LONDON CHURCHES MOURN FOR MEMBERS LOST IN EMPRESS OF IRELAND

Touching References From Pulpits On City's Great Loss-Memorial Service Held For Nine Lost Members of Chalmers Church---Pastor Preaches on the Touching Tragedy of the St. Lawrence.

MUST STOP TRAGEDIES, SAYS DR. FLANDERS | multitude of afficted ones who were suddenly plunged in awful sorrow through the loss of the Empress.

and in little groups of twos and threes, the congregation of Chalmers' Pres- REV. DR. McCRAE place of worship Sunday after the REFERS TO TRAGEDY. byterian Church silently left their backward services. With many a glance at pews that, although the strangely vacant, they filed through the doors and onto the street.

Those seats, now empty, had only the week before held nine loved ones, members of the congregation. They had sone down to their death with sinking of the ocean leviathan in the blue waters of the St. Lawrence, amid the struggling mass of 1,000 human souls, fighting desperately against the powerful suction created monster slipped gently down. Nine of Congregation Lost.

Russell, Miss Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kerr and their five children were the missing ones. Last Sunday they had received the wellwishes of a congregation in anticipation of their trip across the water. None thought as they pressed their hands in farewell after the service that it would be the last meeting this side

With a fervor impelled alone from the deep realization of the irreparable loss sustained by his congregation, Rev. Frank C. Harper, B.D., spoke at both services. In simple, yet forceful language, he clothed his thought. Simply he spoke to the audience. They listened in rapt attention to what he

It was no time for condemnation or for a practical censure of those connected with the governing of the vessel, he assured them. They had sustained a loss, as yet hardly realized. The disaster had been brought home with nine staggering blows.

Touched As a Family. "It is not a time to exhaust reprice paid in human lives to satisfy the gaping maw of greed, nor to hurl condemnation upon erros of judgment on the part of officials. This death was sudden glory," said Dr. Mc tragedy has touched us as a family, Crac. and we meet today to mourn our loss together of the friends that last Sun-1 day we wished God-speed upon their homeward way. Mr. Russell, with his rugged Scotch face and his robust Scotch faith, and Peter Kerr and his good wife, with their souls well knit,

hopes of going home to Scotland; met them on the way and lifted better country

"After all, the words of Christ are hovering for a moment between two eternities, bubbles which form and burst upon the river of time. the Divine Master in the words of our text, and to all earnest souls that seek to regard life from His high view, life 'going to the Father.' By faith, 'our earthly days' are but as steps that slope through shadow up to God.' The crucial importance is the upward grade so that whether the path be short or winding, whether the pace be or slow, death shall mean ar-The last inn by the road is passed, the last turn is taken, the perted life receives its welcome home."

"What Alone Counts." In the evening, Rev. Mr. Harper's subject was, "What Alone Counts," Luke 19:22. The church was again filled and many friends came to meet in sympathy with the congregation. Mr. Harper said in part:

"Jesus wept over Jerusalem because the city did not know or follow the things that count at last. In all the place-hunting; title-loving rabbis, Jesuitical scribes straining at gnats in petty religiousness, and Pharisees whose conscience is strict or lax ac- plea for better protection of ships at sea. cording to his convenience, how few the Master saw were really seeking or gaining the things that matter.

the same, and far the largest share of must at any time awaken horror and man's eagerness, earnestness, purpose regret, but when acquaintances and and vision is directed to incidentals, friends are involved in the world-wide not to the certainties of another world woe, a sense of personal grief possesses where the battle is not to the strong, the heart, and all lips are dumb before but the good, and the prizes go out the Lord. not to the cleverest, but the best. The The simple test for day, like unfortunate friends of many perhaps, into eternity. Real posses- road that had not resulted from the caresions are those we hold in God's great chancery uncontested. 'How much did he leave?' one asked regarding a rich

real gold. Nothing is more certain ing our oceans, lakes and rivers into huge than that death lies at the end of the feurney called life, and within its all cease. All our aims and purposes exast be weighed in the light of that certainty. All that is in the world, in mourning in homes that never again the lust of the flesh, the lust of the can be the same eye and the pride of life, passeth away; but he that doeth the will of od abideth forever.

