

**Charge
Against Austrian**

Man, who answers to a
naming Mikal Offitichuk, was
this morning on a Swarant
Stipendiary Campbell,
man with assault camping
harm upon the person of
countryman named George
the arrest was made by
W. Edwards and the ac-
ed in jail. Lomisk, the in-
was subsequently taken
hospital where he passed
at one o'clock. Shortly
hour the wife of the dead
information before Sti-
Hearn against Offitichuk
murder and process was
used. It is alleged the
cted caused a fracture at
the skull. Several other
are alleged to be impli-
cations have been issued.
will be held before Coron-
to-morrow morning.—
rd, Jan. 8th.

Train Notes.

Outgoing express reach-
Basques at 3.30 a.m. to-
ing express left Humber-
0 a.m. and is due here at
orrow.
from Carbonar reached
12.20 p.m. to-day.
UP—We understand that
y, who was reported as
country and a number of
sions behind him, has met
sions and settled all ac-

REPORT.—The weather

is calm and fine; tem-
to 20 above.
pretty little serge frocks
h deep, square yoke and
rich brocade. The sleeves
with a very deep cuff of the
d frock is simply straight,
with a loose sash.
an expensive article, but
day is enough for any
it need not always be an

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Loss of the "Roma"

**Was Torpedoed, Without Warning, in
Mediterranean—Hair-Breath Escape
and Perilous Experience of Crew
German Submarine Fired Twenty-
Five Shells at Helpless Craft—Mate
Struck by Piece of Shell.**

That the fiendish Huns should fire
on a helpless 99 ton craft, without
giving the slightest warning and with
utter disregard for six human lives on
board, is within the radius of belief,
but that a German submarine cruelly
continued a volley of 25 shells on the
smitten craft seems almost incredible.
It is nevertheless true, and the occur-
rence is vouched for by the crew of the
schooner Roma, which was tor-
pedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean
not long since.

The shipwrecked seamen reached
here Thursday night and their names
the posts they occupied on the ill-
fated schooner, and where they be-
longed, are as follows:
Captain Lawrie, Charlottetown.
James Hynes, mate, St. John's.
Patrick Leonard, cook, Placentia.
Albert Tucker, A.B., St. John's.
John Grant, A.B., Port aux Basques.
John Roach, ordinary seaman, Re-
news.

STORY OF THE VOYAGE.

The Roma, owned by Messrs. Baine
Johnstone & Co., for which firm she
took a cargo of dry codfish, left here
on October 4th last for Gibraltar for
orders. Favored by suitable winds, a
quick passage was made and the
"rock" was reached eighteen days lat-
er. Orders were received there to go
to Naples and while en route the Ro-
ma was twice held up by two French
patrol ships (auxiliary cruisers) and
after the schooner's documents were
scrutinized she was allowed to pro-
ceed. The run to Naples was made
in 13 days.

HOW SHE MET HER FATE.

After discharging her fish cargo at
Naples, the Roma left for St. John's
in ballast on November 28th. While
coming down the Mediterranean Capt.
Lawrie was constantly on the qui vive
expecting at any moment to be ap-
proached by a submarine, but never
dreamed of sharing in such inhuman
treatment as was meted out to him-
self and associates from the infamous
Huns. All went well until six o'clock
on the morning of November 30th or
42 hours after leaving Naples. The
schooner's position then was 150 miles
W. S. W. of Naples. There was a fair-
ly heavy sea on and a stiff breeze
blowing, but the Roma was making
good headway. Suddenly a thunder-
ous noise was heard. It was the
bursting of bomb shells over their
heads and meant the presence of a
sub. somewhere in the immediate
vicinity. Those on the Roma became
somewhat alarmed, but no injury was
suffered up to that time. The sub.
had fired three shots in quick suc-
cession and missed. When the dense
smoke cleared away a bit the under-
water craft was seen from the Roma's
deck 3 miles away emerging to the
surface. A moment later the fourth
shot was fired, striking the schooner
forward on the starboard side above
the water line.

PIRATICAL CONDUCT.

The crew of the Roma then started
to launch a lifeboat and while lower-
ing it in the water a fifth shell struck
the forward part of the vessel carry-
ing away the bulwarks; the deck
caught fire and the mainsail fell.
Pieces of shell and woodwork flew in
all directions around the crew and the
wonder is that someone was not killed.
Unfortunately, Mate Hynes, who was
at the tackle at the bow of the life-
boat, was struck by a piece of shell in
the left hand, battering to pulp an
index finger. He suffered much pain,
as there was no treatment for his
wound, but he had to make the best
of it and prepare to undergo another
terrible ordeal with the rest of his
shipmates. When the Roma's crew
were getting into the boat they were
seen by the submarine, which was
then only about a mile and a half
away and as they rowed away from
their disabled craft another shell was
fired at the Roma's stern. The Huns
continued their piratical conduct, fir-
ing 25 shells altogether, until they
ridged the schooner so that she sank.

