

ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF THE CASUALTY

The s.s. Elingamite struck on one of the Three Kings, off the North Cape, on Sunday morning about 10 a.m., on her way from Sydney to Auckland, during a dense fog, and was totally wrecked.

The steamer was going dead slow at the time.

The boats were launched and most of the passengers and crew safely embarked.

The captain stuck to his ship until washed off the bridge.

The Elingamite had aboard about 120 passengers and 58 of a crew.

One boat, in charge of Mr. Burckett, chief officer, had also on board Mr. Renaut (the second mate), Mr. Morrison (fourth engineer), the chief cook and second cook, the boatswain, two A.B.'s, one ordinary seaman, several stewards and 37 passengers, including four ladies and two children; total, 52 souls.

One of the ladies died immediately on being lifted out of the water.

This boat fortunately reached Kowhai, Hohoura, about mid-day on Monday, and the occupants were most hospitably received by the natives, who certainly deserve great praise for the splendid manner in which they treated the poor sufferers.

Immediately on receipt of intelligence Constable J. R. Bowman, accompanied by J. E. Thomas, J.P., proceeded to Kowhai, and found that under the circumstances the unfortunate shipwrecked people were as comfortable as possible.

The passengers are loud in their praises of the behaviour of the officers and crew of the ill-fated vessel. Although she struck without any warning there was not the slightest sign of confusion.

The men behaved as became true British seamen, looking first to the comfort of the ladies and children, who acted splendidly.

NAMES OF THOSE LANDED.

The following is a list of those in the chief officer's boat:—

PASSENGERS.

- Miss Cora Anderson. J. Anderson. Aubrey. Dr. Beattie. Dr. J. Bennett. F. Bowden. T. D'Arcy. F. W. Doydgo. E. Farrell. L. F. Ford. E. George. G. Godkin. Mr and Mrs Hiskinson and child. W. Hobot. Annie Hugo. J. Lawery. Mr and Mrs Leeston and child. May Markotch. F. Middlehurst. Dr. Middleton. P. McLaughlin. John S. O'Brien. M. O'Brien. A. Parker. F. G. Paasy. J. Patterson. A. Perry. H. E. Perry. Rosandich. A. Stringfellow. Mrs Sully (died from exposure). L. Sunman. Charles Waters.

CREW.

- E. Allen, donkeyman. L. Burkitt, chief mate. T. Coonan, boatswain. W. Foster, storekeeper. E. Hollens, chief cook. F. Jennings, second cook. Boy Lennox. L. Morrigan, assistant steward. J. Morrison, fourth engineer. F. Patterson, A.B. Pratt, assistant steward. F. Renaut, second mate. H. Rogers, assistant steward.

- Mr Leslie. Miss Mabbe. Dr. W. Middleton. Mrs S. K. Neale and infant. Mr B. E. Neale. Mr J. G. Ralph. Captain W. P. Reid. Mr E. H. Reid. Mr A. Richards. Mrs Robb and son. Miss W. Scotting. Mrs Scotting. Miss Skinner. Mr G. Waters. Mr Wetherit. Mr E. Wigglesworth. Mr Wigglesworth.

There were seventy steerage passengers including

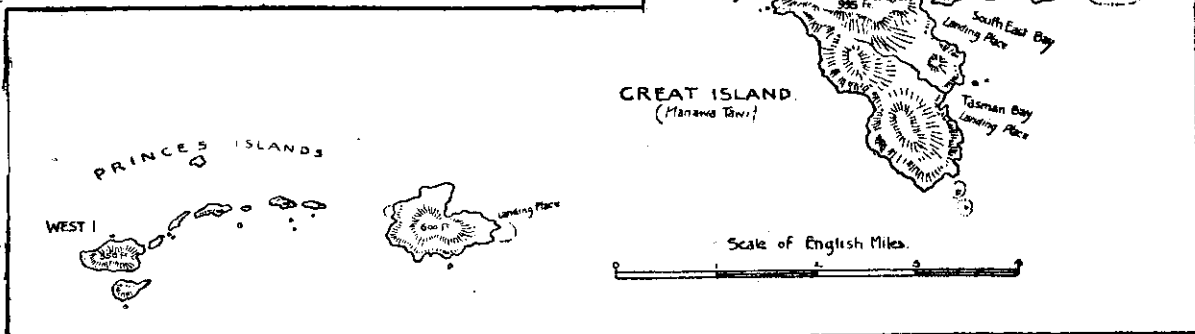
- J. Anderson. Aubrey. F. Bowden. T. D'Arcy. F. Farrell. L. F. Ford. C. E. George. W. Hobot. Annie Hugo. J. Lawery. May Markotch. F. Middlehurst. P. McLaughlin. J. S. O'Brien. A. Perry. F. G. Paasy. J. Patterson. M. O'Brien. A. Parker. H. S. Perry.