Sympathy Toward Salvation Army. deeds of the night of the tragedy, and our common fortitude and deeds of selffelt with the Salvation Army in the after all God made man but a little lower oss of the wise administrator, Com- than the angels. missioner Rees, and other true soldiers of the cross. Lives like those of the

brave and honorable die not. Feeling reference was made to the many friends here from the Old Land. of their predecessors who brought forgetful, and inspired with heroic devotheir religion with them to Canada and stamped the impress of it on the "The sadness of the church in Canada today is that some who came from Scotland left all their religion behind, and they fall away from God and Truth. But William Russell and Peter Kerr were not such. They were worthy of those others, who 100 years ope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and Zorra, Grey; Bruce and Huron, "At such a time as this, how superope and time a time as this, how superope and time a time ago placed on the church's map Simto God there were more like them, moral or adorn a tale.' The hoarse winds hymns and special prayers vere offered sad journey.

loss of the ship."

With the St. Lawrence disaster brought church was crowded, had been left home because Peter Russell, son of Wil-strangely vacant, they filed through liam Russell, and brother of Mrs. Kerr and family, who met their death in the catastrophe, is a member of Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, large congregations heard Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae my days what it is; that I may know speak feelingly on the tragedy at both ser- how frail I am. vices Sunday.

> Dr. McCrae preached from the text, 'And there shall be no more sea." He dealt at some length on the meaning of the text. "In olden times," he said, "the sea appealed to men as an object of ter-Homer speaks of the ocean divine, but by most of the ancients the sea was of danger, trouble, calamity, separation and death. So that what the seer means is that there is a day coming when these things shall be no more. 'And there shall be no more sea.' There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things shall have passed away." Dr. McCrae spoke of the sympathy and prayers of the congregation and himself for the thousands of human hearts

plunged into sorrow and anguish by this appalling disaster. "Especially did we feel for the dear riends and their relatives elsewhere so suddenly and sorely bereaved," he said. 'Our hearts are one with theirs in their deep serrow, and we pray the God of all consolation to comfort them in Jesus Christ. Their greatest comfort and ours is that all the loved ones were Christian peopie; William Russell, Sarah Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr and the five dear chilthem. sources of invective upon the terrible faithful people, who loved Christ, his church, his word, his day, their friends and the old home whence they came a few years ago. For them sudden

> Worse Than Death, the finitely worse things than death. Death TODAY WAS LAST ONE "We should not forget that there are to the Christian is victory. Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. The Sal-

werld. If it is not true that all Christians | thousand souls bent on pleasure, business gain in the heavenly home then Jesus Christ was the greatest de- half an hour all were lost. To those who "After all, the words of Christ are ceiver the world has ever seen. If it were the simplest explanation of life, and not so I would have told you, said a short way to glory. To those unprethe best. Life to the poet is mystery, the best. Life to the poet is mystery, the best. Life to the poet is mystery, the best of the best in the various had, having later to be to be to be to be the consequences of churches here today for those who shoes from one of the engineers. We away, a meteor a vapor vanishing away, a meteor and if I go and prepare a place for you. I their neglect. It was a disaster from a lost their lives in the Empress of Iresplit up the table cloths, blankets, etc., will come again and receive you unto my- cause unknown. It emphasises the fact land disaster. Special hymns, prayers self. 'In my Father's house are many that today is not ours. We should live and sermons, appropriately selected, But to mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. God be with you till we meet again.' Human Carelessness?

"Why did God permit this terrible calamity?" asked the preacher. "We should rather ask, 'Why did we permit FOR THOSE BEREAVED. man to do it? I do not wish to judge prematurely, but it seems impossible to think that it could not be prevented. It seems to be the result of human carelessness.

indifference or greed. And 90 per cent

of all the calamities of the world are thus

Dr. McCrae closed by expressing the hope that God would overrule this great disaster for the betterment of the world, and for a greater regard for the value of human life

ONLY FRIVOLOUS

caused.'

