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S. S. Crown point
Philadelphia
March 30th

Dear Mother,

Just a few lines to tell you we arrived here safely on Saturday night, March 27th. I am sending you a cutting from the "Philadelphia Record" to give you an idea of the exciting time we have had & to explain for our delay in getting here - The capt. is one of the best & we have had some real good sport with him during the voyage - He was very pleased with the work we did in connection with the "Vedamore" Philadelphia is certainly 'some' place I must close now in order to catch the mail - Trusting you are all quite well at home,

Ever your affectionate Son
"Cym"

P.S. We will probably be leaving here next Saturday

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CRIPPLED VESSEL BEATS WOULD-BE RESCUER IN

Crown Point Misses Prize After Standing by Four Days in Raging Tempest.

CREW MADE OWN REPAIRS

Unable to Aid Vedamore, After Responding to Wireless, Be- cause of Storm.

After standing by the disabled Johnson Line steamer Vedamore for four days and nights in one of the worst storms in the memory of mariners on the North Atlantic, the Philadelphia Transatlantic Line steamer Crown Point arrived in port yesterday without her prize and was met with the news that the Vedamore had reached Queenstown two days before.

The Vedamore, which plies between Baltimore and Liverpool, encountered rough weather when 1800 miles northeast of Sandy Hook, and was soon in a helpless condition. Her rudder and steering gear were carried away and the vessel was in danger of rolling completely over. The wireless operator sent out calls for assistance broadcast.

Many steamers heard the appeal for aid and half a dozen or more responded. The Crown Point, being nearest to the stricken craft, reached her side first. She sighted the Vedamore on March 15. At a single glance the officers of the Philadelphia vessel realized the serious nature of the plight of the other steamer. She was rolling in an alarming manner and it was feared that she would turn bottom up and go down with all on board.

Stood by for Four Days.

Owing to the high winds and the heavy seas which swept over both vessels, it was impossible for the Crown Point to get a hawser out to the disabled liner. Accordingly, she stood by, waiting for the weather to moderate sufficiently to permit of an attempt at rescue. After four days and nights of the vigil, it was realized that there was no hope of being able to tow the wreck to port in such weather. The crew of the crippled craft decided to try to make their own repairs, and accordingly signaled to the would-be rescuer that they intended to take a chance by proceeding alone.

Reluctantly, the Crown Point resumed her voyage to Philadelphia. Her officers were convinced that the other vessel would founder before reaching port. When the steamer docked here yesterday they were amazed to learn that the Vedamore had arrived at Queenstown last Friday despite her crippled condition.

The Vedamore left Baltimore March 4 for Liverpool with a general cargo of foodstuffs valued at nearly \$1,000,000. She put into Queenstown to avoid German submarines reported off the Mersey River.

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