

— The steamer St. Luke which passed Hermann on her down-trip last Sunday afternoon collided with a pier of the St. Charles Iron bridge at about 10 o'clock the same night. In about 15 minutes the hull was almost filled with water and the boat having drifted about 2 miles downstream it stranded on a sandbar. Several persons were washed overboard and all but one were lost.

The steamer was laden with 100 sewing mashines 100 tons of tobacco and wheat and about 180 hogs valued in all at \$4,000.

The officers of the St Luke were Cap. George Keith, Pilots Tom Townsend and Carr Waddel, and John Pennybecker, mate. They claim that no blame attaches to them for the disaster, and that nothing could have adverted it.

The St. Luke was built in St Louis in 1868 and was owned by the Missouri River Packet Co.

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