Rev. C. R. Flanders, in the First Metho dist Church yesterday morning, made "Frivolous indeed must be the man or woman who today is not weeping with the many who, in a bereavement too sad "Today the amazing irony of life is Friday." he declared. for words, mourn the tragedy of last

"Why need these things be? Let us tragedy on the St. Lawrence is needed not too quickly attribute to Providence to open our eyes, though the price is the results of man's carelessness. Again someone has either blundered or taken struggle and purpose is: What will it unwarranted risks. A man, long identido for us at last. For we have our fled with railroads, told me that in all of his extended experience and observation Canadians, some hurried, unprepared, he had never known an accident on any

lessness of somebody. Demands That Tragedies Stop. "In this sad hour let no one be unjust man who died. 'Everything,' was the or unkind, but, in the name of humanity, let us demand that a stop be put, if pos-"Riches toward God are the only sible, to these tragedies that are convertreceptacles for the bodies of our dearest and best. If needs be, ships at sea or emn shades, the noise of struggle vessels proceeding to sea, might anchor in a fog. Better a passage of a few more hours than hundreds dead and thousands

The Birth of Heroes. "Let it be remembered, to the glory of our humanity, that the hour of tragedy is the birthtime of heroes. Wonderful Mr. Harper referred to the brave is it not, how in the presence of eternity mentioned the deep sympathy that all giving make it easy to believe that

> Major Morris' Heroism. "I know not whom to admire the more Rees, calmly parting from his loved ones and turning to meet death with a smile of faith and in joyous expectation of briefly to the manner in which the world on the contrary, lively inspiriting airs. speedy reunion, or Morris, bravely selftion, struggling in the cold waters to the Empress and special prayers were escue the chief he loved. And they were said for the dead. but two of a glorious galaxy who, by their | Canon Craig, of St. John's, made refleeds, have made it easier to believe in erence to the awful toll of dead and had the God-likeness of men. The sated waters the congregation stand while special muof the St. Lawrence, as they roll into the sic was rendered for the mourners of Gulf, must for many a day confess to old those who die'. ocean that the race of men is not dying

out upon the earth. Needless to Point & Moral.

nove in slow funereal rhythm up the ordered by God but permitted by Him mighty river, over the great lakes, and for His own wise purposes in this vale lash with white-crested waves all the shores of this moaning land. Have you caught their message through your heart"but He allows it to fall upon His peo-

"'Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of A LESSON TO MAN Man cometh.' "And who is not praying: 'Lord, make OF BOASTFUL PRIDE.

me to know mine end and the measure of

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ED. BEALE NEXT SUNDAY.

Rev. James H. Boyd, in Adelaide Street Baptist Church, referred to Edward Beale, who was a passenger on the illfated boat. He felt that if Mr. Beale were rescued he would have already sent word to friends in London. If his death were confirmed and his body recovered, a memorial service will be held next Sunday night in Adelaide Street Church, wher dren. All of us who knew them, loved the members of his class in Sunday They were God-fearing, kind, school and the class which he taught in the Y. M. C. A. will be present

> References to the disaster were made in both morning and evening services of Rev. H. D. Whitmore, First Congrega-

MUST LIVE AS IF

Rev. W. H. A. Claris, Southern Congregational Church, preached last evening vation Army Band Played 'God Be With from the text, James iv, 14, "Ye know

all be hopeless orphans in an orphaned said Rev. Mr. Claris. "Here were a SPECIAL SERVICES returning to their homeland, and in should teach us to make better use of churches. our time.'

PRAYERS OFFERED

Rev. W. C. Riddiford last evening in Egerton Street Baptist Church, after referring to the broken homes, the broken to be prepared when they are called. by the loss of friends and relatives. A and sympathetic congregation. memorial service will be held next Sunday night in Egerton Street Church in conjunction with the farewell services in the old church. The new church will be opened on the following Sunday.

MRS. COTTERELL WAS IN CHURCH LAST SUNDAY.

