

**SERIOUS MARINE DISASTER.**  
Steamer North America Foundered at Sea.  
**194 Lives Lost!**

The steamer Arago arrived at New York Thursday night with Capt Marshman and 47 others, all of them belonging to the steamer North America, which was foundered at sea on the 22d. The survivors were taken up by the bark Mary E. Libby of Portland, Me., and transferred from her to the Arago.

The North America was a Philadelphia steamer and left New Orleans on the 16th of December with 203 sick soldiers, 12 cabin passengers, and a crew of 44 men. She sprung a leak on the 22d, and at 2 p. m. spoke the bark Mary E. Libby, which promised to stay near and receive everybody on board, if necessary. At 2.30 the water put the fires out. The boats were got ready at 3.30. The first boat was started with the chief engineer and all the lady passengers. Six boat loads were got aboard, and the seventh boat load left at dark with Charles Pettitt, purses, B. D. Walker, hospital steward, and seven others, who are supposed to be lost, as they never reached the bark. The eighth and last boat, with the captain, first and second officers, and eight men, left the North America at 7.30 p. m. The boats were hoisted aboard the Libby at 9 p. m., it being impossible to return to the steamer that night. The bark then made sail and proceeded towards the steamer, her lights all in sight, distant about six miles. About 1 a. m. the lights disappeared suddenly, and the steamer is supposed to have sunk, as at daylight there was nothing in sight except a water cask. The bark then cruised all around until noon, when she proceeded on her course. They were then south of Savannah and 140 miles east. The supplies of the Libby were not adequate for the large addition to her passengers, and all hands were put upon an allowance. On the 25th, the bark Ellen P. Stewart, of and for Philadelphia, was spoken, and she gave them a cask of water and took 14 of the survivors of the North America on board. On the 28th, the Arago was spoken, and the remainder of the North America's officers, crew and passengers transferred to her.

The persons lost numbered 194, 192 of them passengers and all sick and furloughed soldiers, and two seamen.

## Aid from bark Ellen P. Stewart

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