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**CAPTAINS
COURAGEOUS**

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The Liner's Dangerous Speed!

CHAPTER 1

Boy Overboard!

The North Atlantic fog rolled over the huge ocean liner and over the schooners and dories of a fishing fleet. It was May and the cod were running off Newfoundland, in the area known as the Grand Banks.

The liner's foghorn sounded its mournful warning with regularity, but the huge ship did not slow its speed, despite the fact that the speed was dangerous for the small boats that couldn't maneuver out of the way of the liner's cutting prow and powerful engine screw.

The thick fog crept into the liner's smoking room through an open door. A man reading a

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newspaper shivered, then got up and shut the door with a bang.

“That Cheyne boy is the biggest nuisance aboard,” he complained to the other readers. “He leaves the door open just to irritate people.”

A white-haired German nodded in agreement. “Spoiled, like many rich Americans.”

Another man looked up from his book. “*Rich* is an understatement for the Cheynes,” he said. “The old man owns half a dozen railroads, most of the lumber on the Pacific coast, and countless mines, just to start the list.”

The man who had closed the door said, “Just the same, it’s ridiculous for him to give his son two hundred dollars a month in allowance, even if he is an only child. And I’ll bet he can worm twice that amount out of his mother when he wants to. She can’t manage him, but he can certainly manage *her*.”

The newspaper reader gave a short laugh.



Shutting Out the Fog