

DEATH-DEALING BLIZZARD TOOK FRIGHTFUL TOLL OF HUMAN LIVES 'NEWFOUNDLAND'S' DEAD REPORTED TO NUMBER AT LEAST SEVENTY

STORM SWOOPED DOWN ON STRICKEN SEALERS WITHOUT ANY WARNING

All the Usual Signs Failed and Disaster and Death Came Upon the Men Before They Could Prepare For It.—At Least Seventy Are Dead.—Some Survivors in Bad Shape.

The messages received last night and this morning from the sealing fleet accentuate the great tragedy of the East Coast. Nothing of a hopeful nature has come to hand.

The disaster is even worse than the most pessimistic anticipated.

The whole city—the whole country is plunged in grief to-day and hearts will be torn with anxiety until the list of the survivors and of the dead has come to hand.

Late Message From Bellaventure

The following message from the Bellaventure was received at 1:30 p.m. to-day, via Cape Race, which is now working:

"Thirty-four survivors on board; five of them in very serious condition.

"Fifty-eight dead on board. Believe total at very least 70.

"Florizel and Stephano here. Yet uncertain how many men Newfoundland had on ice.

"Other ships report 7 dead and 2 alive.

"Three ships, Bellaventure, Stephano and Florizel aiming to work towards Newfoundland.

"Nothing definite at present when I may be able to reach St. John's.

"Not reached Newfoundland yet.

"Ice heavy and very tight.

"Took us nine hours yesterday to reach a pan 4 miles distant where exhausted men were.

"Stephano and Florizel both aiming for Newfoundland.

"No further report possible about missing until I get Newfoundland's roll call.

"Doing best possible.

(Signed) RANDELL

Stephano Reports on Disaster

Earlier in the morning Bowring Brothers, Ltd., received the following message from the Stephano:

"Very sorry to report the worst disaster in connection with the Newfoundland sealishery.

"Newfoundland's crew were caught out on Tuesday and Wednesday. Have wited to give you full particulars.

"Owing to tight ice we could not get around.

"Think we have picked them all up. Forty-seven rescued alive; about 70 dead.

"Stephano, Bellaventure and Florizel are forcing towards Newfoundland, when we shall call the roll and send you full particulars late to-night or early to-morrow.

"Captain of Newfoundland is frantic with grief. I have been sending him letters all day to console him the best I can.

"Captain Randell has done noble work in rescuing the men.

"Stimulants, blankets and fires lit save some lives that would have succumbed in a few minutes later.

"Barometer gave no signs of storm."

(Signed) A. KEAN.

At 6 p.m. yesterday Mr. Gerald Harvey sent a message to Captain Randell of the Bellaventure, ordering him home at once.

"Collect all the survivors possible," ran the message, "and do all possible for them; immediately you feel this has been done, rush to St. John's with all possible speed, with a view to saving lives; telegraph news of living and missing if without causing delay; in latter event, instruct Bonaventure. How many hours do you estimate to reach St. John's; advise soon as possible."

"When the first news of the disaster to the Newfoundland's crew was flashed here by wireless yesterday the tidings stirred the whole city to its depths.

The tragedy was so awful, so unparalleled that our people found it hard to realize that the awful affair had really happened.

"Fifty dead and dying," said the message from Capt. Joe Kean of the Florizel, and the city hoped against hope that the tragedy had been painted blacker than it really was.

Sorrow Universally Manifest

So everyone was on the qui vive for later messages. Water Street was thronged. Crowds gathered about the bulletin boards at the telegraph offices, at the Board of Trade and other public places watching for further tidings from the stricken ship.

How many are really gone? was the anxious query. Who were they? And Heaven itself only knows what anxiety wrung the hearts of people in this city and in the outports who have relatives on board the Newfoundland.

As the afternoon wore on and no further information was available, the tension became almost unbearable. Our people moved about with gloomy faces and dragging steps that betokened their heavy hearts.

NAMES OF SURVIVORS ON BOARD "BELLAVENTURE."

