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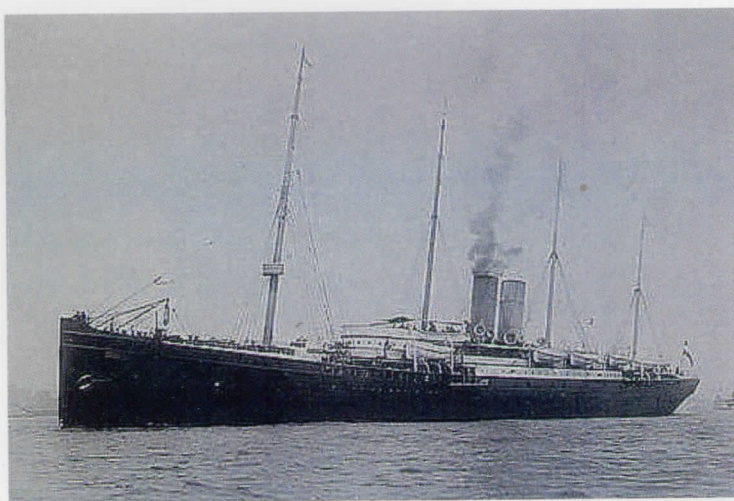


This wrapper was onboard the North German Lloyd Bremen S.S. *Eider*, a German luxury passenger liner traveling from New York and bound for Bremen via Southampton with 227 passengers and 167 crew. She ran aground about half a mile from shore off St. Catherine's Point on the Isle of Wright in the English Channel during in a dense fog on Sunday night, January 31st, 1892.

The captain believed that the liner would ride off the bar with the tide. Some of the cargo was jettisoned. At 7am the next day, a lifeboat approached *Eider* to warn that a gale was approaching. The captain felt sure that tugs would arrive in time and **asked the lifeboat to carry some of the mail bags ashore** instead of the passengers. As conditions worsened all passengers and crew were removed with no loss of life; however, the ship was lost.

The mail was taken charge of by officials from the Newport Post Office. Two markings were used, one in German for mail bound for Bremen and the scarcer one in English (**Saved from wreck of S.S. "Eider"**) for mail bound to Southampton.

This wrapper is addressed to Southampton and contains the Chicago Stamp News dated January, 1892 with an advertisement for World's Fair Packets of world wide stamps (referring to Columbian World's Fair).



The North German Lloyd S.S. *Eider* built in 1884.

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Saved from wreck
of S. B. Rider.

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