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Survivors Rescued From Battered Steamer Florizel

Twenty-Two Taken Off at Daylight This Morning Early Reports That Twenty Others Are Still Alive on Steamer; Suffered Terribly From Cold and Exposure

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 25—Twenty-two survivors of the Red Cross liner Florizel, wrecked at Broad Cove, near Cape Race, yesterday, were rescued at daylight today. A message from the coastal steamer Prospero, which had stood by all night, while the Florizel was being pounded on the rocks, reported that twenty others were alive on the ship.

The first batch of survivors was taken off in three lifeboats and four dories, but the sea was so rough that they were unable to approach the shore near which the Florizel struck Sunday morning while on a voyage from this port to Halifax and New York. All had suffered terribly from cold and exposure. Steamers met the boats and took the rescued aboard. A wireless message from the Prospero to John Crosbie, minister of shipping, early today, was the first word of hope that any of the seventy-seven passengers and crew of sixty-nine had been saved. The Prospero reported that every effort was being made to transfer them from the battered hulk.

The Prospero, a staunch coasting vessel, had been despatched at the first report of the disaster from Placentia Bay, seventy-five miles around the coast from Broad Cove, but after her departure government authorities felt that her task was hopeless. With the sealing ships Terra Nova and Home, she stood outside the cove while reports were sent by observers on land that the sea had not sufficiently subsided to allow the launching of boats before daylight.

When naval gunners had shot a line from the shore across the bow of the Florizel as she lay submerged from her funnel aft and saw no attempt on their part to make the line fast, it was believed all those on board were dead. About midnight, however, watchers reported that lights had been seen in the wireless room and fore-castle, showing some persons were still alive. Later came the message from the Prospero reporting she was alongside the Florizel and expected soon to take off the survivors. The report added that their names would be sent as soon as possible.

ANXIOUS FOR NAMES

Frantic efforts were made by relatives of the passengers aboard the Florizel to learn the names of those picked up by the Prospero. The first message from that vessel stating that at least forty persons were waiting to be rescued held out hope that others might be saved, and the Prospero's commander was directed by the minister of shipping to send the names at the earliest possible moment.

Although the sea today was not so rough as when the steamer struck on the rocks, reports indicated that rescue work was extremely dangerous. The Florizel's wireless was wrecked, fires were out, and the ship, helpless and at the mercy of the waves, offered little protection against the cold and the fury of the elements.

Many yesterday had attempted to reach shore in small boats, which were tossed about and swamped almost in sight of men and women watching from the bow of the Florizel, or from the rigging where a few had climbed for safety. Others who had taken refuge in the fore-castle were driven out when that part of the ship was battered in. Reports last night accounted for seven bodies washed ashore.

NEW YORK HEARS NEWS

New York, Feb. 25—A message stating that forty persons had been saved from the liner Florizel was received here early today by officials of the Red Cross line. No names were given.

Minister Crosbie said it would be impossible to give the correct number of dead until he had received definite reports from the Prospero and other relief ships. All told, there were 146 persons aboard the Florizel when the vessel sailed from here Saturday night. There were 77 passengers, including twelve women and four children, and sixty-nine officers and men in the crew.

A message from the Prospero early today said that twenty-two survivors had been taken off the disabled ship, probably twenty others still aboard. Seven bodies were washed ashore last night.

Government authorities stated that if the figures as sent by the Prospero were correct the death list today stood at 104, provided all reported aboard the Florizel were saved. They declined, however, to announce this as the official estimate of the number dead.

The Survivors

Twenty-two persons are known to have been saved from the wreck of the Red Cross steamer Florizel, which is pounding to pieces on the rocks near Broad Cove, where she struck at 5 o'clock yesterday morning.

There are reports that twenty others have been picked up. The rescued ones cannot be landed at Broad Cove, but are being brought here. They are known to include the captain, chief officer, three of the crew and one passenger.

Captain W. J. Martin of the Florizel, Chief Officer James, Marconi Operator Carter, two seamen, and John Kiehl, a passenger, were among the survivors.

