

THREE N. B. MEN IN THE CASUALTY LISTS

5 AMERICANS AMONG MISSING

Death List in Sinking of Channel Boat is Large.

MANY WERE KILLED BY THE EXPLOSION.

Two of Str. Sussex's Lifeboats Capsized Thus Adding to the Loss of Life.

London, Mar. 27.—Although there is still some uncertainty as to the loss of life in the disaster to the cross-channel steamer Sussex last Friday, there is no longer any doubt that the death list is much larger than the early advices indicated. The latest figures compiled in London show as many as 102 persons missing, including five Americans.

The Sussex had 436 souls aboard, of whom the following have been accounted for: Landed at Dover, seventy-two; landed at Boulogne, 250; dead at Boulogne, nine; dead at Dover, three. This is the total accounted for.

The list of missing may be slightly diminished later by the fact that some of the passengers who landed continued their journey without reporting safe to the proper authorities.

The casualties occurred in two ways—first, in the explosion when the ship was struck, and second, by drowning when the lifeboats capsized and only a few of their occupants could be rescued.

Captain Moutter, together with several of the officers and a number of the passengers, asserts that the ship undoubtedly was torpedoed. Most of these witnesses, including the captain, declare they saw the torpedo approaching when it was at a distance of about 100 yards. Unfortunately they say, there was not time enough to avoid it, although the captain made an attempt to effect the escape of his vessel by a quick manoeuvre.

The explosion killed or wounded several men in the engine room and some occupants of the saloon directly above it. Injury to the wireless apparatus prevented calls for help reaching the steamers in the vicinity, and it was several hours before assistance reached the sinking boat.

The Sussex now lies in shallow water in Boulogne harbor. She will not be a total loss. Most of the damage is above the waterline. The main shock of the explosion was spent in blowing off the fore part of the ship.

The disaster is graphically described by a Russian passenger, I. N. Lipsart, who says he jotted down the facts in regular sequence in his diary while they were happening. The diary says: "Friday, 1.30 p. m., left Folkestone; 3 p. m., torpedoed, boats launched, wireless broken, 3.15 p. m., wireless restored, smoke of steamer seen, sailing ship on horizon, 5.30 p. m., rain falling, lifeboats 300 yards away."

"6 p. m., lifeboats returning, 8 p. m., vessel remaining afloat, many passengers asleep, all calm, 11.30 p. m., French trawler arrived from Boulogne, women taken off, torpedo boats arrived."

"Saturday, 1.30 a. m., wounded and officers taken aboard."

The main facts of the disaster were given by M. Lipsart as follows: "A torpedo shattered the forepart of the vessel, although she was travelling very fast on an unusual course between Folkestone and Dieppe. There was some loss of life when the explosion occurred. During the launching of boats a further loss followed, and nearly three hours later two boats capsized, with more casualties. The remaining boats were called back and the passengers taken back on the ship from which the first persons were removed by French trawler half an hour before midnight."

(See also page 3.)

SIR ROBERT NOT LEAVING UNTIL JUNE

No Truth in the Report that Premier Borden is Going to England this Week.

Ottawa, Mar. 26, via leased wire.—There is no foundation for the press statement issued on Saturday to the effect that the Prime Minister would leave for England this week. It was asserted officially tonight that such is not the case.

Sir Robert Borden, as already stated, will probably visit England this summer, but not till June.

SEALER ON WAY HOME WITH VALUABLE CARGO

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, N. S., Mar. 26.—Farquhar & Co., Halifax, had a wireless yesterday from the steamer Sable 1 reporting a full cargo, consisting of 23,000 seals, white coats, valued at \$45,000 to \$50,000. The ship is now homeward bound to St. John, Nfld., where the cargo will be discharged.

The Sable 1 was sealing on the east coast of Newfoundland, where they also had a wireless from the Seal, also owned by Farquhar & Co., reporting 2,000 to date and that the ship was jammed in heavy ice, five miles north of Grindstone, Magdalen Islands. Three other steamers were in sight. The main body of seals had not yet been reached. The steamer Seal has on board the winter's mail for Magdalen Islands, which will be landed as soon as opportunity offers. Total crews carried by the two steamers number 250 men.

