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Over 3,000 Lives Lost.

As the Ministry of Marine, on February 29, announced that the number of survivors of the Provence disaster was estimated at 870, it is indicated by the foregoing despatch that up-wards of 3,130 lives were lost. The loss of more than three thousand lives in the sinking of

the French auxiliary cruiser Provence is the greatest ocean disaster of modern times. Up to the present the largest number the present the largest many of lives ever lost in one wreck was when the White Star liner Titanic struck an iceberg off the Newfoundland banks on April 14, 1912, and sank with a death loss of 1,595. The rescued num-

ine had previously given out no statement as to the number of statement as to the number of persons on the Provence when she went down. The vessel, however, when in the transatlantic service could carry 1,960 passengers, including the crew, and it has been presumed that as she was transporting troops between ports not far distant apart, she was carrying a number of men larger than her normal capacity.

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