CHARGES OF UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES

Washington, Feb. 26—Complaints charging unfair trade practices were issued today by the federal trade commission against thirty-eight manufacturing firms, as the result of a long and intensive investigation which has revealed "a very serious and unhealthy condition in certain lines of industry."

Montreal, Feb. 26—A report from the Cape Race agent of the Marconi Telegraph Company this morning gave the death list of the Florizel wreck at 104, at one time by the commission.

ENEMIES MORE ACTIVE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Many Attacks on Belgian Lines but These Regarded as Feelers; Bombardment of American Sector More Intense Than Usual; Raids and Artillery Activity on British Section

London, Feb. 26—The official statement from the British headquarters in France and Belgium today says: "Early this morning a hostile raiding party was repulsed with loss east of Arras. The enemy's artillery has shown activity southwest of Cambrai and in the Messines sector."

Four Attacks

Paris, Feb. 26—The Belgian official statement issued tonight during the night of Feb. 25-26 to approach our front points in the Belgian section of the front, most intense in the region of Dinande, where we effectually silenced several batteries by our destructive fire. Our aviators have carried out a number of flights and caused in several aerial combats the destruction of two enemy aircraft.

GERMAN SUSPECT IN CUSTODY AT MONCTON

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 26—A German suspect was taken into custody at Shediac on Saturday by Chief Gunn and brought over to police headquarters here. He gave his name as K. Mull and said that he reported to the authorities at Fort William, Ont., two years ago. He had on his person a check on the C. P. R. at Montreal for \$50.00. This, he said, was for services rendered. He is being held pending action of Dominion police at Ottawa to whom the matter was referred by the Associated Press.

Field for Instructions—Charlotte County Inspector Reuning up Defaulters Under M. S. A.

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Advancing Germans Proclaim Intention To Capture Petrograd

Marva, Eighty Miles From Capital, Prepares for Siege; Martial Law in Petrograd and Embassies Leave for East; German Terms Not so Onerous as Trotsky Represented

Petrograd, Feb. 26—The advancing Germans are distributing proclamations in Russian territory declaring that resistance is useless, as Germany has transferred to the eastern front a great army, which intends to capture and occupy Petrograd.

News, which lies about eighty miles from Petrograd, is preparing for a siege. North of Dvinsk one Russian regiment sent a delegation with a white flag to explain to the advancing Germans that it was "all a mistake" as the Russians were not at war. Their proffer was met by a volley and ten soldiers were killed.

EMBASSIES LEAVE

London, Feb. 26—An Exchange Telegraph Company despatch from Petrograd dated Saturday says: "The American and Japanese embassies and the Chinese legation are leaving Petrograd today for Vyatka, or Uologda. If necessary they will go to Vladivostok."

UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Petrograd, Feb. 26—Petrograd was placed under martial law today. In consequence of the declaration of a state of siege six of the most important newspapers, which opposed the authority of the soldiers and workers' delegations, have been suppressed. If attempts are made to re-issue them, the entire staffs will be arrested. The proprietors are ordered to pay full wages to the workmen during the period of suppression.

Executing Red Guards

Petrograd, Feb. 26—The Germans late Saturday were still advancing into the provinces they had decided to occupy. In this connection it is reported they are executing Red Guards, treating them as outlaws, but releasing and arming soldiers of the regular army.

The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ, declared that the Germans are restoring shoulder straps to Russian officers and forcing the Russian soldiers to salute them.

The resolution to agree to the German peace terms was adopted by the central executive committee of the all-Russian council of workers' and soldiers' delegates by a vote of 129 to 83. Twenty-six members of the committee were not present.

Under German Police Power

Petrograd, Feb. 26—General Count Mirbach, commanding the armies occupying Estonia and Livonia, has issued a manifesto to the population declaring that they are now under German police power. He orders the release from prison of all barons of Estonia, declaring they are under the protection of Germany. The manifesto also declares that any punishment under German laws, "kidnapping" of barons into Russia is to be punished by holding Bolsheviks as hostages.