Rev. W. M. Walker, in South London Baptist Church last night, referred to the those lost, Mrs. Cotterill, had been in the congregation and the occasion had good of late. been observed by singing the hymn

"Eternal Father, bound to save Whose arm doth bound the restless "wave." A special prayer made for her safe

Rev. Mr. Walker questioned how many in the audience had offered a real, earnest prayer, and he dwelt upon the weak- FOUR SERVICES

ness of formal prayers, and the importance of real and heartfeit prayers. Another member of the congregation Mrs. Dicks, had lost a brother, Mr. Horwood, and the sympathy of the congregation for the bercaved was expressed by Mr. Walker.

through genuine repentance."

LONDON RECTORS REFER TO TRAGEDY.

While Pentecost Whitsuntide services were conducted in all the Anglican churches in London yesterday, the clergymen found time to make some reference in the course of their sermons to the Empress of Ireland disaster.

Rev. T. B. Clark of All Saints, in the course of his morning sermon, referred its usual parade, played no dirges, but

Dean Davis, of St. James' Church Canon Tucker, of St. Paul's, Rev. R. W. Norwood, of Cronyn Memorial, paid trib-

at the morning service of St. George's Church by Canon Sage and his congre

Prayers For Those in Distress.
Rev. H. Arhby, of the Church of the Redeemer, said prayers for those in distress, as the result of the calamity and for those who went down in the boat. He made reference to the disaster at both the morning and evening service as an accident "which cast a pall over the whole city and all of Canada." He believed the accident might have been avoided; although he blamed no one for negligence. The service closed with appropriate hymns for the lost loved

St Luke's Church Archdeacon Richardson in the course of his service at St. Luke's Church last night called upon the congregation to unite in the prayer for all sorts and conditions of men in behalf of the multitude of afflicted ones who were

In the course of his sermon he re ferred to the terrible calamity, and Wet, tear-dimmed eyes, one by one Their value was undimmed by the are chanting more than a requiem as they stated that it came about not because che and weeping? Surely all most heed ple for in the life above there neither sorrow nor tears.'

Rev. J. E. Hawkings preached Sunday evening in Maitland Street Baptist Church on "Lessons of the Disaster." He "And what shall we do for those who referred first to human weakness. It had live to only suffer and weep because two been said that the loss of the Titanic boats collided for ten minutes on the bosom of the St. Lawrence, and after that and greater precautions for safety being for them only a heritage of heartache and taken. But there were certain eventualhopelessness? What we may be able to lities which it was beyond the power of Captain Andersen at one time was to do a little later remains to be made known human ingenuity to safeguard. Men are the effect that at the time of the colsupposed to have lost God. In the Bible to us. But for us on this shadowed Sabbuny creatures playing with forces which the sea is frequently used as a symbol bath, and especially as we meet in the sometimes get beyond their control. It first officer and Pilot Cartain Same are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control is numan ingenuity to saleguard. Men are the effect that a control i house of prayer, it is for us to remember was a lesson to man not to be boastful. pilot who brought the Storstad from that the fervent, effectual prayer of a God hates pride. Pride tends to make Father Point to Quebec, were on the righteous man availeth much.' Then, men dwell on the past. Pride is a stum-lift up praying hands to him who once bling block in the path of progress and tent of his observances on board the was the Man of Sorrows and acquainted God is chiefly concerned with the future. with grief. He will not leave comfortless. A great disaster is a call to man to grap-He is the God of all consolation. Let us ple with new forces. Ref ence was made to the heroism of Major . rank Morris in attempting to save the life of Commissioner Rees. Rev. Mr. awkings was formerly a pastor in St. orge, where Major Morris' mother resides.

Great disasters bring out the fact of man's kinship with God. It is such a disaster that calls forth the best and the most heroic in men, and it is at such times that men are literally driven to think of God.

Rev. Father Hanlon, in St. Michael's R. C. Church, referred to the disaster, and asked for special prayers for the repose of the souls of the dead. Special prayers were also used in the church services. Similar announcements were made in the other Roman Catholic churches of the

GOES OUT TO BEREAVED.