**THRILLING EXPERIENCE IN LIFE-
BOAT.**

It can scarcely be imagined the
hardship and exposure these poor
shipwrecked seamen went through,
suffice it to say that they were adrift
at the mercy of the waves for thirty
hours with not a mouthful of fresh
water to quench their thirst and with
only a half bag of hard bread to exist
on, that being all they had time to
take in their emergency. To make
matters worse the wind freshened
from the south east, accompanied by a
heavy swell and it started to rain in
torrents. The boat was knocked
about like a cork by the stormy bil-
lows. They had no compass aboard
and the boat was kept in the direction
the waves were surging. The men
kept rowing with might and main in
turn, but their efforts were dampened
by the fact that the boat was filling
with water, caused by the sprays go-
ing over it and there was no bucket

or can of any kind to keep it out.
This had the effect of making the ship-
wrecked men feel despondent, but
Seaman Tucker soon overcame the
difficulty by using his oil hat as a
baller. Looking in the distance the
crew observed the submarine cruising
about for an hour or so where the
Roma went down, and lay down in
their little craft, fearing the pirates
would resume their frightfulness.
Those on the sub. evidently could not
see the boat owing to the heavy swell
in the sea. A few moments later the
underwater boat disappeared, evident-
ly submerging. As night gradually
came on the fugitives began to show
signs of fatigue, particularly the
Captain, Mate and Cook. They were
sparsely clad and suffered more from
exposure than the other seamen, who,
fortunately, had oilskins on them and
consequently did not mind the rain
and storm much. They did not reach
the land till the following evening when

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they were taken ashore at Arbatax,
in Sardinia, in an advanced state of
exhaustion. The next day, Capt.
Lawrie in consultation with a chart
found that they had covered 68 miles
in the open boat.

TREATED HOSPITABLY.

At Arbatax they were met by Italian
soldiers, none of whom could speak
English. Through code signs they
became aware of the circumstances of
the distressed seamen, who were given
hot meals, warm beds to sleep in and
other comforts. From there the sea-
men were sent to Cagliari, the Capital
of Sardinia, where they were met by
the British Consul named Enrico Per-
kins to whom Capt. Lawrie gave a
statement as to the destruction of the
Roma. The Consul treated the stran-
gers with the utmost kindness, gave
them clothing and in fact everything
they needed. After a delay of 13
hours at Cagliari the seamen took
passage on an Italian troopship and
27 hours afterwards arrived at Genoa
in the night. They were immediately
arrested there, as they had no pass-
ports to show, and kept in jail all
night. During the night three of the
seamen made their escape, but they
were re-captured. The next morning
they were brought before the Judge.
Capt. Lawrie showed his certificate
and the Judge ordered the release of
the men and gave them an ample
apology for the mistake made.
Captain Lawrie and crew cannot
speak too highly of the treatment ac-
corded them by the Italian people.

CAME THROUGH FRANCE.
From Genoa they were sent by the
British Consul en route to London

over land through Italy and France,
stopped off at Paris a few days and
while there saw a batch of German
prisoners at work on a French road.
Mate Hynes who went to a Red Cross
Hospital to get his hand dressed,
learned that the Newfoundland sol-
diers were billeted four miles from
Havre, but he could not get a chance
to see them. That was on December
11th. From France they crossed the
English Channel to Southampton and
thence went by train to London.
There they were quartered in the Sea-
men's Home where they remained a
fortnight, were given all sorts of com-
forts and treated to the best in every
way. They spent a very merry and
enjoyable Christmas, all things con-
sidered. Nine other shipwrecked
crews, the victims of submarine at-
tacks, were met in the Sailors Home.
All told the same story which was to
the effect that they were fired at with-
out warning by the infamous Hun.
Before leaving London Mate Hynes
underwent an operation on his hand
and got the bones scraped. The Ro-
ma's crew proceeded to Liverpool by
train on December 26th and joined the
C. P. R. Liner Missanabi for St. John.
N. B., arriving there on Sunday last.
On the liner also were hundreds of
wounded Canadian soldiers. At St.
John the Roma's crew were given
their passages and came by I. C. R.
train and S. S. Kyle to Port aux Bas-
ques, thence across country to the
city, arriving here Thursday evening
after an experience that will always
live in their memories.

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