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GLOUCESTER LINES UP WITH GOOD GOVERNMENT FORCES

American Lives Were Lost When Laconia Was Sunk

**No Panic Among the Passengers When the Big Liner Was
Torpedoed---Total Loss of Life Will Not Exceed Twenty-
Five---Dr. Hawke Praises Captain and Crew.**

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A Queenstown despatch to the Chronicle says the Laconia was torpedoed in comparatively calm weather. The first torpedo struck near the stern, and when the vessel was struck a second time she listed quickly to the starboard. The boats got away with considerable difficulty, but there was no panic among the passengers or crew. The small loss of life was due to the excellent discipline of the crew and the orderliness of the passengers in the trying ordeal.

A steamer brought 267 survivors to Queenstown early on Tuesday, who were rescued from the lifeboats. The passengers' versions of the number lost differs. Some say 25 were drowned and others not more than 25. Among those known to be lost are Mrs. and Miss Hoy, Americans.

Apparently two small parties of the Laconia's survivors, apart from the main body, have been landed, 15 at Bantry and about the same number elsewhere. The steamer which rescued the bulk of those aboard the Cunarder carried also the survivors of the sunken British steamer Falcon, and 14 of the crew of another lost British vessel.

A Queenstown despatch to the Daily Mail says that it is certain that Mrs. Hoy and her daughter, American passengers, lost their lives.

Submarine Fired a Second Torpedo After

The Passengers Had Taken to the Lifeboats

It appears that two boats reached Bantry with 22 people, eight of the occupants having died from exposure. The bodies of the eight persons who died were consigned to the deep.

Among four passengers at a hospital here is Dr. Hawke, a resident of San Francisco, who said he was playing a game of bridge in the ship surgeon's room, when he heard an awful crash and guessed that the ship had been attacked by a submarine. He said that the first torpedo struck the liner aft on the starboard side, and everyone made for the life preservers. The passengers had previously been instructed in boat drill and got into the boats without panic.

The doctor said that all behave well and that the discipline was good. He continued: "The submarine returned fair we had been in the boats, and fired another torpedo, which put out the lights, and was followed by a terrific explosion, and the ship must have sunk soon after. The second torpedo, mind you, was fired although the lifeboats were close to the vessel and the crew of the submarine could not have failed to see us, as it was moonlight. It was about 9.30 p. m. on Sunday when we took to the boats and about three o'clock on the following morning when we were picked up."

Dr. Hawke gave the highest praise to the behavior of the women and children and said that the captain and crew were marvellous.

It Seems Certain Now That Two Americans

Were Among the Nineteen Who Perished

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Consul Frost's message reads: Mrs. Mary Hoy, and Miss Elizabeth Hoy, passengers on the Laconia, died from exposure. Their bodies were buried at sea.

Mrs. Hoy's husband, Dr. Albert H. Hoy, who is a civil war veteran, and her son, Austin Y. Hoy, reside in London. The latter called at the Embassy this afternoon and received a copy of the message from Consul Frost. As for as the embassy knows, these two were the only Americans lost on the Laconia. The embassy's list of American passenger survivors is as follows: "F. P. Gibbons, Chicago Tribune; Mrs. F. E. Harris, wife of Col. Harris, U. S. A.; A. T. Kirby, New York, and the Rev. Joseph Wareing, Baltimore."

The Laconia's Survivors.

A later telegram from Consul Frost gave the total number of persons landed from the Laconia as 281 out of 294 on board. Of the 19 lost, five were drowned and eight died from exposure and were buried at sea. Six persons are in hospitals at Queenstown. Their condition is not serious.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Casualties among Maritime men are reported as follows:

Infantry.

Killed in action—H. M. Newlan, Chatham, N. B.

Dangerously ill—Joseph Evans, 95 Jubilee street, Halifax.

Wounded—Fred George, St. John; A. White, Amherst, N. S.; John Logeto, Amherst, N. S.; Corp. A. C. Lamrock, Villagedale, N. S.

Now not missing—J. F. Hurley, Sydney Mines.

Services.

Now believed prisoner of war—Lt. J. C. Owen, Annapolis, N. S.

Artillery.

Died—Major G. H. Maxwell, 378 Robie street, Halifax.

Given Commission in 236th.

Pte. Archibald McKinnon, a well known Sussex boy, who was overseas with the P. P. C. L. I., has returned to Canada and has been given a commission and attached to the 236th Battalion as a supernumerary officer. He was twice wounded while serving with the Princess Pats and has an excellent record as a soldier at the front.

Declaration in Sunbury.

Declaration proceedings following the recent general provincial election will take place in Sunbury tomorrow. The official declaration will be at the Burton Court House.

Transferred to 236th.

Lieut. Frank Groves has been transferred from the staff of the 7th Infantry Brigade to the 236th Battalion. It is understood he is to be assistant adjutant.

OPPOSITION FORCES HELD JOYOUS CELE- BRATION LAST NIGHT

**Huge Bon-Fire Blazed in Front of the
Committee Rooms---Speeches by the
Candidates and Also by the Victors
Of Queens County.**

With Gloucester electing the full Liberal ticket by immense majorities, and controlling the House of Assembly by a majority of seven, the Liberals in Fredericton cut loose last night and celebrated the victory. The first reports from Gloucester indicated a Liberal sweep. Bathurst town and one small poll gave 160 majority for Mr. P. J. Veniot and his colleagues. This increased to 275 and then to 700. "There's nothing to it," was the cry, and arrangements were made for a good celebration.

