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SUB GETS S.I.U. CREW

39 DIE IN 'ATLANTA' DISASTER OFF HATTERAS

LASHING OUT WITH INCREASED FURY ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST, ENEMY SUBMARINES SANK THE CITY OF ATLANTA EARLY ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 19, AS SHE PASSED DIAMOND SHOALS BOUND FOR NEW YORK CITY.

THE ATLANTA SANK WITHIN 5 MINUTES AFTER BEING HIT AMIDSHIP BY A TORPEDO, AND 39 SIU BROTHERS LOST THEIR LIVES WITHOUT EVEN A FIGHTING CHANCE. WHILE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT SOME SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP

Survived Torpedo and Atlantic



(Photo Courtesy N. Y. Daily News)

Robert S. Fennell, Jr., SIU Oiler, and George Tavelle, Second Mate, congratulate each other on their escape from the City of Atlanta. They are in the St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, N. J. Neither is seriously injured. (Photo of Earl Dowdy, third survivor, on page four)

SIU RESCUE CREW TELLS

The SIU crew of the S.S. Seatrain Texas did heroic work in rescuing their brothers from the cold waters of the Atlantic after an enemy sub had sunk the City of Atlanta. When the Seatrain Texas rounded Hatteras on the morning of January 19, it found the water full of wreckage and dead bodies. The crew knew that it was the work of a sub and that the deadly enemy might still be lurking close by in an effort to pick off another defenseless freighter. But without

a second thought, the skipper ordered the engines stopped and fixed himself up on top the raft. the deck gang sprang to the life boats to pick up the three men still alive.

bos'n on the Seatrain Texas, offered to take an oar. manned stroke oar on the lifevivors.

side in short order," he explained to the Union officers other improvised raft, upon when he hit New York, "and pulled away toward the man the Later Tavelle, the second mate, skipper had first sighted. He was spotted in the water. Tavelle in Hoboken, was Dowdy, a young seaman was in grave condition. and the damndest one I've ever Once the survivors a hunk of the chart-room door. took over the care of the surviv- sub." He was shoeless, but he had

"Well, he was grinning and smiling and waving. There was nothing the matter with him. Brother Gustave Carlson When we hauled him aboard, he

Carlson explained that then boat sent out to pick up the sur- the life boat began to row among the dead bodies, looking for any "We got the boat over the men that might still be alive.

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it appears that only three men escaped with their lives. The survivors are:

and not reported to the Naval authorities, at the present writing

Earl Dowdy, SIU A.B. Robert Fennell, Jr., SIU oiler. George Tavalle, Second Mate.

Brother Dowdy was uninjured and has returned to his home port of Savannah. Brother Fennell and George Tavelle were injured, though not seriously, and are now in St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken, N. J.

All three men were picked up by the Seatrain Texas on the morning of the 19th, after being in the water for 6 hours. They were brought directly to New York harbor.

The City of Atlanta was steaming northbound, just rounding Hatteras at about 2 A.M. when it received the first torpedo. No prior warning was given and the first the crew knew of the presence of enemy subs was the violent explosion that all but tore the Atlanta out of the water. The survivors are certain that the torpedo must have hit the boilers, blowing them up, and accounting for the rapidity of the sinking.

Immediately after launching the torpedo, the submarine came to the surface and began to shell the ship. One shell went directly through Brother Fennell's room.

Brother Dowdy was also off watch and in his room when the attack came. By some miracle he was able to get into his life belt and onto the deck. Most of the life boats had been smashed and he dove overboard. Dowdy swam violently to get away from the ship before she went under.

Over his shoulder he could see the deck gang trying to launch the only remaining life boat. They succeeded in getting it into the water and started to pull away. Before they could pull two strokes, the Atlanta gave a mighty shudder, and then rolled over on top of the life boat, crushing it and taking it to the bottom of the ocean.

The water was churned to a froth as the ship disappeared from view. Gear, broken life boats, and great planks from the bridge were tossed in the air wildly.

Then, as the icy waters calmned, a blinding searchlight (Continued on Page Four)

City of Atlanta a Hell of Fire and Death; Survivor Thought of Wife

Brother Robert Fennell, Jr., denly woke up in his bunk to I looked around and found it lived to remember the sensation, had been blasted away.

