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Dreadful Disaster on the Lake - Ten Men Drowned

From the Milwaukee Sentinel, Aug. 16.

By the propeller Milwaukee, Capt. Howard, we have the following account from Mr. Slyfield, Keeper of the South Manitou Light, of the wreck of the bark Hubby and loss of ten lives :

South Manitou, Sunday, Aug. 12.

The bark L.M. Hubby left Chicago Aug. 5, having on board 80 tons of sand as ballast. She had reached within thirty miles of this point, and near Point Betsy, running under main staysail and jib, when about 4 A.M., of the 8th, she capsized. She was 30 minutes sinking. The captain and mate and two men got into a small boat, leaving the remainder of the men hanging and lying in the water. The sea was so high that the boat could not pick up any of the men, and it pushed for shore. Before reaching land the boat capsized and the captain and one man drowned. The others, righting the boat, got near shore at the Sleeping Bear, nearly opposite here, when the boat capsized again, and another man was drowned. The mate, being alone, got ashore and climbed up the steep bank. There he remained three days without food, but finally managed to reach a little settlement in Bear Bay, where he was cared for. The people gave him money and clothes, and he is now able to be about, but very weak. The names of the lost are Capt. Roberts, Daniel Grant, Henry Day, (colored,) the rest unknown.

The information is given by James Cottrell, the only survivor of the eleven persons on the vessel.

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