

Lost From Scotsman.

First Reports Concealed Sad Features of the Steamer's Wreck.

Boat Load of Passengers Capsized and Many Women Drowned.

Four Days' Exposure to Cold and Hunger—Looting by Drunken Stokers.

By Associated Press. Montreal, Sept. 29.—Two hundred and fifty scantily clad, baggage bereft men, women and children were on board of an intercolonial special which steamed into Bonaventure depot this evening.

They comprised the greater number of those who sailed from Liverpool on September 11 on board the steamer Scotsman, bound for Montreal, and wrecked on the inhospitable shores of the Straits of Belle Isle at half past two in the morning of the 21st.

It was not until a tale of shipwreck they had to tell, but one of death, suffering and pillage, for fifteen at least of the Scotsman's passengers perished. All suffered cruelly from cold and privation, and almost the worst horror of all, men who were supposed to succor and assist those committed to their care in the hour of need turned on the helpless passengers, and with loaded guns and revolvers compelled them to part with their valuables saved.

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Suffering From Exposure. The passengers were obliged to climb up a rocky cliff nearly three hundred feet high before they could find a place large enough to rest. Here they stayed on the bare rock for four days and nights. The first night they had absolutely no shelter but on Sunday the captain sent up some tarpaulins and blankets. They were very acceptable, as it had rained hard all night and was most bitterly cold.

Saloon Passengers Drowned. MISS STREET, Montreal, companion to Miss Duncan. MRS. CHILDS, London, Eng., wife of the stage manager of the "Sign of the Cross" Company.

MRS. ROBINSON, wife of the manager of the Sun Life Co., of Toronto. MISS ROBINSON, Toronto. Intermediate Passengers Drowned. MRS. DICKINSON, Windsor, Ont. MRS. SCOTT, London, Eng. MRS. TALBOT, London, Eng. MRS. SKELTON, London, Eng. MISS R. WEAVER, London, Eng. INFANT of Mrs. Roberts, London, Eng.

Steerage Drowned. MRS. SMITH, London, Eng. It will be noticed that all who perished were women. This is accounted for by the fact that they were the occupants of the first boat which left the steamer after the disaster. The boat was swamped before it could get clear of the ship.

Struck in a Fog. The Scotsman's passage to the Straits of Belle Isle was a fair one though the speed of the ship was lessened by the fog. The ship was about a day's run behind her usual average time. En route the Straits of Belle Isle was reached and made navigation a matter of great caution at all times in the Straits—a dangerous undertaking. The fog was reduced and she felt her way.

First Boat Capsized. A superficial examination of the ship told the captain that she would be a total wreck and that she must be abandoned at once. A port lifeboat was lowered and into this many women and children were placed. Hardly was it clear of the ship when it capsized, throwing its occupants into the water. Those who perished were in this boat.

Looting by Stokers. Meanwhile disgraceful scenes were being enacted on board. Hardly had the vessel struck before men from the stoke hole rushed to the cabins and snatching valuables and bags with their knives took all the valuables they could lay their hands on. Several of them fired their guns and tried to force the men to leave their cabins.

Hungry on the Rocks. When morning came it was found that the Scotsman lay close ashore, alongside a cliff fully 1,000 feet high. A second boat load of women and children which had been sent off was carried back and

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