Constance Collier.

Constance Collier is one of the most brilliant figures among the younger of the English speaking stage. When Maeterlinck's "Monna Vanna" was first produced in England, after being banned for more than ten years by the Censor, she was the literary and artistic events of the past decade. Constance Collier was the actress chosen as the star. It was a signal recognition of her rank; a rank rarely won through her illustrious career at His Majesty's and other theatres as star in some of the finest things the English stage has ever done. She is the last surviving member of one of the oldest and best known stage families of Great Britain, was playing Shakespeare when she was but eight years old, was the star for whom Hall Calme's "The Eternal City," was especially adapted for the stage, and since coming to America has become so equally a favorite in New York, Chicago, and other centers that her popularity is distinctly international.

It was stated that Mabel Normand had signed a contract with the Mutual Film Corporation on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Miss Normand was cloistered with President Freuler for almost an hour late that afternoon, and is said to have affixed her signature to a contract. There is a possibility that she will work in the Chaplin releases.

KENT CO. MAN DIES OF WOUNDS TWO OTHER MEN FROM THIS PROVINCE AMONG WOUNDED

The casualty lists issued yesterday and at midnight contain the names of the following Maritime Province men:

- FIFTH BATTALION. Wounded—David Brown, Plaster Rock, N. B.
- FOURTEENTH BATTALION. Died of Wounds, March 23—Benjamin E. Glenias, Point Sapine, Kent Co., N. B.
- FIRST BATTALION. Slightly Wounded—Malcolm McDonald, Cape Breton, N. S.
- SECOND PIONEER BATTALION. Wounded—William J. Hurley, Halifax, N. S.
- THIRD TUNNELING CO. Severely Wounded—Malcolm McRae, St. Ann's, N. S.
- TWENTY-FIFTH BATTALION. Dangerously Wounded—Frank A. Clark, Windsor, Hants Co., N. S.
- TWENTY-SIXTH BATTALION. Wounded—Geo. Taylor, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Harry E. Ludford, Lower Caverhill, York Co., N. B.

The complete lists are:

Early List. Ottawa, March 26.—

First Battalion. Dangerously Wounded—Alex Begoff, Russia.

Slightly Wounded—Malcolm McDonald, Cape Breton, N. S.

Third Battalion. Wounded—William McDonald, Scotland.

Fifth Battalion. Wounded—David Brown, Plaster Rock, N. B.

Eighth Battalion. Wounded—Fred. W. Ridley, Winnipeg; E. W. Wotton, (no address given); R. C. Boyce, Ireland.

Tenth Battalion. Wounded—John Henry Page, England.

Thirteenth Battalion. Died of wounds—James Harrison Peoples, Montreal.

Fourteenth Battalion. Died of wounds, March 23—Benjamin E. Glenias, Point Sapine, Kent Co., N. B.

Fifteenth Battalion. Previously reported missing, now killed in action, April 24—S. Lord Stone, England.

Sixteenth Battalion. Killed in action—Arthur Brown, Swift Current, Sask.

Eighteenth Battalion. Wounded—John Credniawa, (no address given).

Twentieth Battalion. Severely Wounded—Laurie Edward Edwards, Toronto; George Friend, England; Jesse R. Matthews, England.

Twenty-First Battalion. Wounded—Lionel Albert Parker, England; Albert Lodge, Ireland.

Twenty-Second Battalion. Wounded March 19—L. C. O. Dorval, Montreal; Paul Henry Pilette, St. Malo, Que.; Jean Antonio Fiset, Montreal.

Twenty-Fourth Battalion. Wounded—John Barron, England; Donald McLean, Scotland.

Twenty-Seventh Battalion. Wounded—David Bauld Robertson, Scotland.

Thirty-First Battalion. Slightly Wounded—William Bewick, England; William Henry Jackson, England; Alfred Taylor, Ireland.