Rev. H. H. Bingham, Talbot Street not what shall be on the morrow. For ple would go out to those bereaved. Prayer statement that nothing was done to to us. The deck tilted so sharply that

AT STRATHROY.

services were held in the various had, having later to borrow a pair of today as though it were our last. It marked the morning services in all the

PARIS MOURNS FOR FOUR. [Special to The Advertiser.]

PARIS. May 31.-At St. James' Church this afternoon a memorial service was held in memory of the Paris hearts and the sadness of earth following people who are supposed to have lost the disaster, held is up as warning to all their lives on the Empress of Ireland. The impressive service was read by the Prayers were offered for those bereaved rector, Rev. Mr. Purton, before a large The Salvation Army also attended in a

The Paris missing are: Charles Reid. who had been in poor health all winter and who was taking the trip in the hope that it would benefit him. Mrs. Blackburst, wife of F. P. Blackburst. who had been summoned to the old country owing to the serious illness of her sister. Mrs. Jeffs and Master Ernest Jeffs, who had gone on a visit the trip might be beneficial for her fact that last Sunday morning one of son's health, which has not been very

Mr. Blackhurst and Mr. Jeffs left yesterday afternoon for Quebec in the hope of identifying the remains of their loved ones. The whole town is in mourning over the tragedy, the flags being at half mast on the principal buildings. This morning feeling references were made in all the churches.

HELD AT GALT.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
GALT. May 31.—Memorial services mark.

ing the Empress disaster, which claimed as victims several Galt people, were held today in Trinity Church. Lincoln Avenue make the statement. They declared "You must not for an instant," sald Methodist Church, and the Salvation Mr. Walker, continuing, "let tims disaster Army Citadel. At the first named, the interfere with your firm faith in God, chancel and pulpit were draped in mourn-His love and power, and His absolute ing. Rev. Canon Ridley preached, making supremacy. Christ taught us that those reference to the Galt lives, embracing one who perish in calamities are not to be entire family of his parish, blotted out regarded as especial sinners, but that the and enforcing the lession of the awful calamities are a part of the condemnation marine casualty with profound impresand sentence of death upon all mankind siveness. The organ voluntary was the for the sins of the world. The way of "Dead March in Saul." Little Baby Leek. escape from the general condemnation is the motherless infant, whom the Burrows were taking to her aut in England, had been baptized by Canon Ridley a few weeks ago. Rev. C. Sinclair Applegath,

Methodist Church, preached an affecting sermon to a large congregation. The at- Kendall's shout to stop in the breach tendance at the Salvation Army Barracks was larger than usual Salvation Army Services.

The captain conducted the service, and spoke of the heroic soldiers who had departed this life in the modst of God's service, as the blessed who die in the Lord. The citadel band, which had made Relatives of James Burrows, who was saved, but lost his wife and two children. are expecting his return. The fate Miss White is still unknown.

DEPART ON SAD JOURNEY

and Alf Vince left last night for Quebec rescuing one hundred and fifty per City to wait for the remains of Mrs. picking up the bodies of twenty. George White and Miss Jessie White, victims of the Empress wreck,

ADJUTANT EVERETT DE BOW AND HIS WIFE



Both victims of the Empress catastrophe. Their little child was left behind Toronto and now is left both motherless and fatherless

CAPTAINS' STATEMENTS ARE CONTRADICTORY

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John W. Griffin, Captain Lange's attor-

first and third officers were on watch on

the Storstad and the captain was on the

bridge some minutes previous to the col-

Gosselin's Opinions.

what he saw of it as a survivor:

ing more and more.

pulled them in.

something!"

hours.

L. A. Gosselin, K.C., has given the fol-

There was quite a slant then. I went to

the lower side where some people, per

Got Collapsible Boat.

The water was lapping along the edge.

Then something came floating by and we

reached for it. There were then three or

four of us. We found that it was a

oars out and found ourselves in the midst

people stand up, so there would be more

struck us. I thought she was some other

"When we got there, there was a ladder

over the side, but no one offered to help

us. I shouted to him, 'For God's sake, do

"The captain came down, and some of

the men got down into the collapsible boat

and rowed away in it. That boat came

about indifferent. I found a rope and got

a life belt, and told the people to use it

were some bodies in that boat, too. I shook

two of the sailors, and they helped me,

and the three of us worked there for two

No Boat Launched.