All the candidates in York except Mr. Elwood Burtl were in the city yesterday. Mr. George H. King and Dr. J. E. Hetherington, the winners in Queens, also were here. Mr. Burtl sent word he was coming from Burtl's corner, expecting to arrive on the train from Woodstock, and would take part in the demonstration.

The Fredericton Brass Band was engaged and met Mr. Burtl on his arrival from Burtl's Corner. A procession was formed and marched to the Committee Rooms. There informal speaking had taken place early in the evening, prominent workers in York and Sunbury counties making addresses.

A Bonfire Blazed.

A huge bonfire was started on Queen street in front of the Committee Rooms. Chief of Police Finley objected that fires were not supposed to be built in the streets, and that telephone wires might be injured. "I'll pay for them," shouted someone in the crowd. Mayor Mitchell and Chief Finley argued the matter, and it finally was decided that the fire could be built. It was a big one and the reflection on the sky could be seen for miles. At this point in the proceedings a false alarm was rung in by some person unknown, and the crowd was increased to thousands.

The arrival of the band and Mr. Burtl was a signal for an outburst of cheering, and the popular Keswick man was escorted into the Committee Rooms.

Mayor Mitchell acted as chairman of the meeting. The speakers addressed the people from the windows of the Committee Room, and the audience stood in Queen street. Messrs Elwood Burtl, A. B. Kitchen, Peter J. Hughes and William P. Lawson, each was cheered to the echo. Thanks to the electorate for the magnificent vote given in York under adverse conditions, and congratulation that New Brunswick had ended a period of graft, corruption and maladministration in her affairs were the two chief themes of the addresses.

Mayor Mitchell then proceeded to introduce to the audience the two winners from Queens, Dr. J. E. Hetherington and Mr. George H. King. The two Queens county men were given an ovation. They made addresses which were right to the point. A business administration of public affairs in the interests of the people of New Brunswick was what both speakers foretold. They also referred to the hard fight in Queens against the influences of two governments and other influences. The demonstration ended with the singing of the National anthem, led by the band.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS IN A RAILWAY SMASHUP

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A train carrying 228 invalided Russian soldiers who were on the way home from Germany by way of Sweden, went off the track late last night between Gefle and Boderhamn, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Stockholm. The first car, carrying 23 insane Russian soldiers, was demolished and its passengers were killed. About 25 persons in other cars were killed.

The work of rescue was made difficult by the condition of the passengers, many of whom were blind, had lost arms or legs or otherwise rendered incapable of helping themselves. Their hardships were increased by the fact that the wreck occurred in darkness at a distance from any town.

TO ARM AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIPS

**President Wilson Seeks the Necessary Authority
From Congress--Sinking of the Laconia an Overt
Act.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Consideration of President Wilson's request for authority to protect American shipping on the High Seas from German submarines, began in Congress today with administration leaders handicapped by the activities of a small group of pacifists in their own ranks and more by the opposition of Republicans to giving the executive blanket powers on the eve of adjournment. Meetings of the committee of foreign affairs had been called early in the day to discuss drafts of a bill which would do just what the President asked in his address yesterday—empower him to furnish guns and gunners to American ships and to employ such "other instrumentalities" as he may think necessary and provide for a bond issue of 100,000,000 to meet the expense. Every effort will be made by the Democratic leaders to reach an agreement with the Republicans on a measure to be brought into both houses, although such comments as have been heard from members of the minority indicate that this will be a difficult task. The fight probably will begin in the House, where the bill presneted last night by Chairman Flood of the Foreign Affairs Committee is expected to be taken up late today or tomorrow under a special rule giving it right of way over other legislation and limiting debate.

Will Delay Action.

After the receipt of word that two women and eight American negroes had lost their lives as the result of the sinking of the Laconia, it was indicated in official quarters that no immediate action would be taken by President Wilson, but that renewed pressure would be brought to bear on Congress to grant the additional authority requested by him yesterday.

While official comment was withheld pending a full investigation, the Laconia incident was looked upon as serious.

Maine Potato Prices.

Potatoes dropped to \$6 a barrel at Fort Fairfield, Me., yesterday, with few sales, most of the dealers offering only \$5 to \$5.50. The market is stagnant at many Aroostook shipping points, due to the fact that shipping facilities are very poor, owing to coal shortage on the railway, also because the sales of potatoes in the large cities have dropped off considerably, food riots having made it unsafe for dealers to send their carts about the streets.

Conquering Heroes.

Mr. G. H. King, M. P. P., of Chipman, and Dr. J. E. Hetherington, M. P. P., of Codys, were among the visitors in the city yesterday. They met many friends while here and were warmly congratulated on their great victory. Mr. R. B. Smith, M. P. P., of Oromocto, and Mr. D. W. Mersereau, M. P. P., of Fredericton Junction, are here today receiving the congratulations of friends on their success in Saturday's election.