"A lot of things ran through

Once the survivors reached the end and if I'd ever see my

has looked death in the face, and find the entire side of his room had been thrown on the bunk

my head when I was trying to he said, "and I was looking at it twice and put it in my pocket. get off the sinking City of At- water. I started up the passage- A man facing death remem-

Fennell is the oiler who sud- to get it. It wasn't on the wall water next morning.

by the force of the explosion. I "The entire side was gone," took it out of its frame, folded

lanta," he said in his hospital cot way and felt my right foot buck- bers little things like thatling. I pulled up my trousers things that are close to his heart. "I kept wondering if this was and saw just one bloody mass. Fennell fought the ocean for his e end and if I'd ever see my "I kept on going up the pas- life. He had little time to think seen. He was clinging to a big the Seatrain Texas, Brother piece of box, some splinters and Frank Williams, Chief Steward, under my breath at the damn bered my wife's picture hanging in his pocket and it stayed there on the wall. I went back down until he was pulled out of the THE CDADADEDCE IAC

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RANK AND FILE SWEEP 14 OF 21 OFFICES IN RECENT MCS ELECTIONS

The slate has been wiped clean out on the West Coast by the rank and file members of the Marine Cooks and Stewards. In their annual election just completed, the members defeated Jack O'Donnell, who had been endorsed by the old Stalinistdominated leadership, and put into the office of Secretary Jimmy Burke.

Burke had been actively sup- of the 21 union offices being the United Mine Workers. ported for the job by the rank filled, 14 were captured by rank and file committee which recently organized itself in opposition to the old leadership and published a weekly paper called The Voice of the Members.

The old leaders, who closely followed the shifting Stalinist line, met their Waterloo when they attempted to force unity with the NMU down the throats of the members. The rank and file revolt dated from their successful resistence to this railroading tactic. They defeated the NMU proposal in a referendum and immediately launched a campaign against the false leaders that wanted to sell themout to Curran.

The Pilot attempts to gloss over the defeat suffered by MCS Stalinist dominated leadership. In the Jan. 16th issue it reports that "incumbents (were) returned in a majority of cases." The fact is, however, that many of the incumbents were allied with the rank and file movement and the only yardstick to use is to measure the new election results by the endorsements handed out by the rank and file. Once this is done, it is discovered that and file candidates.

The following is the list of rank and file candidates who treasurer of the United Electriwere elected:

Jimmy Burke-Secretary William Barnes-Asst. Sec'y Grover Taylor San Francis- the AFL. co Janitor

Jos. Almeida—Asst. Janitor Jack Slager—1st Patrolman, Seattle.

R. Huggins-2nd Patrolman, Seattle

Roy Lawyer-Agt., Portland Eddie Comerford - Patrolman, Portland Joseph O'Connor - Agent, San Pedro

D. J. O'Neil-Patrolman, San Pedro

Harry Kayton-Janitor, San Pedro

Rudy Eskovitz - Agt., Honolulu The following are non-official

Charlie Brown-Office Asst.,

San Francisco G. P. Read - Stenographer,

San Francisco Tina Farrari - Stenographer, San Pedro.

The Department of Labor has released information on the average weekly earnings of workers in the major American industries. It is significant that the seamen are not even listed.

The table lists 27 industries, from the highest paid, the shipbuilding workers, to the lowest paid, the boot and shoe workers. The seamen come below of the boot and shoe workers, and so the Dept. of Labor decided not to even bother listing them.

Here are some of the highlights of the wage scale:

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Industry Average	Weekly Earnings
Shipbuilding	\$49.50
Automobile	48.79
Printing	46.69
Petroleum	43.82
Rubber	41.92
Iron and Steel	38.93
Paper	37.24
Furniture:	36.95
Meat Packing	35.36
Cement 20 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	32.20
Northern Cotton Mills	29.14
Boot and Shoe	27.25
SEAMEN ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?	? ? ?

Murray Wins in Labor Tilt with Lew

John Lewis's plans for AFL-CIO unity have been scuttled by the executive board of the CIO which met this past week-end and unanimously rejected the Lewis plan in favor of or submitted by President Roosevelt.

The Lewis plan is reported to have provided for unity in the labor movement with the resignation of William Green, the elevation to president of the unified movement of Georg

Meany, the placing of Lewis as? vice-president and Murray as Secretary-Treasurer.