"During all that time I did not see an

officer, and I did not see any boat being

do not know what language the sailors

spoke, but the captain understood and

he left the deck. I certainly will be will-

Lionel Kent, manager of the Enerdite

says that many of the women were as-

sured after the collision that there was no

danger. Discussing the part the Stor-

stad played in the tragedy, Mr. Kent said: "When I first went out the Stor-

stad was less than fifty feet away from

Thought It a Rescuer.

this case. When their lights first came

there people thought it was a vessel com-

ing to rescue them, and exclamations and

Some said: 'God bless you' to the boat, as

"They may have had their own troubles

though they could hear. But not a single

boat was put out until about daylight

the whole thing as a matter of course.

Forgot About Dress.

when two little white boats put out.

"I cannot understand their attitude in

of a mile away on the port side.

Mr. Gosselin, in conclusion.

There

around those who wanted help.

back and other boats came. The people

us. When we got aboard I saw som

to make them comfortable until they | them to half-naked passengers, who, wet throughout, stood shivering on the deck transferred to the relief were of the Storstad." Asked as to the cries which were ex-All on Bridge. changed between the commanders of both

Pilot Nault said a remark dropped by collier regarding the actual collision.

'Did any newspaper men come aboard at Quebec and tell Anderson what Captain Kendall had said?" Nault was asked in conclusion. "Yes. The captain answered them.

"What did he say about Kendall's statements?" "He said they were lies," finished Nault.

A mute memento of the tragedy is to be found in the blood smeared on the bows of the Storstad. It evidently came from passengers who were crushed to death in the berths. Officer's Statement.

One of the officers on the Storstad gave out the following statement when interviewed after the arrival of the

vessel: At the time of the disaster I was lying in my bunk. Being awakened by a terrible shock, I jumped up immediately and ran out on deck, where I heard the engines going full speed astern. I am a strong man and have had many experiences during nearly penings of the present century, and ex- thirty years at sea, but what I saw pressed the feeling that the heartfelt and and heard there made me weep. I practical sympathies of the Christian still see all those men and women shriekworld and especially of the Canadian peo- ing and struggling in the water. The so sadly went down with the ship, are in safe-keeping, for 'God heard the voice of the lad'. They left us with high left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with lad the lad'. They left us with like the consolation of the lad'. They left us with lad the lad'. They left us with l There was not an officer or a man aboard the Storstad who did not do his utmost to save life and comfort the bereaved. Every man on the ship gave away everything he had, the captain's STRATHROY, May 31.—Memorial wife even giving away everything she

> to cover the rescued, many of whom were absolutely naked when picked up. Sat on Cylinders.

Those who had been in the freezing water for an hour or so were at once taken to the engine room, the warmest place on board, and so numb were they that several sat on the cylinders of the engines, their flesh searing on the hot steel. I am absolutely confident that public opinion will be entirely reversed when the true facts of the case are

published. Captain Anderson loyally and literally nterpreted his instructions yesterday to allow no one on board and at first even barred out the bailiff who was serving the C. P. R. writ of suit against the owners of the vessel for \$2,000,000 damages. He absolutely refused to permit reporters to go on board the ship, though one, George Hambleton, of the Montreal Star, eluded his vigilance by masquerading as a bailiff's assistant. Mr. Hambleton was nearly caught when copying down the terms of the writ, and only escaped by pretending to to Mrs. Jeffs' mother, in the hope that help to tack it on the door of the captain's cabin, borrowing the shoe of the commander's wife for the purpose.

