

SUNK BY A COLLISION.

THE STEAMER PERKIOMEN LOST BUT THE
CREW SAVED.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., July 16.—The steam collier Berks, Capt. Odiorne, from Boston, of and for Philadelphia, arrived here this morning with the Captain and crew of the steamer Perkiomen, Capt. Wylie, from Boston, of and for Philadelphia, which vessel was sunk by a collision with the schooner Abbie C. Stubbs, Capt. Lewis, from Boston for New-Bedford, at about 12 o'clock last night off Pollock Rip. The Berks sailed for Philadelphia to-day with the Perkiomen's crew. The steamer was of iron, was $23\frac{1}{2}$ feet long, 37 feet wide, and $20\frac{1}{4}$ feet deep. She was built in 1875, was owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, and was employed in the coal trade. The schooner was badly damaged and was run ashore on Monomoy Island to prevent her sinking.

Capt. Wylie, of the Perkiomen, says the weather was misty and had been so all night and the day before, but that he had made all the usual lights and the masthead and side lights of several steamers. He did not see the schooner's lights until she was within 500 yards, and it was then impossible to avoid her. She struck the steamer on the port side, carrying away the smokestack, mainmast, and jibboom, and destroying the port boat. The fires were out in five minutes, but the water was a long time in getting into the forward compartments. The steamer Chatham, from Boston for Baltimore, came along and Capt. Wylie and his crew of 15 men went to her, using the small boat and the starboard boat. By stuffing the holes in her and keeping two men constantly bailing the latter reached the Chatham when just sinking. The Chatham, on account of the fog, had intended to go outside of Nantucket, but instead she anchored and staid inside until the steamer Berks, of the Philadelphia and Reading Line, returning from an eastern trip, came along and took off the shipwrecked crew.

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