

STRUCK A SNAG

**The A. L. Mason Sinks in the
Mississippi River.**

**She Went to the Bottom Last Night at
Friar's Point.**

**CAPT. GEORGE G. KEITH OF ST. LOUIS
SERIOUSLY INJURED.**

**Only Meager Details of the Disaster Re-
ceived—The Scene of the Calamity Is
102 Miles South of Memphis—The Boat
Was Heavily Laden With Grain and It
Is Thought Will Prove a Total Loss—
Description of the Steamer.**

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 5.—The steamer A. L. Mason, en route from St. Louis to New Orleans, heavily laden with grain, struck a snag near Friar's Point, Miss., last night and went to the bottom.

Capt. George Keith of St. Louis, who was in command of the Mason, was severely injured in the accident. Friar's Point is 102 miles south of Memphis and there are almost no means of getting news from there by telegraph. So far no details of the sinking of the boat can be learned here. A brief dispatch stating that the boat had gone down and that Capt. Keith was injured is all that has been received. It is surmised that there were no other casualties, or this fact would have been mentioned in the telegram.

The Mason is a Kansas City boat and her crew are mostly from that city. She carried no passengers, but when she left here she was loaded deep with grain, having taken on 2,000 sacks of corn at this port.

Capt. Geo. G. Keith has been running the river for thirty years and is one of the best-known steamboat men on the Mississippi River. He resides at 2909A Easton avenue, St. Louis.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BOAT

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