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NARROW ESCAPE OF A STATE LINE STEAMER —

The State of Virginia, one of the State Line vessels, arrived in the Clyde yesterday. The captain reports that soon after leaving New York the vessel sprung a leak, and before it could be discovered there were some fourteen feet of water in one of the holds. The watertight compartments saved the vessel from sinking. After some exertion the crew succeeded in pumping out the water. Captain Moodie states that the leak was caused by the bursting of one of the side ports on the lower port deck in the main watertight compartment. The discovery was made on Monday last, when the steamer was 100 miles east of Cape Race, and a heavy sea running. All efforts to get at the cause of the leak from the outside proved futile and the steerage passengers directly under whose deck the water was fast gaining were transferred to the second cabin. The cargo, which has been considerably damaged, was broken through, and in a short time the place of the leak was found out and repaired, and the compartment pumped clear. The utmost alarm existed among the passengers, of whom there was a large number, and to calm their apprehensions regarding their safety the boats were swung clear to be ready for lowering. At one time it was believed that the ship was settling down and would founder. When the greatest excitement prevailed Captain Moodie and the officers preserved the strictest discipline, and by their cool demeanour and energetic action eventually succeeded in calming the fears of the more timid, and thus prevented a disastrous panic. The voyage throughout was of a most disagreeable character, owing to the dense fog which made impossible the taking of observations during nine consecutive days.

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