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The dredger Cartagena, on tow from Halifax to Baltimore, came adrift when the line snapped in a raging Atlantic storm. The crew of ten remained aboard the 14 hundred-ton craft 48 hours before they abandoned ship. The coastguard cutter Acushnet put a new hawser aboard, but it broke almost at once. Then began the perilous operation of rescuing men from the sea, in the still howling gale. There was no choice but to leave the dredger adrift, till the gale died and another attempt could be made to take her in tow.

The liner France has been to Southampton, for a trial berthing, and is now preparing for the maiden voyage next month. She's the longest liner in the world, just four feet more than the Queen Elizabeth. At 66,000 tons the France is lighter, mainly through the use of modern metals. Perhaps she'll be the last liner of this size to be built. Air travel is winning the day, but for the thousands who prefer the sea, the new ship has great appeal.