Wants Armistice

Stockholm, Feb. 26—Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, has sent a message to the German staff at Berlin asking a reply as to whether the armistice becomes re-established automatically by the Russian acceptance of Germany's peace terms. The message says: "Supposing peace terms are a continuation of the war will disappear from the moment the peoples' commissaries declare their acceptance of Germany's proposed peace conditions, I request you to inform me whether the German high command takes a similar view and, in that case, whether it considers that from the moment the German government receives the aforesaid acceptance, it may be concluded that the armistice becomes re-established automatically under the same conditions as regulated the operations before the state of war was restored on Feb. 18?"

Peace Delegation

Petrograd, Sunday, Feb. 26—Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik foreign minister, will not go to Brest-Litovsk to sign the new peace terms, nor will any of the other members of the Russian delegation which conducted the earlier negotiations there, with the exception of M. Karakhan, secretary of the former delegation. The workers' and soldiers' delegates today chose for the new delegation M. Zinovief, president of the Petrograd council of workers' and soldiers' delegates; M. Alekseeff, acting commissioner of agriculture, and M. Sokolnikov. This delegation, accompanied by naval and military representatives, will leave tonight (Continued on page 7, fifth column.)

HOLLAND'S FINANCES

Amsterdam, Feb. 26—A Budapest despatch to the Cologne Gazette says the lower house of parliament last week that new tax and other revenue-producing measures which would yield 227,000,000 crown would be necessary to cover the deficit of the current fiscal year.

Germany plans to restore the monarchy in Russia, according to a telegram dated Friday from Petrograd to the Morning Post. It says the Grand Duke Hesse has been appointed the commander in the Riga section of the German front.

"His sister" the despatch adds, "the former Empress Alexandra, as the guardian of her son, the former Tsar Nicholas, is the favorite German candidate for the throne. . . . The former Emperor will not accept the throne from German hands. The Bolsheviks have provided a form of government which the Russians alone understand—pure despotism. They have paved the way for the return of the monarchy."

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RELATIONS BECOMING STRAINED—Germany Finds Much to Criticise in Austrian Attitude

Amsterdam, Feb. 26—The German papers comment on the relations between Germany and Austria, which apparently are becoming quite strained. The Tagesschau contrasts the abuse of Germany in Austria in connection with the Ukrainian treaty with the price bestowed on Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

BELIEVES ELECTION IS NOW INEVITABLE

London, Feb. 26—An official report of an address delivered at a meeting of the Liberal whips and agents on Friday shows that former Premier Asquith declared that a general election was now inevitable and that preparations should be made to meet it. His speech dealt mainly with the changes brought about by the last franchise bill, especially the women's vote, and indicated the possibility that an election might come even within a few weeks.

TO ESTABLISH A LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Arthur Henderson Says Conference Will Be Called—Labor Leader Would Present Matter to People of Enemy Nations

London, Feb. 26—At a luncheon given today in honor of the foreign delegates to the inter-allied labor conference, which has accepted the war programme of British labor, Arthur Henderson, former member of the war cabinet and leader of the Labor party, announced that an international conference will be called to consider the establishment of a league of nations.

This would involve an international co-operation for disarmament and the prevention of warfare in the future, the restoration of Belgium, Serbia, Rumania and Montenegro and only territorial changes in the future based on justice and right.

Mr. Henderson declared that the peace aimed at was of the peoples and that the peoples must stand behind it, and added that labor was prepared to go on with the war until all the conditions insisted upon for a permanent peace agreement.

James Ramsay MacDonald said that the next step of labor and Socialism was to bring the matter before the German and Austrian people themselves.

