



WHEN A SHIP GOES DOWN AT SEA—This is probably the first actual photograph ever taken aboard a sinking ship during the last mad rush of passengers and crew for the last of the lifeboats. The picture was snapped aboard the liner Vestris just before it went down off the Virginia Capes, carrying more than 100 persons to their doom. The fear and terror of the tragic moment flash vividly from the startled face of the man in the white shirt, turned toward the camera at the right foreground. In strange contrast is the nonchalance of the man leaning against the cabin. Stranger still was the cool daring of the man who made the photograph, Fred Hanson, a pantryman of the Vestris. When Hanson went to his bunk to get his life preserver he got his camera also, went on deck, and began taking pictures. "Everyone was screaming and yelling. With everyone trying to get in the boats at once, I knew I might as well stay and take pictures," Hanson said. He jumped into the last boat that was being lowered, just before the Vestris sank.

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