Fifty-Second Battalion. Wounded—F. H. Keenan, Fort Francis, Ont.; John Hefferman, Ireland.

Fifty-Fourth Battalion. Seriously ill—George Haslehurst, Ducks, B. C.

First Pioneer Battalion. Severely Wounded—Lieut. Hugh Peters, Victoria, B. C.

Second Pioneer Battalion. Wounded—Pioneer William Joseph Hurley, Halifax, N. S.; Lieut. J. W. Davis, Lethbridge, Alb.

Canadian Engineers. Wounded—Lieut. J. C. Manson, Toronto.

Third Tunneling Company. Severely Wounded—Malcolm McRae St. Ann's, N. S.

Canadian Army Service Corps, Third Draft. Seriously ill—William Frank Lettman, England.

Divisional Train, Canadian Army Service Corps. Died March 23—Honorary Captain and Paymaster A. L. Griffin, Winnipeg.

MIDNIGHT LIST. Army Corps Headquarters. Wounded accidentally—Staff Sergeant.

SIR SAM TO SEE OUR MEN IN TRAINING

Minister of Militia Will Visit Several Camps this Week Where Canadians are in Training.

London, Mar. 26.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—After a further conference with Lord Kitchener, Sir Sam Hughes, the Canadian minister of militia, left town yesterday to spend the week-end with friends in the country. Throughout the week Sir Sam has been inundated with callers, and many invitations have been extended him, far more than he could possibly accept. On Friday night Sir Sam was the guest of Sir Max Aitken at dinner. During the coming week the Canadian minister of militia will visit Bramshott, Hounslow and other Canadian camps.

THREE RECRUITS FROM NORTH SHORE FOR THE FORESTRY BATTALION

Energetic Campaign in Progress Along the Miramichi—Eight More Signed on at Chatham.

Chatham, March 23.—Since our last communication eight new men have enlisted. They are: Claude Kingston, Chatham; Walter McEachern, do; Steven Arsenault, Taguerville; John Mather, Chatham; George Sutton, do.; Daniel Nowlan, Douglastown; Henry Merritt, Chatham; Robert Allen, Chatham. Robert Allen, John Mather and Henry Merritt are booked for the Forestry Battalion. Robert Allen is the father of Lieut. Ronald Allen and has another son, Arthur Allen, at the front.

Recruiting meetings are being held down the north side of the Miramichi by several members of the 132nd. It is reported, though not officially, that twenty-three recruits have been secured as a result of these meetings. It is intended to commence a similar campaign on the south side shortly.

Subscriptions will be asked for a band for the 132nd in a few days. There is sufficient material in the different barracks to provide a band and it is up to the citizens to furnish the cash for the instruments. This, no doubt, will be liberally provided.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Archibald McLean was very largely attended on Wednesday. Rev. John Harris conducted the services at the house and grave. Interment took place in Riverside cemetery.

An Officer's Experience. A few days ago one of the lieutenants in a local unit had a rather unique experience on one of the city streets and was heard describing the affair to a brother officer as follows: "I was placed in a funny predicament yesterday, and one that I will not forget in a hurry. You see in the public schools the youngsters are taught to sing the National Anthem, and in most cases the boys are taught to salute. In front of a school up town there was a whole bunch of boys and as I was passing