A message received this morning from A. Harvey & Co. gave the following list of the survivors on board the Bellaventure:

- ALFRED HAYWARD ... BONAVISTA
ARTHUR ABBOTT ... "
JOHN FISHER ... "
JOE RENDELL ... "
GEO. ARMET ... "
SAM STREET ... "
HUGH MULLINS ... "
THOMAS MULLINS ... "
JOHN KEELS ... "
THOMAS GRAVES ... "
HUGH MULLINS ... "
CECIL MOULAND ... "
ROWLAN MOULAND ... "
SIMON OR WM. CUFF ... "
THOMAS OR R. HICKS ... "
CECIL TILLER ... "
WES. COLLINS ... "
THOS. TEMPLETON ... "
PHILIP TEMPLETON ... "
A. COLLINS ... "
JAMES HOLLOWAY ... "
WM. CONWAY ... TURK'S COVE
THOMAS RYAN ... "
JOHN HOWLETT ... GOULDS
JAMES DONOVAN ... "
BENJAMIN LEARY ... CARBONEAR
CHAS. MARTIN ... ELLISTON
WM. LUNDRIGAN ... SALMONIER
BENJAMIN PERCY ... NEW PERLICAN
THOS. DAWSON ... BAY ROBERTS
HEDLEY PAYNE ... GREENSPOND
JAS. EVANS ... POUCH COVE
M. SHEEHAN ... ST. JOHN'S
FRED HUNT ... "
Dead unknown, not alongside Newfoundland yet. Stephano's men report 70, second hand, and nine others reached Newfoundland yesterday.

Shipowners vied with the authorities in their efforts to get further particulars of the disaster. All sorts of rumors were afloat meanwhile and it was feared for a time that the ship herself had gone to the bottom.

Then at 4 p.m. a wireless was received from Capt. Randell of the rescue ship Bellaventure, on board of which are the survivors and many of the dead.

It brought very little comfort—in fact but increased the general apprehension that the disaster was even worse than as at first reported by the Florizel.

At Least Forty Dead

"Twenty-eight survivors of the Newfoundland's crew taken on board this forenoon," ran the message from the Bellaventure. "Two others on the ice who are alive. Believe that at least forty men are dead. The crew were on the ice since Tuesday morning. Had hard work trying to get the men aboard, as they are unable to walk. The Bonaventure reports that there were one hundred men on the ice, of whom thirty are alive, forty dead and thirty not accounted for."

Most Certainly Dead

Gloom settled down more deeply than ever—grief was accentuated by the knowledge that most of the thirty "unaccounted for" must almost certainly be looked upon as dead.

Shortly before six o'clock Job Brothers received a message from the Nascope advising them that the Newfoundland had been sighted with flags at half-mast:

"We are trying our best to reach her with full steam up," said the message. "Ice, however, is very heavy and tight, and our ships is making but slow progress. Will do all possible to rescue lives and recover bodies."

Thousands Waiting for News

Nothing more was heard until after tea. Meantime thousands waited patiently round the bulletin board and as many as could get in occupied the ground flat of the Post Office building waiting longingly, yet apprehensively for more news.

Everybody wanted to see a list of the dead and of the survivors, but most realised the impossibility of obtaining this so soon after the announcement of the tragedy.

Finally at 8:30 a message was forwarded from Fogo station bearing the heavy tidings that fifty-eight dead were on board the Bellaventure as well as thirty-five survivors. The message further reported five dead on board the Florizel, two survivors and one body on board the Stephano.

Scene of Great Sorrow

A murmur of dismay pervaded the crowd as the full significance of this message dawned on them. Women wept aloud; strong men shed unbidden tears. It was solemn a tragic a heart-breaking scene.

After the Eaglepoint reached port yesterday afternoon the Colonial Secretary boarded her and her wireless apparatus was placed at his disposal. It was several hours, however, before communication was had with the fleet owing to so many ships butting in. At last the Eaglepoint got in touch with the Bellaventure and delivered the Colonial Secretary's request for further particulars.

LATEST MESSAGE FROM THE S.S. "BELLAVENTURE"

BELLAVENTURE, 2:30 P.M.—"HAVE 34 SURVIVORS, FIVE OF THEM ARE SERIOUS CASES. 'HAVE 58 DEAD ON BOARD; THINK TOTAL AT VERY LEAST 70. FLORIZEL, STEPHANO HERE. 'NEWFOUNDLAND NOT YET CERTAIN HOW MANY MEN HAD ON ICE. OTHER SHIPS REPORT 7 DEAD, 2 ALIVE. THREE SHIPS AIMING NORTH TOWARDS NEWFOUNDLAND. '(SIGNED) RANDELL."

