

H.M.S. SOUTHAMPTON.

When insurgent Spanish troops captured Gijon they marched into a town that was deserted --- an empty shell --- ~~streets of~~ ~~tumbled and~~ ~~broken masonry~~. The Government troops had fled --- and on this small trawler, the Maria Tero, 291 refugees sought the comparative safety of the sea. The British cruiser Southampton came upon the Maria Tero, and flung a line. These pictures, exclusive to Gaumont British News, give you one of the most dramatic rescues ever filmed. In the turbulent waters of the Bay of Biscay the cruiser took off the sorry human cargo of the Spanish trawler. Her engines had broken down --- for five days ~~and~~ the refugees had been without food. The work of getting aboard the Southampton was difficult and dangerous, as the seas flung the trawler against the steel of the cruiser's hull. The last man crashed over ~~board~~ ~~the~~ Those who were injured ^{were} ~~are~~ cared for. All were starving, and they were given food. As they eat, their faces are a mixture of despair and relief. The trawler was set adrift. ~~With~~ ~~useless~~ engines, she would endanger shipping, and she was sunk by the Southampton's gunfire, before the refugees were taken ashore to safety ~~in~~ ~~peace~~ in a land of peace.

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