

INCH GIVES HIS DOG TO CAPT. KREIBOHN

Kroonland's Skipper Tells of Boat Lost by His Ship in Rescue Work.

WARM PRAISE FOR HIS MEN

More of Them Volunteered for Dangerous Service Than He Could Use—Had Four Boats Out.

When he had seen the survivors of the *Volturno* comfortably disposed of, Capt. Peter Kreibohm of the *Kroonland* last night had a few words to say on his own account in praise of the work of his men. When he arrived at little after 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon the *Volturno* was blazing up at the forward end and her passengers could be seen anxiously peering over the rail at the after end of the promenade deck.

"The wind was blowing from the northwest and a very heavy sea was running," he said, "and it was not safe for me to take the ship down too close, as the *Volturno* was drifting. Our first boat left the ship manned by volunteers about 8 o'clock, in command of Fifth Officer Kummell, and pulled over to the burning steamer.

"When it arrived alongside, Mr. Kummell shouted out for the women to let themselves down by the ropes and jump and they would be picked up. But they were frightened and would not make the attempt. The men, too, were afraid, and the boat returned at 10:30 o'clock with only one rescued passenger, Christopher Pennington, the Marconi operator.

"Second Officer Mansfield and Fifth Officer Kummell and a fresh boat's crew of eight men returned to the *Volturno* and persuaded thirteen male passengers in the steerage to jump into the water. They were hauled into the boat by the crew. At 5:30 o'clock in the morning the sea had gone down and two other boats were lowered and went to the rescue in command of Second Officer Mansfield and Third Officer Wyman, in addition to the boat in charge of Fifth Officer Kummell.

"The sailors and firemen on the *Kroonland* behaved splendidly, and the call for volunteers was responded to by more men than we could use. Later I sent Fourth Officer Hirschfeld in charge of another boat, and altogether by 7 o'clock they had rescued 75 men and women and children from the *Volturno*, which, with the fourteen on the previous night, gave a total of eighty-nine.

Kroonland Lost One Boat.

"The only accident we had was to the first lifeboat that was lowered, which was carried away from the davits and drifted from the ship and could not be recovered.

"When we last saw the *Volturno* the flames were shooting up from her deck as far as amidships from her bow, and Capt. Inch told me that the fire was just about to reach one thousand cases of Scheidam, which is known to sailors the world over as Square Faced Jim. The Captain was the last to come on board the ship, accompanied by Chief Engineer Dewar, William Seddon, the Marconi operator, and two sailors, and his dog Jack, which he has presented to me as a souvenir. Capt. Inch had his eyes severely burned, and had to use smoked glasses. We discovered after leaving the *Volturno* on Friday morning that there was a flaw in the starboard crankshaft, and had to reduce our speed to twelve and a half knots, which is three knots below our average."

E. O. Thomas, agent of the Uranium Steamship Co. of New York, went to Capt. Kreibohm's cabin after the ship had been docked and thanked him for the kindness he and his officers and crew had shown to the survivors of the *Volturno*. Jules Nielsmans, the chief Marconi operator, and Jeppe Jepsen, his assistant, were kept busy from Thursday afternoon practically until yesterday when the ship docked, receiving and sending off messages in reply to the inquiries from both sides of the Atlantic which were relayed through other ships. Nielsmans said that he sent his messages through the *Carmania* because she had a range of four hundred miles, which was about double that of the *Kroonland*.

Praise from Kroonland Passengers

As a mark of their appreciation for the skillful and courageous seamanship displayed by the Captain, officers, and crew of the *Kroonland* in rescuing eighty-nine men, women, and children from the burning *Volturno*, the first-class passengers of the *Kroonland*, on Oct. 10, drew up resolutions commending Capt. Peter Kreibohm and his men. Also \$700 was raised for the benefit of the *Volturno*'s survivors.

"You are a credit to the passenger marine," the resolutions read, "and we most heartily call the attention of your company to your sailorly conduct and that of your officers and men on this occasion, being assured that the long list of saved, under the most difficult conditions, is due to your untiring efforts."

The resolutions were signed by all the first cabin passengers, including the Rev. Dean Cunneely, C. W. McClure, H. W. Hiller, Malcolm J. B. Ayres, G. DeWitt Williamson, Katharine M. Beekman, Margreta R. Beekman, Cortlandt Beekman, Lady Amy T. Bullock, Miss Evelyn Bullock, and P. Van Valkenberg.