Replying, Capt. Randell said: "We were out of touch with Fogo previous to the order despatched for return. We have thirty-five survivors who are alive only. We have fifty-eight dead. Numbers of others not yet accounted for. Fear they have got into the water. It will certainly take two days under existing ice conditions to reach St. John's."

Another message picked up in transmission to Cape Race gave a list of those who had survived the blizzard and were on board the Newfoundland.

The names given were: Thomas Mullins, John Mullins, Thomas Reeves, H. Groves, Cecil Mullins, Thomas Rollings, James Holloway, A. Conway, Thomas Peyton, William Howlett, James Donovan,

ERIC MARTIN ... POUCH COVE
ARIEL GREENE ... HANT'S HARBOR
RONALD CRITCH ... HANT'S HARBOR
ALLAN WARREN ... HANT'S HARBOR
CHARLES T. EVANS ... HANT'S HARBOR
NOAH TUCKER ... ELLISTON
WILLIAM PITTS ... NEW PERLICAN
NORMAN TIBBETT ... CATALINA
GEORGE PITTS ... NEW PERLICAN
ED. PEDDLE ... NEW PERLICAN
CHARLES WARREN ... NEW PERLICAN
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... NEW PERLICAN
JOHN KEEL ... BONAVISTA
FRANK SEWARD ... HEART'S EASE
WILLIAM WOODFINE ... NORTHERN BAY
GEORGE STAG ... BONAVISTA
TOMAS COOPER ... BONAVISTA
ALBERT KELAWAY ... PERRY'S COVE
WEL TIBBETT ... CATALINA
WM. J. TIBBETT ... CATALINA
JAMES BARRETT ... OLD PERLICAN
RICHARD COOPER ... BONAVISTA
SAMUEL RUSSELL ... BONAVISTA
TERENCE MOORE ... TURK'S COVE
JOSEPH RANDELL ... BONAVISTA
JOSEPH HISCOCK ... CARBONEAR
SAM. SQUIRES ... TOPSAIL
JOHN HISCOCK ... CARBONEAR
JAMES PORTER ... MANUELS
FRED PERCY ... WINTERTON, T.B.
GEORGE TREMLET ... BONAVISTA
ALFRED HAYWARD ... BONAVISTA
THOMAS MOULAND ... BONAVISTA
NOAH GREELEY ... KELLIGREWS
JERRY CONWAY ... TURK'S COVE
STEPHEN JORDAN ... POUCH COVE
BERNARD JORDON ... POUCH COVE
JOHN HAYWARD ... BONAVISTA
PAT. CORBETT ... CLARKE'S BEACH
THOMAS DOYLE ... HARBOR GRACE
JOHN ANGLE ... TURK'S COVE
GEORGE LEWHITING ... HARBOR GRACE
JOHN FISHER ... BONAVISTA
JAMES H. PORTER ... ELLISTON
SAM MARTIN ... ELLISTON
BENJAMIN CHALK ... BONAVISTA
SIMON TRASK ... ELLISTON
RUBEN CREWE ... ELLISTON
BENJAMIN MARSH ... DEER ISLAND, T.B.
ALEX. GOODLAND ... ELLISTON
ROBERT BROWN ... FAIR ISLAND
JOHN TAYLOR ... LONG POND
JOHN BRAZIL ... HARBOR GRACE
JAMES RYAN ... FERMEUSE
JOE EASTON ... GREENSPOND
JOHN LAWLOR ... HORSE COVE
JOHN RYAN ... GOULDS
CHARLES COLE ... ELLISTON
THOMAS HICKS ... BONAVISTA
JOHN HOWLETT ... GOULDS
MICHAEL TOBIN ... FERMEUSE
HEDLEY PAYNE ... GREENSPOND
JONAS PICCOTT ... FAIR ISLAND
AND ABOUT THIRTY OTHERS TAKEN FROM WESLEYVILLE.

FULL LIST OF THE STRICKEN CREW OF THE SEALER NEWFOUNDLAND

Table with 2 columns: Name, Place. Lists crew members and their locations such as Pouch Cove, Hant's Harbor, Elliston, etc.

CABLE FROM H.M. KING GEORGE CABLES HIS DEEP SYMPATHY

To-day a message of sympathy was received at Government House from King George, expressing his deep sorrow at the Newfoundland tragedy.