Officers Cowardly,

"Two officers of the Empress, after they had rowed a lifeboat to the side of the Storstad and disembarked about ling to appear and tell what I saw," said twenty passengers, are said to have refused to go to the resuce again, declaring the lifeboot was too heavy for them Explosive Company, of Widdifield, Ont ..

to pull.' This statement was made to a Herald-Telegraph reporter Sunday afternoon by Third Officer Saxe, who was on the bridge at the time of the collision in company with First Officer Einarreinetz us. Then they went up around our bow and was corroborated by Second Officer and eventually came to about a quarter they were unable to give the rank or names of the Empress' officers, but stated that some of the first-class passengers who were picked up by them knew and told the officers they should expressions of relief came from all sides. go out again, but they refused. On the refusal of the Empress' officers to go and pick up the unfortunate passengers, three firemen of the Storstad, according to the third officer,

more than fifty persons. Third Officer Saxe declared that the Empress was proceeding at a good clip and that he had not heard Captain made. The third officer was reticent in regard to the actual collision, but declared he had not heard any shouting except the cries and screams of the He said the engines of the women. Storstad were reversed directly after the collision, because they thought they were sinking and not the Em-

took charge of the lifeboat and rescued

"When the two Empress officers refused to make the trip," said the third officer, "three of our firemen offered and rescued fifty or sixty people."

Did Back Up.

dead." a seaman on the Storstad said. "The captain took off first his heavy overcoat and then his jacket and handed to Dr. Gant, I think, for other survivors."

the captain came down and took out about six bottles of whiskey. He left one bottle for us, and took the other bottles forward to Dr. Gant, I think, for other survivors."

Life Assurance Company, and, while they last, copies will be sent on request to H. E. Gates, branch manager, Canada to Dr. Gant, I think, for other survivors."

AMONG THE MISSING

Bandsman Horwood Lost on **Empress Lived Here Ten** Years Ago.

HE VOLUNTEERED TO GO

Sister in This City Gives Him Up for Lost-Rumors of His Safety.

With the Salva'ion Army band that played as the giant liner, Empress of Ireland, cast off her moorings at Montreal and slowly felt her way down the broad St. Lawrence on which she floated so proudly, and which was soon after to be her death bed, was William Horwood, of Toronto, former Londoner, and brother of Mrs. T. Smith, 77 Askin street, this

Going to London.

The band was on its way to the Salvation Army World Convention in London, England, and Mr. Horwood, at the request of the leader, had volunteered to accompany the musicians to London, as it was desired that the band make the best possible showing and necessarily every available member was required.

Mr. Horwood was born in this city, but for the last ten years has been a resident vessels immediately after the collision, of Toronto. He had always been an active member of the Salvation Army and ney (Lange is agent for Storstad) stated his musical ability gained for him a place that Captain Anderson heard Captain Kendall cry: "Don't go astern!" and that he answered: "I'm going ahead!" The

Clung to Hope. When an Advertiser reporter called at Mrs. Smith's home on Saturday he was anxiously questioned regarding the latest news of the disaster. The members of the family had read the name of the wife's brother in the list of those missing owing opinions on the tragedy based on and had given up almost all hope of his

Yet they believed that there might be a "The moment the collier pulled clear remote chance, and that through the the Empress began to list towards the confusing of names the brother had been side on which she had been struck. At incorrectly reported among the dead. But once I realized this was serious. 1 ran as the day dragged by and there was no into the cabin and aroused Lionel Kent. further news of him, all hope was aban-There was so little noise or shock that dened and he was given up as lost. he had not awakened. I went back to my cabin and pulled on my clothes.

Saved Said Rumor. Friends of Mr. Horwood in the city early Sunday heard the report that he had escaped death and that the report of haps a dozen, were working at a boat his death had been erroneous. They imtrying to get it lowered. We could not get it free and some of the men went mediately called up The Advertiser office, but latest dispatches failed to confirm away. Mr. Kent went to the other side the rumor. Last night they again got and he afterwards told me that he was on into communication with this office, but the rail and that while he was there he as no further word or message bearing did not see any boats lowered from the Mr. Horwood's name had been received Storstad. Meanwhile, the deck was sinkthey were forced to be weve against their will that the dispatches from Quebec as

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published, were true.

