

DISASTROUS STORM.

HIGH WIND AND HIGH TIDE BRING WRECK AND WOE.

Big Ships Go Ashore at Long Beach. Many Lives and Much Property in Jeopardy.—Three Bodies Found Near Bellport.

Another severe storm has swept our coast and carried destruction before its icy breath, but, fortunately for Matchogue and her skippers, the danger to the shipping here has been slight. It is possible, however, that the oyster beds have suffered considerably by the violent churning which the bay has received during the past few days.

At Long Beach the tempest raged in all its fury. On Saturday the British freight steamer Cavour was driven ashore at this place. She became so hard aground that the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking Company were engaged to remove her cargo.

The full-rigged bark, L. Schepp, from Hongkong to New York, went ashore at Long Beach early Monday morning a little to the east of the Cavour. When first seen she was 1600 feet from shore and could not be reached with a line. She was pounding so hard that a portion of the keel soon broke off and floated ashore. Shortly before daylight Tuesday the wind ceased and the sea went down enough to permit a boat to reach the stranded ship. The captain of the life saving crew offered to take all the men to land but Captain Kendall of the Schepp insisted that, with two exceptions of men who were ill, the other members of his crew were in good condition, and he would not consent to their being taken off. The work of removing the cargo of the Schepp, which is valued at \$500,000, was begun soon afterward by the wreckers.

A considerable amount of wreckage has been picked up on the beach between Bellport and Moriches, among which are portions of the sterns of two vessels, which may have belonged to the barges that are said to have been wrecked off there during the gale of Sunday night. Monday morning between the Smith's Point and Forge River stations the body of a man about 45 years of age was found who is thought to have belonged on one of these barges. A watch was found in a pocket which may lead to his identification. The body of another man was also picked up off Moriches which has been identified as that of Captain Charles L. Miller of the wrecked barge Antelope by the initials C. L. M. which were pricked on the left arm in India ink. Capt. Miller's wife, who was said to have been on the barge with him, is probably lost. Wednesday, The Mystic Bell, one of the lost barges, was found about 40 miles east of Montauk Point by the coast tug, Cuba. Later reports say that another body has been washed ashore at Bellport.

The rain was so heavy at Rockaway Beach that on Monday the streets resembled miniature rivers and a large portion of the roof of the Casino building joining the Iron Pier was lifted from the building and now lies on the beach. The damage will reach \$1,500.

At Northport the schooner Racer was driven ashore by the high wind Sunday night and is now hard upon the beach.