

# LAST OF THE WHALERS WRECKED IN STORM

*The Wanderer, From New Bedford, Ends Her Career on Final Cruise—8 of Crew Missing.*

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Aug. 26.—The whaling bark *Wanderer* ended her career on Middle Ground Shoal today and search was being made tonight for eight members of her crew who had not been seen since shortly after they left the ship in a whale boat. Mate Gomes and the other seven men in the crew landed on Cuttyhunk Island.

Captain Antone Edwards, after sailing, decided that he needed more men in his crew, and last night he left the *Wanderer* at anchor and came ashore to recruit them. During a gale today the bark dragged her anchor and drifted toward Cuttyhunk. Seeing that she was being driven toward the shoal the crew abandoned her. The two whaleboats became separated and late tonight coast guardsmen had not been able to find one of them. There was a report which could not be verified that the boat had been sighted near the Sow and Pigs Lightship and a Coast Guard crew will put out for the lightship in the morning to renew the search.

The *Wanderer* struck the shoal soon after she was abandoned and the mate said that she would be a total loss. The whaler was built at Mattapoisett in 1878 and registered 288 tons net. She was 116 feet long.

The old square-rigger *Wanderer* is the last of New Bedford's once imposing fleet of whalers. She recently has been in the movies, figuring in "Down to the Sea in Ships," but Captain Antone Edwards decided to send her into the South Atlantic once more for sperm whales. It was planned to keep her out a year and then to dismantle her unless she should be wanted again for her screen value.

The *Wanderer* left New Bedford on Monday, Captain Edwards having recruited a crew mostly of Cape Verde Islanders.