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NAUTICAL NOTES

AFLOAT AND ASHORE.

The City of Dallas Towed Back in Distress,

She Breaks Her Shaft in the Gulf of Mexico.

Heroic Attempt to Rescue the Crew of a Doomed Vessel.

The Bark Einar's Marvelous Story of the Perils of the Deep.

The steamship City of Dallas, Captain J. M. Raymond, hence Dec. 28, for Puerto Cortez via Belize and Livingston, has returned in distress. She reports that when 100 miles from South Pass the main shaft broke inside of stuffing box, and that she at once made all sail for to return to South Pass.

On Dec. 29 and 30, was hove to, owing to a heavy norther; on Jan. 1 had light airs from the east; at 9:40 p. m. two steamers passed, one was inward bound and the other bound out, made all possible signals to draw their attention by burning torch lights and firing minute guns, but failed to attract the attention of either vessel. On Jan. 2 and 3 had calm weather and drifted to the northward and westward. At daylight on Jan. 4, sighted the schooner Cactus, of Bath, Me. Captain Proctor Hagan, bound from Pensacola for Galveston, put Purser Petitpain on board of her to be landed at South pass to obtain assistance, which Captain Hagan most kindly agreed to do. The position of the City of Dallas at the time being west by south, 36 miles from South point, drifted to the northward and had light airs from south and east with calms; at 8 p. m. sighted Pass-a-l'Outre, bearing southwest by west, one-half west, continued to have calm weather and drift to the north and anchored in 13 fathoms of water, Pass-a-l'Outre bearing southwest, one-half south. Nothing being in sight from the passes, and not being certain that the purser had been landed, sent a boat ashore at 7 a. m., Jan. 5, in charge of Captain Caldwell; at 2:40 p. m. the tugboat Elmer E. Wood, with the purser on board, took the ship in tow, arriving at the jetties at 8 p. m. Captain Caldwell's boat not having returned, waited until midnight at the Pilot station, and the boat not arriving, proceeded in tow to the city, arriving yesterday afternoon.

Captain Raymond desires to return his sincere thanks to Captain Proctor Hagan, of the schooner Cactus, for his kindness in landing the purser of the City of Dallas at South Pass, thus being able to obtain prompt assistance for the disabled steamer.

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