NOT ACCLIMATED WESTINDIAN TROOPS SUFFER FROM COLD

Scores of Colored Troops in Halifax Hospital Suffering from Frost Bite—Some May Have to Have Limbs Amputated.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, March 26.—About three days ago a steamship arrived at Halifax with a West Indian battalion of colored troops on board numbering about 1,200, officered by white men. The day of their arrival a heavy blizzard raged in Halifax. They came from Jamaica and their clothing was suitable only for the tropics so that the battalion suffered terribly from the cold and because of their insufficient clothing, nearly one hundred of them had to be taken to the hospital here suffering from frost bites and frozen feet. On March 21st last, when the ship began to reach colder latitudes the suffering of the West Indians commenced. Daily their condition became worse. There was no heating on the ship and the men had never been out of the tropics before. Yesterday and today the militia of Halifax have been busy transporting the soldiers with their frozen and frost bitten limbs to an improvised hospital. There is no room in the regular military hospital and the large school room of Trinity church, near the military hospital, was requisitioned and fitted up for the use of the suffering soldiers, whose cries and moans were pitiful. Many of the men were found to have been merely frost bitten but others were so severely frozen that feet and legs will have to be amputated. Those of the battalion who were not frozen have been suffering and are still suffering keenly on board ship from the cold. They have wrapped their feet in cloth and use stockings where these can be procured and are trying to make the best of a terrible situation. The authorities here cannot understand why men should have been sent to a northern latitude at this season of the year so scantily clad and so fearfully unprepared for winter weather. The battalion left Jamaica to go to England and why they were diverted to Halifax at this season is not known. People who heard of this predicament of the battalion have been busy trying to provide comforts for the stricken men and the military have done all they could but it is a bad business.

Free Fight in Montreal Hockey Game. Police Stop Row and Two of Visiting Team Benched—Canadians Win by 6 to 3 Score.

Montreal, March 26.—Canadiens, on Saturday night in the Montreal arena, defeated Portland in the second of the Stanley cup, emblematic of the Canadian hockey championship, the score being 6 to 3. In the third period a free fight developed, being started by Johnson, of Portland, and Lolo, of the Canadiens. The police stopped the row, and playing was resumed with Portland handicapped by two of their players being benched for their share in the fracas. The next game will be played, Tuesday night.

DIED. O'BRIEN—In this city, on the 24th inst., after a brief illness, Mary Elizabeth, wife of Francis L. O'Brien.

McLEOD—At his home, Penobscot, on the 24th inst., Winslow McLeod, in the 81st year of his age, leaving a widow, one son, three brothers and one sister to mourn.

HARGREAVES—In this city, on the 25th inst., after a short illness, John Hargreaves, in the 61st year of his age.

FOX—Suddenly, at Queenstown, Queens County, N. B., on March 26, Herbert J. Fox, aged 38 years, leaving besides a widow, four sisters, one brother and a father to mourn.

The funeral will take place from his late residence on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Upper Hampton.

them the youngsters all came to the salute with their hands to their caps. I returned the salute all right, but I did not get by with that, for do you know the young fellows all burst out singing the National Anthem. I was forced to stop in my tracks and come to attention till they finished. They again saluted, I returned the same and walked away. It did me good to see the little fellows so patriotic, and I can assure you I am not sorry it happened."

The Thankhouse Company's plant in Jacksonville contains a \$30,000 glass covered studio, housing three indoor stages and an open air stage 100 by 90 feet.

FIGHTING ON SKIS IN MOUNTAINS IN ISONZO REGION



IN THE WAR BETWEEN THE ITALIANS AND THE AUSTRIANS MANY A BATTLE HAS BEEN FOUGHT WITH MEN ON SKIS. IN THE ABOVE PICTURE J. C. FIREMAN, THE FAMOUS HUNGARIAN ARTIST, PICTURES A DETACHMENT OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS ON SKIS FORCING A COMPANY OF AUSTRIANS FROM THEIR TRENCHES IN THE MOUNTAINS OVERLOOKING THE ISONZO VALLEY.

STRONG LOSS OF LIFE OF STR. SUSSEX CHANNEL

Almost Certain Several Americans Survivors Make Affidavit That No—French Official Statement As Torpedoed.

London, March 25 (3.55 p. m.)—The number Sussex is given as fifty in an Exchange Telegraph it said many were drowned by the capsizing of boat.

PROOF OF TORPEDOING. Paris, March 25, (4.50 p. m.)—Samuel F. B. a passenger on the Sussex, said today that he is takably, the wake of a torpedo coming toward

BELIEVED SEVERAL AMERICANS. Washington, March 26.—The explosion which sank the steamer Sussex, upon which twenty-five American passengers were aboard, occurred "without the slightest warning," and cabled to the State Department today. Sur one of six lifeboats launched after the explosion its occupants into the sea. Two survivors, said so far as they knew only three Americans ten passengers, Drake and Huxley also said, believed several Americans to be lost.