This, the CIO council rejected in favor of the White House formula which leaves formal amalgamation of the two branches-of labor for some future date, but creates a six man board (three from CIO and three from AFL) which will oversee and enforce a truce on all jurisdictional strikes and raids.

This formula has also been accepted by the AFL and the following leaders will make up the committee:

R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers.

Iulius Emspack, secretarycal Radio and Machine Workers.

AFL

William Green, president of

George Meany, secretary-treasurer of AFL.

Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

At the suggestion of Mr. Murray the new committee will be known as Labor's Victory Board.

Lewis's call for unity be-Board.

tween the two branches of organized labor came at the moment the CIO is attempting to negotiate a contract with "Little Steel" and Murray obviousappeal.

"So-called peace," said Murray, "will have to be relegated to a position of secondary importance until the CIO completes its current negotiations with the steel companies."

Malone Remains MFOW Head

by an overwhelming vote in the Union's annual elections which were just concluded.

Malone defeated John Bell by a vote of 1,646 to 223. Gus Oldenburg was unopposed for the job of Assistant Secretary.

Most of the incumbents were returned to their jobs, but two new faces popped in the New York branch. William Bailey was elected New York Agent, and Jimmy Robbins was elected New York Patrolman.

Besides electing officials, the membership decided:

1. Not to increase dues. 2. To increase hospital bene-

3. Not to launch an official union paper. 4. To eliminate the San Fran-

cisco dispatcher.

Patrolman.

New Regulations on SIU Membership and Transfers

John Hawk, Secretary-Treasurer of the Atlantic and Gulf District has sent a memorandum to all Branch Agents which clarifies the Union's position on the acceptance of new members and the transfer of members from the SUP and other districts of the SIU.

This memorandum has been concurred in by all Branches up and down the Coast.

The text of the memorandum follows:

"In conformity with a resolution that was submitted at New Philip Murray, president of Orleans on November 17th, 1941, and amended at New York the CIO and vice-president of on November 24th, 1941, this letter is to inform all Branch Agents that the books were opened to all rated men, such as A.B.'s and up in the Deck Department, Firemen and up in the Engine Department, 3rd Cooks and Bakers and up in the Steward Department. The books are closed for all ratings below the ratings specified in each respective department regardless when application was made for membership; these unrated men are to be issued the second issue permit cards.

> "This also means that unrated men holding Great Lakes, S.U.P. of Pacific District S.I.U. membership books are not allowed to transfer into the Atlantic and Gulf District or be issued permit cards, although these unrated men are to be accorded the same respect in regards to shipping out of our halls as S.U.P. men and they are not obligated to pay dues or assessments to the Atlantic and Gulf Districts.

"In order that each District Headquarters Office may keep their respective books and records clear, my advice to all Agents, is to instruct the member of another District to send his dues monies, etc. direct to a Branch Agent or to the Secretary Treasurer of the District in which he is a member. This will make the keeping of records straight much easier, and also this method will be much simpler and understandable to the member of each respective District. Rated men of other Distle Steel" and Murray obvious-ly resented the timing of the and they are to be accorded the same shipping privileges as the unrated men and they shall pay their dues, etc. to their respective District as outlined above for the unrated men.

> "Meinbers of the S.U.P. transferring into the Atlantic and Gulf District, shall pay a one dollar (1.00) transfer fee and the current year hospital assessment only.

"Rated members of the Great Lake District or any other S.I.U affiliate Union shall pay one dollar (\$1.0z) transfer fee and the current year hospital assessment plus the strike assess-

NOTE: Before a member of another District shall be allowed to transfer into the Atlantic and Gulf District, he shall first pay his dues up to and including the current month into Secretary V. J. Malone of the the District from which he is transferring. This procedure will Marine Firemen, Oilers & Wa- stop one District from infringing on another District's income tenders was returned to office and also help to keep all records clear.'

PERSONALS

GARAVIED C. BOYAJIAN Get in touch with the New York office of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Your case is Al-186514.

RALPH E. HOEYE Please return the Bos'n's over-

ARTHUR MACKINNON Write to Walter Dacon. He's been married and would like to get in touch with you.

BENJ. ABRAHAM COHEN Contact, Draft Board No. 232, Brooklyn, N. Y. Your deferment expired on January 15, 1942.