Toronto, May 31.-Miss Alice Bales, one of the Toronto passengers on the Empress of Ireland, showed remarkable collapsible boat and we pulled the boat presence of mind. When the shock came she handed a lifebelt to her two cabin companions, and fastened one on herforced on board of the boat. We got the self.

When she reached the deck the vessel had a frightful list and she had to reoars out and found outselves it and we are and we tain her footing by clinging to a venti-"There were forty in all and there were lator. As the ship slowly rolled over about three women. I took charge of the boat because there did not seem to be any She could not swim, and appealed in one else to do so. I made the vain to a swimming man, who shook her room. There was so little room that it off, but by watching his motions she was was hard to row. When we got clear we able to move slowly along, making for was hard to row. When we got clear a boat. She cried out: "Save me for my saw the collier some distance away.

could not tell how far, but it took about mother's sake," and the men in the boat half an hour to row over to her. I did not shouted words of encouragement. realize then that she was the ship that

They reached her at last, and pulled her in. When she reached Rimouski struck us. I thought she was soming from she found that her two cabin compantons had been saved. Miss Bales was in the water for about thirty minutes and was covered with bruises.

us. When we got aboard I saw some sailors standing about. The captain was on the upper deck. He did not come near on the upper deck. He did not come near the code sake do TELLS OF SAFETY

were taken in at two places. Sailors stood Telegraph Company Unable to Deliver Telegram Regarding Mrs. Patton.

> Was there a Mrs. W. E. Patton, of London, on the illfated Empress of Ire-

A telegram received at the local office officer, and I did not see any boat seems I a telegram received at the local office launched. It appeared to me that all of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company these people were terribly indifferent. I Saturday night would seem to indicate that there was, but the telegraph company and the postal authorities have failspoke English. I did not see him after ed to learn who she is.

> Rimouski, May 30. McL. Brown, London: Mrs. W. E. Patton, London, saved from Empress Empress. D. F. DERRY.

This is the telegram that came to the G. N. W. So far it has been impossible to locate McL. Brown. The aid of the postal authorities was enlisted by the G. N. W. in an effort to locate Brown and to relieve the anxiety of loved ones who would be tearfully waiting news from the wreck.

In the list of the saved published in The Advertiser on Saturday, and in a revised list received ast night, Mrs. Patton is given as coming from Sherbrooke, Que. Why the telegram should have been sent here is a mystery.

about which we know nothing, but to say the least of it, it seemed curious. I was five years ago. Most people realize this picked up and taken to the Storstad Capt. Andersen, who is a big man, stood in a sort of a way, but it is safe to stolidly and silent at the top of the gangsay there are few living outside of the way as we came up. He may have been Western Provinces who fully understand feeling very deeply inside, but he did not how swift are the changes that are betray any of his feelings to us. In fact. building a nation out of sparsely setthe crew was standing about the deck in tled provinces. This matter is dealt knots, here and there, seeming to treat with in an extremely interesting way by the May issue of the "Canada Life Echoes," which has just come to hand. "The men all had a cabin about twelve feet by fifteen feet long, and the women This issue takes the form of a special were the same. Men and women had northwestern number and it contains scarcely a bit of clothing among them, much information about the and women, distraught with anxiety for Provinces that is not generally known, husbands or brothers and others dear to and also a tabulation of the grain them came running in among the men to production, etc., of each province, which search the new arrivals, utterly uncon- should be not only of great interest at scious of their attire. The men were just the moment, but also of much value the same way. The horror of the night for reference as occasion may arise. Un-In regard to the collision he said: "We seemed to wipe away all thought of any-backed up after the collision about eight thing of that sort, but the men did what ern life and scenes are liberally scatbacked up after the comision about eight thing of that sort, but the men did what the lifeboats and I went out in one of they could to help them. People with the lifeboats, making three trips and only one or two garments would give them is also an article on the irrigation of three million acres in Alberta. This litpicking up the bodies of twenty.

"One trip we picked forty people up, ness and gallantry. After about an hour but when we got to the ship eight were the captain came down and took out about last conies will be and, while they

THE CHANGING WEST.

The Western Canada of today is very different from the Western Canada of