

300 PERISH IN WRECK OFF CHEEFOO

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Three hundred persons, mostly Chinese laborers, perished in the wreck of the Sankaku Maru, off Chefoo, according to estimates today. Some of the victims, survivors, were killed by Chinese pirates who robbed and attacked the passengers and plundered the ship's stores.

The American consulate at Dairen today reported the rescue of two foreign survivors.

\$50,000,000 FROM BANKERS TO GOVERNMENT

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—As a result of the conference of bankers with Sir Thomas White a further sum of \$50,000,000 will be advanced to the Dominion government for a further British credit in Canada for the purchase of munitions and war supplies. This makes the total of British credit in Canada \$250,000,000.

RATIFICATION OF TIEN-TSIN ISSUE REFUSED

Peking, Dec. 30.—The French government, it is announced, has refused to ratify the proposed compromise settlement of Tien-Tsin concession dispute.

Numerous conferences between Dr. Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese foreign minister, and Count De Martel, the French chargé d'affaires, at Peking, since the dispatch on Dec. 16 announced, had resulted in a tentative compromise settlement of the Tien-Tsin concession dispute. The compromise, it was said, provided for restoration by the French to China of the territory in question, and the return of Chinese policemen. China, for her part, agreed to make the district an international settlement, open to all the treaty powers. China also was to promise to make an effort to check anti-French boycott demonstrations at Tien-Tsin.

STMR. KURSK STRIKES MINE

New York, Dec. 29.—Russian S.S. Kursk, bound from Archangel, Russia, for New York, with 126 passengers aboard, hit a mine on November 29 off Kirkwall, Scotland. One passenger and two members of the crew were drowned while lifeboats were being launched.

Part of the Kursk's stern was torn off by the force of the explosion and she was later towed into Kirkwall. Her passengers and crew, however, drifted all night in open boats before being picked up.

British steamer Coplewood, 599 tons gross, has been sunk.

Norwegian steamship Ida, 1,300 tons, is reported to have been sunk.

17 Americans On Board.

Seventeen American horsemen, returning from Archangel where they had been discharged from several ships that carried stock to Russia, were among the Kursk's passengers. When the explosion occurred, the majority of those on board had gone to bed, they said, but no panic occurred, despite the fact that there were many women and children aboard.

The ship was running with lifeboats swung out, ready for an emergency, and within scarcely more than ten minutes, they said, the captain had the boats manned and the passengers off the ship. According to Wm. Twickling, of New York, one of the horsemen, the passenger drowned was a woman and the two members of the crew who lost their lives did so in an attempt to rescue the woman who fell from the lifeboat as it was being lowered over the side.

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MANY ARE LOST WHEN TWO SHIPS HIT MINES

Berlin Reports Loss of Two Russian Ships.—Copenhagen Source of News.

Berlin, Dec. 29, via Sayville.—The Russian Finnish steamer Olthonsa with a regiment of Russian coast artillery from the Aland Islands on board, struck a mine and sank in a few minutes, according to a despatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Copenhagen. All on board with the exception of fifty persons are said to have been drowned.

The steamer was bound for Helsinki, Finland. In addition to the men lost 1,000 horses went down with the ship.

According to the same source another liner plying between Russia, and Marihamn, likewise struck a mine and a large number of persons who were on board her are missing. The accidents, according to the newspaper, are attributed to badly anchored Russian mines belonging to the Finnish Bay mine fields.

MURDERER OF TWO WOMEN HANGED.

Kenora, Ont., Dec. 29.—John Waploak, confessed murderer of Mrs. Emil Heubner and Miss Emma Heubner at their home at Olympia Mine, Shoal Lake, on May 10 last, was hanged today.

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