VITTORIA AVOSSA You have failed to make out your questionnaire for the Draft 5. And not to add a Portland Board. Contact Board 47, New York City,

HONOR ROLL

S.S. RARITAN H. Bacilio \$. 50 M. E. Pappadic .50 Hotginisios 1.00 Brodsky 1.00

MONEY

The following crew members have bonus money ready for them at the Eastern Steamship office, Pier 19, North River, New York:

D. Murphy

J. O'Donnel

A. Steele

V. Keskinen

R. Hupper

G. O'Neill

G. Jensen

round The Po

NEW ORLEANS

C. J. "BUCK" STEPHENS

Plenty of shipping down here and quite a shortage of quali- Crescent City Cabs. Telephone fied men. Colored Stewards Department replacements are quite scarce around here. With the Arcadia and the Evangeline White Top Cabs, Telephone running in here regular, it is Magnolia 5766. pretty hard to replace the men who get off. Nearly all of the men are from the East Coast and when they quit they head for home.

Can't say much about the ships coming in and out due to the Government regulations; so down here on the Yaka. I'll say a little something on what is going on in this port the delegates along with the away from Government regula- Agent and Patrolman battled been doing this lately and if

quite often. Whether it is be- pay off. cause the Culinary Workers seamen running into this port. money which he was supposed to have collected on his last every strike they have had trip. card, they should ask the bartender why they don't have it. Maybe a few questions asked by union men now and then will go far in reminding the bartenders there is such a thing bartenders there is such a thing as a bartenders' union. Perhaps bring him into the union.

There are quite a few wait- off. ers, waitresses and bartenders Nevertheless this same

Yellow Cabs. They have been was coming to him. reminded time and time and stink and are on the top of the seamen's unfair list. But yet, our men come strutting up to derstood this and signed off the hall as big as you please in them every day. Only yesterday one of our good union broman let loose a tirade against thers came up to the hall to the entire crew, Fortunately have Brother Armstrong square for him, the crew was ashore away an overtime beef for him or he might have been dumped. and also to have something and also to have something Business here in Philadel-done by the bookkeeper. Yet phia was medium last week. right out in front he had a Yel- We shipped 30, registered 27 low Cab waiting for him. While and have 43 Brothers on the in New Orleans don't ride Yel- beach. We had pretty good low Cabs. Practically all of the luck and sailed every ship with independent cabs are union a full complement.

men and can be found all over town.

Here are some of the independent cabs in New Orleans: Checker Cab. Telephone Raymond 8474.

Magnolia 5434.

United Cabs, Telephone Raymond 1338.

PHILADELPHIA

H. J. COLLINS

The highlight of the week was a merry-go-round we had

Here's what happened. After the Waterman officials for they continue to do so, in this It has been quite a job down three and one half hours over way I can keep in contact with here for the Culinary Workers disputed overtime, a meeting all the ships that hit this port. and Bar Tenders to get organ- was called by the crew. The That's about all for this week ized. They have a new busi- crew chewed on the question and shipping still looks good ness agent and organizer here for a while and finally decided to down this way.

But low and behold, one of and Bartenders don't care to the drunks that had been too organize or whether they are busy snoozing to get out of his not getting the cooperation bunk, came to after everybody from other unions is something had left and staggered up to be-I don't know. Ethel Morgan is rate the officials in front of the the new business agent here company stooges. His beef was and she is well known by all that he was entitled to flop

here and the majority of men It seems that when the crew running in here will agree that had arrived in Frisco, on the she should be given as much previous trip, nearly everybody consideration as possible. When paid off but this drunk. Then men are in a bar room drinking the Company decided to paint and don't see the union house two rooms, and since every-

Well, he started squawking some bar room in your neigh-borhood will put in a card if he patrolmen. After investigation thought it would help his busi- he was told that he was entitled ness and please his customers. to flop money and the Port A few words from you may Captain told him that if that didn't satisfy him he could pay

who don't even know there is signed back on again. All of s.s. CASSIMIR such an animal as a union. his shipmates were of the opin-Help remind them and by so ion that he should have collectdoing you will help a union that ed his flop money, if any, in in turn may some day help you. Frisco when the ship paid off, A very sad state of affairs in and not have signed on again this port is the boys riding until he got what he thought

Well, I only tell this story to again that these Cabs strictly point out the fact that bum

Savannah

CHARLES WAID

Activities around the port of Savannah continue to be good. I am still having AB and Oiler trouble in regards to finding men to fill jobs which come in, and we are still having lots of calls for these ratings.

