur Fuller has  
this moment reached the Coast. He reached  
the beach last night. A good part of  
the vessel still holds together & something  
may come ashore with her fragments.  
Mrs Saks 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, I think  
out - some were tied up." "She speaks of  
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of nurse to the child - I expect to go to  
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chiefly come, & advocate &c. Half a dozen  
men are ranging the beach for 5 or 6 miles  
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so that large articles <sup>may</sup> come  
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fund of new life was blossoming here - letters  
from Marrini & Michievici lay along with  
many others of a different stamp.  
"I felt on looking down from the cold Alps  
of the shipwreck, into this blooming, blo-  
somy Italian life where all the buds &  
little spring flowers of her domestic af-  
fections were just beginning to glow, as  
if I had twice lived, & was now em-  
ployed by Minos as a sort of assorting  
clerk beyond the grave - So many letters  
which begin 'mia cara' from pens now  
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