THE MISSING BOATS

VESSELS DESPATCHED TO SEARCH.

Immediately on receipt of the information Messrs. L. D. Nathan and Co. made all possible arrangements to search for the missing boats and their crews. Mr H. J. B. Irvine, local manager of the Union S.S. Company, was first communicated with to see if the Omapers could be despatched. That vessel, however, had only arrived yesterday, and it being a general holiday no work had been done aboard her, and her coal supply had not been renewed. Mr J. Ker, acting manager of the Northern S.S. Company, was next seen, and it was decided to despatch the Clansman. Messengers were sent round for the officers and crew, and the vessel was provisioned for the trip, arrangements being made with such celerity that the Clansman was enabled to leave at 1.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The steamer called in at Russell for a supply of coal, and then proceeded direct to the Three Kings in search of the missing boats.

Early on Tuesday the Government ment auxiliary schooner Countess of Ranfurly left for the North, Captain Worsley intending, if the wind proves favourable, to proceed direct to Hohoura.



THE THREE KINGS ISLANDS.

At daylight on Tuesday morning a whaleboat, in charge of John McIntosh, and also the ship's boat that came ashore, manned by a native crew, left to thoroughly search the coastline from Hohoura to the North Cape, and numbers of horsemen have also started on the same mission.

The schooner Greyhound has also been instructed to search. There is every probability of the remaining four boats and two rafts, with their occupants, landing safely somewhere on the coast. At any rate, every possible endeavour is being made to discover their whereabouts and ensure their safety.

THE SURVIVORS.

The postmaster at Mangouai telegraphed to the Secretary of the General Post Office on Monday night:—"Survivors are camped on Mount Camel, across Hohoura Harbour, three miles from that office. Three of the party came over to the office to give all necessary information. The rest of the party will reach Hohoura in the morning.

"I am informed that the ship's papers, including the list of the passengers, were put into the first boat. She has not been seen since."

T. Tanner, A.B. Boy, name unknown, belonging to steward's department.

PASSENGER LIST.

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SYDNEY, November 10.

The following are the names of the passengers who left here in the Elingamite:—

- Miss Adamson. Miss C. B. Anderson. Mr Anderson. Dr. Beattie. Mr Bennie. Dr. Bennett. Mr W. Bowden. Mr W. W. Bradford. Mrs Cassrells and child. Mrs Chadwick. Mr H. C. Chadwick. Mr E. Doydgo. Mr F. Flower. Dr. Goldie. Miss Greenwood. Mrs Greenwood. Mr Greenwood. Mr Gunther. Mr Hallamore. Mr G. A. Hardwick. Mr W. H. Hutchings. Mr Jefferson. Mrs Jefferson.

Rosandich. A. Stringfellow. Mrs Sully. L. Sunman. [This list is evidently very incomplete.]

THE ELINGAMITE.

The Elingamite was built at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1887 by Messrs. Swan and Hunter. She was a steel screw steamer of 2585 tons and 1075 registered tonnage. Her engines were surface condensing triple-expansion, and the diameters were 25, 41 and 67 inches, with a stroke of 42 inches. Her speed was 13 1/2 knots. She had cargo accommodation for 1600 tons dead weight. There were four hatches and ten winches for working cargo. The passenger accommodation was excellent. The state cabins were roomy and well ventilated, and provided accommodation for 143 passengers. The saloon, which was high and roomy, provided accommodation for 72 at one sitting. The steamer had a promenade deck nearly 200ft long on the poop. In the steerage provision was made for 81 passengers. The Elingamite was engaged for a number of years in trade between inter-State ports on the other side, and in the early part of 1898 was transferred to the Sydney-New Zealand trade, replacing the Anglian.

The Union Steamship Company coaled their coastal steamer Omapers as quickly as possible on Tuesday and despatched her shortly after one o'clock. She will call at Whangarei Heads to ascertain if any news has meanwhile been received, and will also call at Russell for the same purpose.

The auxiliary oil schooner Greyhound, a vessel of good power, was communicated with at Awanui; she left that port at 3.50 a.m. on Tuesday, having instructions to search for the missing boats, and if possible to communicate with the Zealandia, which left Auckland for Sydney last night.

Lieut.-Commander Dawson, of the surveying ship Penguin, was interviewed by a representative of the agents, who laid the facts before him. The commander immediately stated that he would go in search of the boats as early as possible. He was unable to leave on Monday owing to a number of men being on shore on liberty leave, but at 7.30 a.m. to-day all were collected, and at that hour the Penguin steamed out of the harbour. The Penguin will proceed to the Doubtless Bay cable station and any news from other quarters will be communicated to her there. Should no news of the missing boats be received Commander Dawson will go on to the Three Kings, searching there, and afterwards zig-zagging along the course from the islands to Hohoura.