The King's Message

"Have received with profound regret news of the great calamity which has befallen the crew of the 'steamer Newfoundland.'

"The Queen and I deeply deplore the great suffering and loss of life involved and wish to express our sincere sympathy with the families of the distressed

"GEORGE, R and I."

Bill Leary, Charles Martin, William Lundrigan, Ben. Percy, Thomas Dawson and eight others.

The message gave the further information that nine others had returned to the Newfoundland yesterday morning.

No Details Yet to Hand

No details of the disaster are at hand, but the assumption is that on Tuesday morning the weather being fine the full crew left the ship to kill seals, which were more or less scattered. When the blizzard came on, and no doubt suddenly, the ice closed, and the Newfoundland was unable to reach the watches to pick them up. The storm continued until Wednesday night, the ice remaining tight, con-

GREAT PRAISE IS GIVEN TO CAPTAIN RANDELL FOR HIS NOBLE WORK

Bellaventure Rescued Many of the Stricken Men Just in the Nick of Time.—An Hour or So of Delay Would Have Meant further Additions to the Already Terribly Long List of Fatalities.

sequently the Newfoundland was not only not able to reach the stricken men, but was unable to communicate with the other ships, and disaster overtook the sealers. The remainder of the story must remain untold until the arrival of the Bellaventure, which Capt. Randell says cannot be before to-morrow, some time.

Yesterday afternoon Acting Premier Bennett called together an Executive meeting, at which Hon. J. Harvey, Mr. G. Harvey and other directors of the Bellaventure S. S. Co. were present and acceding to the desire of the Government the representatives of the owners decided to order the Bellaventure home at once.

The Grenfell Hall at the Seamen's Institute has a room ready to house and to treat the injured survivors.

The Government has arranged for the S.S. Kyle to go in search of the Southern Cross.

The greatest anxiety prevails for the latter ship, but shipping people are not uneasy.

Eight years ago the Algerine was missing for 5 days in that neighbourhood and came through safely.

Minister of Marine Piccott is going out in the Kyle, which leaves this afternoon.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S OFFICERS.

Captain, Wes B. Kean; Mate, Charles W. Greene; Bosun, John E. Hiscock; Sailors, Thos. Dawson, Wm. Connolly, George Carpenter, A. Tippet, Jesse Connolly; Chief Engineer, John Skinner; Second Engineer, John Maher; Third Engineer, Wm. Leary; Steward, John Dooley; Firemen, Ed. Whelan, E. Bennett, R. Rogers, Thos. Williams, Jas. Grace.

ERIK LEAVES CHANNEL

S.S. Erik left Channel at 12:45 p.m. to-day.

MR. GERALD HARVEY'S GRIEF

No one's grief, we think, is more poignant than that of Mr. Gerald Harvey, who is managing his father's business during the latter's absence.

Mr. Harvey has been incessant in his efforts to get the latest information for the many enquiries from all parts of the Island.

The Daily Mail has been in constant touch with him and he has been most obliging.

He has wired to Wesleyville for the names of those who signed on the ship there and is expecting an answer at any moment.

He thinks the list of dead numbers seventy. The steamers are now jammed to the East of Bonavista.

Yesterday Mr. Gerald Harvey acquainted his father by cable of the sad event, and received the following answer:

"I am deeply grieved by the calamity. If I can help I will return to St. John's immediately. Convey sincerest sympathy to those bereft. Keep me advised."

GRAND LODGE VOTES \$100.00

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Orange Association was held this morning at the office of Grand Master Squires, and voted \$100.00 to the Disaster Fund.

The offer of fifty men to render aid when the steamer arrives, if needed, or to assist the police in any way when the steamer arrives, was made the Colonial Secretary.

ANXIOUS AS TO FATHER'S WELFARE

Frederickton, N.B., Last night. (Special to The Daily Mail) Distress to hear shocking disaster to crew of sealer Newfoundland. Is my father member of crew. Am very much upset. Suspense awful. Heartfelt sympathy for all the bereaved.

JOHN WEIR, School for the Blind, Halifax.

The Mail made enquiries and was informed that Mr. Weir's father is on the Bonaventure.

SUGGESTION RE SWEEPSTAKES

Three well known sportsmen suggested to The Mail to-day that the sweepstake winners give all or part to the Disaster Fund.

The Daily Mail will gladly acknowledge subscriptions.