

# STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION.

Trojan Cut Down by Nacoochee—Captain's Quick Work Saves Crew.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—The steamer Trojan of the Boston and Philadelphia Line was sunk in collision with the steamer Nacoochee of the Savannah Line in Vineyard Sound last Sunday. The loss of the vessel was reported by the Nacoochee upon her arrival here to-day.

By a fine display of seamanship and daring, Capt. Diehl of the Nacoochee, after the collision, pushed the bow of his vessel into the big hole in the Trojan's side and kept the vessel afloat until Capt. Thatcher and all his crew of twenty-seven men had scrambled aboard the Nacoochee. The Trojan went to the bottom in three-quarters of an hour.

The Nacoochee sustained only a slight damage to her bow. The collision occurred about one mile outside the Vineyard Sound Lightship about 11 o'clock Sunday forenoon. The vessels were moving at reduced speed in the fog, but, in spite of all precautions, the Trojan ran directly across the Nacoochee's bow. The Nacoochee's powerful iron prow struck the Trojan fairly amidships, cutting a big hole in her side. The Nacoochee's engines, which had been reversed when the danger was seen, drew her away from the Trojan.

Realizing that the Trojan would soon go down, Capt. Diehl of the Nacoochee signaled "full speed ahead" a few moments after the collision, and restored the prow of his vessel to the aperture in the Trojan's side. This, it is believed, prevented loss of life, for it enabled the men on the sinking steamer to save themselves by climbing over the rescuing steamer's bow. Seventeen of the Trojan's crew were asleep in their bunks below. All rushed on deck to find ten of their fellow-seamen clinging to the rigging. Capt. Diehl of the Nacoochee, while his vessel was pushing into the Trojan, shouted to the men to crawl over his bow. The entire crew of twenty-seven reached the Nacoochee, and not one was injured. The Trojan went to the bottom soon after her crew got off. The Trojan and her cargo were valued at \$500,000, fully insured.

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