LONGER LIST OF CASUALTIES, BUT FEW N.B. NAMES

Ottawa, Feb. 26—Casualties: INFANTRY: H. A. McLean, Campbellton, N. B. Wounded: G. Campbell, Fredericton, N. B.; C. J. Beaton, Weymouth, N. S. Gassed: T. A. McConnell, Theford, Que. ENGINEERS: Charles McDonald, Reserve Mines, N. S. ARTILLERY: R. M. McPherson, Dartmouth, N. S.; J. H. Dehay, Halifax; C. M. Dehay, Halifax; C. R. McLean, Truro, N. S. OTTAWA, Feb. 26—Casualties: INFANTRY: C. Woodworth, Canning, N. S. Died of Wounds: R. Duffy, Parrabro, N. S.; R. Webster, P. E. I. Presumed to Have Died: L. C. Feinold, New Germany, N. S.; Alex. Leisler, Lewis, Que. Wounded: R. A. Spicer, Wicheitaka, N. S.; L. McPhee, Belleville, P. E. I.; J. H. Arnold, P. E. I. Gassed: E. Jimo, Edmundston, N. B.; Wm. Stevens, St. Charles, Que. MEDICAL SERVICES: Sergt. J. E. Doyle, Halifax; W. H. Chase, Wolfville, N. S. RAILWAY TROOPS: Jules Dumais, Ville Marie, Que.

QUEBEC LIBERALS LOSE THEIR DEPOSITS

Ottawa, Feb. 26—A curious result in connection with the election returns in Quebec province as changed by the soldiers' vote is that of the three unsuccessful Liberal candidates in the province two have lost their deposit because they did not poll half the vote taken by their successful opponents. These were Munn in St. Lawrence—St. George division, Montreal, who has 2,263 votes as against 5,163 cast for Hon. C. C. Balfour; and Hushon, Liberal candidate for St. Denis division, who received 2,216 votes, while Sir Herbert Ames polled 5,057. In both instances the soldiers' vote was responsible for the loss of the deposits. In St. Denis division both the opponents of E. R. Verville lost their deposits.

TIT FOR TAT

Madrid, Feb. 26—A Barcelona despatch to the Imperial says official orders have been given postponing the departure of Spanish steamships, which were about to sail for the United States. This measure is said to be due to delays extending in some cases to sixty days, to which Spanish vessels have been subjected in American ports.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stuart, director, meteorological service.

Synopsis—A developing depression is moving into the lake region from the westward, while pressure is highest over the Pacific states. The weather is fair and cold in the west and fair and mild elsewhere.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair and mild today, showers tonight; Tuesday, strong west to northwest wind, turning colder with some light local snow.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair and mild today, showers on Tuesday and colder by night. Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf and North Shore—Fair and mild, becoming showery on Tuesday.

Showers Coming.

Maritime—West to southwest winds, fair and mild; Tuesday, increasing south to southwest winds; showers towards evening or at night.

Superior—Strong west to northwest winds, much colder with light snow, falls and furies; Tuesday, fair and cold; Manitoba—Fair and cold today, moderating on Tuesday. Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair today and on Tuesday, becoming mild.

New England—Probably rain late tonight or Tuesday; warmer tonight in Connecticut, increasing southwest to south winds.

MARITIME MINERS TO PRODUCE MORE

Ottawa, Feb. 26—C. A. Magrath, Dominion fuel controller, has returned from the maritime provinces, where, in company with J. C. Watters, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, he has been in conference with nine operators and miners to increase the production of coal in Nova Scotia by at least twelve thousand tons per week. A report will be made to secure one third of the coal mines of Nova Scotia.

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BROTHER IS KILLED

Mrs. Arthur Hawthurst, of 106 Adelaide street, has received official intimation that her brother, Corporal Alfred Atwell of the 1st Cameronian Scottish Rifles, had been killed in action on January 8. Corporal Atwell was twenty-two years of age. He joined the army three years ago and has been in France nine months. He was formerly employed with the North British Railway goods department, Glasgow and Hillhead. He was very much liked by everyone who met him for his quiet and unassuming way and was well known in amateur theatricals as a comedian and dancer. Mrs. Hawthurst has three other brothers in uniform and twenty-two cousins doing their bit for King and country. Corporal Atwell was the second youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Atwell of Glasgow.