

850 LIVES PERISHED ON C.P.R. LINER TODAY

Terrible Nature of Big Marine Disaster is Disclosed Fully in Late Despatches From Toronto-- Uncertainty at Headquarters as to What Has Really Happened--Awful Toll of Accident is Certain--Company Officials Doing All in Their to Get Correct Account of the Sad Affair.

TORONTO, May 29.—The latest estimate of the loss of life on the Empress of Ireland disaster is 850.

It is the theory that when the Storstad rammed the Empress the latter's engine-room was cut in two and all the machinery immediately put out of commission.

MONTREAL, May 29.—While no official statement in regard to the number of lost in the Empress of Ireland disaster near Father Point was forthcoming up to noon today, it was computed that nearly one thousand people went down in her after the collision with the Storstad.

assistance, soon failed, though it was responsible for the despatch of the Lady Evelyn and Eureka, Government ships, which fortunately were ready with steam up as they had conveyed the mails to the Empress only a short time before.

minutes. The accident occurred at a time when the passengers were in bed, and the interval before the ship went down was not sufficient to enable the officers to arouse the passengers and get them into the boats.

That such an accident should be possible in the St. Lawrence and to a vessel the class of Empress of Ireland with every possible precaution taken by the owners to ensure safety for the passengers and the vessel, is deplorable.

Many Brantford People And Little Tots on Board

- PHILIP LAWLOR
MRS. PHILIP LAWLOR
HERBERT LAWLOR, Rawdon Street
MRS. HOBBS and daughter, Emily Street
MRS. LENA WHITE, Chatham Street
MRS. STEELE and two children, Alonzo Street
MISS STEELE, Thurza Street
ROBERT LAWS
MRS. HOWELL and 10-year-old son, Tutela P.O.
MRS. GRIFFIN
LORAIN LONGLEY
MRS. LONGLEY and child, Park Avenue
MRS. ANNIE TARRY
HILDA TARRY
ALBERT TARRY
MISS I. BLACKHURST, Paris.
JAMES FAULKNER and wife.

DISTRESS FELT WAS VERY KEEN

Twenty Brantford Lives On Board The Stricken Ship

Heart Rending Scenes Enacted at Telegraph Offices To-day.

Heart rending scenes were enacted at the telegraph offices this morning by relatives of Brantford people on board the sunken ship, Empress of Ireland.

Young men and old, with trembling lips and in great distress of mind begged for details.

In all cases the reply had to be given that there was a paucity of news, until later in the morning a despatch came through, which however, was not believed in Montreal, that all had been saved.

Against this was pointed the terrible brevity in which the ship sank, ten minutes, for 1640 souls to leave, and the reports of Marconi operators on the scene were of a distressing nature.

Adjutant Hargrove of the Salvation Army was among the first to call at The Courier office, as several of his people sailed on the Empress of Ireland, along with the Canadian contingent.

As each hour passed this morning the grief of those who may have lost their dear ones, was most intense.

Steele did not arrive in the city from near Galt until noon, when he was first apprised of the dreadful accident. His wife, two children and his sister, sailed on the Empress of Ireland, and when informed of the tragedy the poor man was almost frantic with grief.

Samuel Howell also called at the Courier office, stricken with grief and fear at the possible fate of his wife and to year old son. The son of Mrs. Hobb, who with daughter, sailed on the ill-fated boat, also came seeking some particulars.

The wires between Rimouski and Montreal are apparently choked with inquiries, and this made the situation more distressing.

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SCENE ON RESCUE BOAT WERE OF MOST DISTRESSING NATURE

Storstad Did Not Rescue Many People—Indescribable Was the Condition In Which Survivors Were Picked Up.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] RIMOUSKI, May 29.—The following description of the arrival here of the survivors, wounded and dead from the Empress of Ireland is given by J. McWilliams, chief operator of the telegraph station at Father Point:

"When daylight broke by the aid of our telescopes, we saw the government steamers picking up the survivors from nine lifeboats, while the Storstad was also pick-

ing up the people from the water. The Eureka was the first to arrive here and she had thirty-two survivors and several bodies. It also had a number of wounded. The scene on the Eureka was most distressing.

Most of the survivors were almost naked, and suffered acutely, as there had been a frost during the night. The Storstad came in after a while and disembarked the few passengers she had saved and also some bodies.

would be paid for by the C. P. R. Among the survivors on the Lady Evelyn, which came in shortly afterwards, was Captain Kendall, who had been picked up while clinging to some wreckage by a lifeboat.