Had the S.S. Margaret of the Bull Line in last week. Put eight replacements on board and after looking all over town for men, had to sail her shorthanded.

Due to the fact we don't know when a ship is due in this port any more, we have to rely on the men calling the hall when she docks. They have

PROVIDENCE

By J. E. LAPHAM

I had a call from the United States Coast Guard telling me that all seamen will have to have their waterfront passespronto! Pretty soon the boys won't even be able to get on the piers without them. So if the crews want to keep on sailing, get the pass as soon as possible. Up this way you need four pictures and a birth certificate to get the pass.

Well, things are getting a little brighter in this port Shipping and business is picking up. As usual there is a shortage of AB's and Oilers. I be as good as last year.

That's all for this time. I'll

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SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD EXEMPTS ALL SEAMEN

the Selective Service System has volved in coastal, inter-coastal just issued a memorandum to (including Canada, Mexico, all its branches throughout the West Indies and Central Amercountry instructing them to con- ica), Great Lakes and Inland tinue the practice of deferring Waterway service are, of course,

The following is the text (in part) of the memorandum:

service, considering its impor- were bona fide seamen. Many tance to the war effort and the of them have since left their mahazards it involves, is so closely ritime employment to engage in allied to service in the armed shore pursuits. forces that a man found by the local board to be actively engaged at sea in this service may well be considered as engaged in the active defense of the coun-New England Steamship boats be considered as tantamount to should classify him in Class II-B rine." have more news for you next if he is not found to be entitled to a lower classification.

The National headquarters of | "Although the hazards inseamen from duty in the Army. not comparable to those in off-The memorandum provides, shore service, the uninterrupted however, that the seamen are operation of these services is esonly deferred as long as they sential to the war effort. These continue sailing the ships. If services should be given full conthey lay up on the beach or take sideration by local boards in a shore job, their deferment classifying men actively engaged therein.

"Men have been deferred under the provisions of the Selec-"Off-shore merchant marine tive Service Act because they

"When a local board finds such a seaman, who has recently worked as such and who has accepted employment ashore, or a seaman who is refusing mariam putting a few men on the try. Such service may properly time employment at sea, such man should be reclassified unless to get them ready for summer military service. When a local he indicates an immediate return sailings. I hope the season will board finds a man to be actively to his former employment in the engaged in off-shore shipping, it United States Merchant Ma-

> (signed) Lewis B. Hershey, Director.

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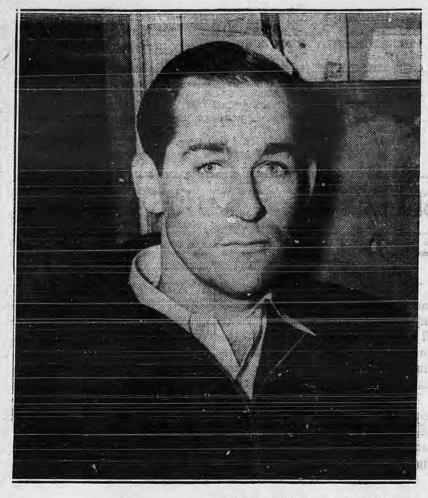
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Atlanta Disaster

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flashed on from the conning tower of the lurking submarine The white light swept over the sea of bobbing wreckage and struggling men. The men gasped out curses at the submarine.

Survivor



(Photo Courtesy N. Y. Post)

This is Brother Earl Dowdy, photographed in New York after being landed by the rescue ship Seatrain Texas. He clung to a piece of wreckage for 8 hours in water of 49 degrees temperature

Some, with a strength born of hate, half raised themselves out of the water and shook their fists at the blinding light. The officers of that submarine looked down on men who were going to die within the next few hours. But they didn't see fear in the faces looking up at them out of the water—they saw only flying "Allied" flag, sunk off Long defiance.

The white light snapped off, and the black hull of the submarine quietly sank beneath the surface of the water.'

Dowdy swam to a piece of wreckage. It was a long plank and he grasped one end of it. Soon other survivors swam over to the planking. Ten men grasped the improvised life raft. Then began the long cold vigil, waiting for some ship to pass that Jan. 19, off "eastern coast." Crewwould rescue them.

The water was cold. Few men had been able to get life belts. Many were wounded. One by one their grasp on the former passenger ship converted to rlank relaxed—they slipped beneath the water. