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Nov 11	Am. str. B. W. Arnold.	Ship Canal, Michigan, Lake Superior.	Stranded at 2 a. m. 2 miles SE. of the station, in a snow squall, where she could not be seen by the patrolman, and as the master thought he would be able to work off without assistance no signal was made until 8.20 o'clock, when finding his efforts unavailing the whistle was sounded four times, to which call the life-savers promptly responded. Finding that her captain desired the services of a tug the surfmen pulled back to the station, telephoned to this effect, and returning to the steamer ran lines for the towboat, which, arriving at 10 a. m., was successful after several hours' work in releasing the vessel.
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Nov. 21	Am. str. B. W. Arnold.	Ship Canal, Michigan, Lake Superior.	At 5.30 p. m. the surfman on watch discovered a vessel on fire, 11 miles to the westward of this point. The surfboat was at once launched, and after pulling in the direction of the flames for a distance of 6 miles the schooner James Mowatt was met, which proved to be the consort of the burning craft, the steamer B. W. Arnold, and had the master and crew of that vessel on board. Her captain requested the keeper to return ashore and telephone for a towboat, which was accordingly done, and upon the arrival of the tug at 9.30 p. m. the life-saving crew in tow of her, in their lifeboat, went to the Arnold, but finding the flames still so fierce that they were unable to approach her or do anything toward extinguishing the fire, they came back to the station, where several of the steamer's crew who had lost their clothing in the hasty abandonment of their boat were fitted out from the supply of articles provided for use in such cases by the Women's National Relief Association. On the 22d the hull of the steamer came ashore 7 miles SW. of the station.
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