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TUG TRAGEDY.

6 BROWN IN TUG DISASTER.

At Sun Wharf, near Gravesend, the Thames tug "Corvia" is beached following a salvage operation to raise her from the river after she sank. A few days earlier, Corvia rested on the Thames bed where she had capsized while towing a liner out of Tilbury Dock. Apparently the tug had been unable to slip its tow-rope and was suddenly dragged sideways her engines still running. The engine-room quickly flooded and she sank in thirty seconds, with the loss of six of her nine crew.

The *Arcadia*, a new seven million pound luxury liner, was the ship that Corvia was towing at the time. Now at Gravesend, a clearer picture of the disaster emerges. The towing-hook's quick-release pin, it is suspected, failed to operate. A court of inquiry will reveal the true causes of the tragedy.