

"AMERICAN FARMER" PRIZE SHIP DOCKS

A collision in mid-Atlantic thrust the cargo ship "American Farmer" into top-line news. Lumping into Falmouth under her own steam, with her bows dangerously low in the water, she ends an eight-day battle with the sea, begun when she was abandoned as a total loss. A 20 foot hole crippled her, with bulwarks and decking smashed back into the hatches. Drama heightened when an American salvage crew took her over, ordering off the British ship, "Elizabeth" which first boarded the derelict and claimed her as salvage. With ship and cargo of food for Britain valued at more than £1,000,000. 2 ships-crews claim the "American Farmer" as a salvage prize.