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NO BRANTFORD NAMES THUS FAR ON THE LIST OF SURVIVORS

[By Special Wire to The Courier] RIMOUSKI, May 29.—Mr. Danfort, Marconi operator of the Eureka, reports the following incomplete list of survivors at Rimouski: —Perkinson; R. Holt, bedroom steward; W. Rowan, steward; Alex. Radley, Coombs, pantyman; A. Reginald, Moreland, White, Grey; James Williams, assistant steward; E. Fosker; A. Elliott, baker; C. Ferguson; S. R. Simon, Nostal, Doelise, Speddon, Novek; A. W. Gaede, chief engineer; S. Sampson, Swan; possibly J. K., tenth engineer; T. Bradwick, sailor; S. Murphy, T. Borah, reported quartermaster; Duckworth, electrician; J. Salo, Sapele, Donovan, A. Williams, H. Clarkson, T. Hanon, Chas.

Clarke K. Laski, Savein, King, Scott; Haas, assistant purser. Only one woman, Mrs. Simon, is among those picked up by the Eureka. The greater number are members of the crew and third class passengers. The second-class passengers rescued were: Bessie Bowden, Florence Bowden, Hillsboro, Ind.; Miss and Rineholt Boeh, Rochester, Minn.; Alex. Buntrome, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Byrne, Brisbane, Australia; Miss G. Byrne, Brisbane; Miss Court, Liverpool; J. M. Finley, Liverpool; Mrs. John Fisher, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. H. Freeman, West Allis, Wis.; Mrs. M. and Miss W. Gray, Terre Haute, Wis.; H. L. and J. R. Heath, Chicago;

George Johnstone, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Evan Kavalske, Duluth, Minn.; Miss Frieda and Herman Krause, Rochester, Minn.; Miss A. Liston, London, England; A. Matter, Indianapolis; Mrs. W. Mounsey, Chicago; Miss Jennie Newton, Antler, N.D.; F. Oslander, London, England; George C. and Mrs. S. Richards, Terre Haute, Wis.; Mrs. Eva Searle, Seattle; Reginald and Mrs. Simmonds, London, England; Mr. and Mrs. A. Vincent, Faircross, England; Joseph Zebulak, Odorburg, Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Montague, of Belmont, N.Y., were among the guests who registered at the Kerby House last night.

TORONTO IS GRIEF STRICKEN

Greater Sensation Than That Caused by the Titanic Disaster

[By Special Wire to The Courier] TORONTO, May 29.—Not since the Titanic disaster has this city been staggered as it was early this morning when the news reached here that the Empress of Ireland had been sunk.

Hundreds of Toronto people are affected directly and indirectly. Extra editions of the morning and evening papers were soon on the streets, and these were eagerly bought up, hastily scanning the meagre details of the appalling disaster, the friends and relatives of those on board besieged the C. P. R. offices and all the newspaper offices for more details.

It was after ten o'clock before any list of survivors could be had, and this afforded but little consolation to the anxious relatives. Among the more than 100 passengers looked from this city were Thomas Greenway and wife, and Captain J. E.

TWO BRANTFORD LADIES LUCKY

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1030 Still Unaccounted

OTTAWA, Ont., May 29.—A message to the Marine Department here from its agent, McWilliams, at Father Point, says 387 were saved and taken to Rimouski. It is not certain whether this number includes those on board the Storstad, but it is believed that it does not. If the marine department figures are correct it leaves a total of 1030 unaccounted for.

THEY ARE FINED.

TORONTO, Ont., May 29.—Players Beshe of London and Shultz of Toronto Canadian league teams have been suspended for three days and fined \$25 each for fighting at London. Manager Reising's case is laid over for a week for future evidence as to whether he was acting as peacemaker or not.

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There are two Brantford ladies who consider themselves most fortunate in not sailing on the ill-fated Empress of Ireland, as they first intended. They are Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Freeman, two English ladies, who bought tickets last Saturday from Mr. T. J. Nelson and booked their passage. On Monday they were not sure whether they would be ready to catch the boat, and on Tuesday night they cancelled their booking on the Empress and took passage on the Teutonic, the White Star liner, which sails from Montreal to-morrow. Both Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Clark left last night for Montreal.

Dismissed His Ship.

At a naval court martial at Chatham on Saturday, Artificer-Engineer Ernest Taylor, of the Lord Nelson, who was charged with being drunk on board, was adjudged to forfeit six months' seniority and dismissed his ship.



OH, I DON'T KNOW — THOSE BLACK-HANDERS MAY NOT BE SUCH BAD LITTLE FELLAS AT THAT!

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