AFFIDAVITS CONFIRM IT. Paris, March 25.—"There is no doubt what steamship was torpedoed without warning," said issued here tonight based on affidavits made by

Paris, March 25.—The Ministry of Marine in an official statement issued tonight, declares that the Sussex was torpedoed, and estimates the number of victims at about fifty.

The text of the communication which was issued Saturday night, reads: "The British steamer Sussex, which carried about 380 passengers, was torpedoed on the channel on the 24th by an enemy submarine.

"The captain observed a torpedo about one hundred metres from the side and immediately manoeuvred to avoid it, but the vessel was struck in the forward part, which was destroyed.

"The vessel, however, remained afloat. The fall of the most destroyed part of the antennae of the wireless; moreover, when an aerial wire was improvised, the operator, by an error, reported an incorrect position, which caused the torpedo boats and patrol boats, and as a result retarded the arrival of help.

"The patrol boat Marie Therese, nevertheless, managed to find the distressed vessel and brought back to Boulogne a majority of the passengers. Others were taken to England by British torpedo boat destroyers, which had arrived at the scene of the disaster at about the same time as the Marie Therese.

"The Sussex was towed to Boulogne by a steamer from that port and is now there in security.

"Unhappily the explosion and the beginning of a panic among the passengers resulted in some victims. The exact number of the persons who were killed, and the number of those who were injured, is not known, but it is estimated to be about fifty."

Scarcely any doubt existed at the American embassy last night that some American lives have been lost in the disaster.

The positions of some of the American survivors who have arrived at Paris were taken by the embassy; they will be forwarded to the State Department at Washington.

The weight of the testimony is that the Sussex was torpedoed by a submarine without warning.

Many of the victims are believed to have been women and children. It was the women and children's saloon which was the most damaged part of the ship. There were only five private cabins on the boat, four on the deck and one between decks, hence the public saloons were crowded. These "cruise-chauffeur" steamers always are full, because there are only three crossings each way weekly.

The officers of the Sussex warned the passengers quickly not to be alarmed, but a number of persons, mostly women, are said to have jumped overboard. Some were drowned and others, with life preservers, were picked up after considerable delay, in a few cases as much as four hours later. Many of the passengers were taken off by a British torpedo boat which stood by the damaged passenger ship.

The Sussex, despite the hole in her bow, was able to make port at Boulogne. About fifty passengers arrived at the Gare Du Nord at Paris at 12.15 Saturday afternoon. Many of them wore bandages.

One American at the station who would not give his name, said he had seen a torpedo coming toward the Sussex. He added:

"There was no warning from the submarine. The Sussex, after being struck sent up distress signals. In ten minutes the British torpedo boat had responded to the signal and was steaming quickly to aid us."

Rotary Club Luncheon. Commissioner R. W. Wigmore will occupy the chair at the Rotary Club luncheon at Bond's today at one o'clock. The speakers will be Capt. (Dr.) G. G. Corbet and Capt. P. F. May, who will tell of life at the front among our boys.

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MAY REORGANIZE THE 17TH N. S. BATTALION

It is reported that the 17th Nova Scotia Battalion, known as "Borden's Beauties," which went over under strength and has practically lost its identity, is to be reorganized. The men who have been sent to the front as drafts, to fill the gaps in other battalions, are to be brought back to England and enough men enlisted in Nova Scotia to bring it up to strength. Rumor has it that Sgt. Major Miles of Halifax who went over with the 25th, but has been invalided home on account of rheumatism, contracted in the trenches, is to be the recruiting officer to fill up this unit. Sgt. Major Miles who returned on the Corinthian, when asked about the matter, professed to know nothing about it, but it is believed that something of that nature is contemplated.

When you get a letter from the front, you will find it full of news and interest. It is a great comfort to know that your loved ones are safe and well. Write to them often and let them know how much you love and miss them.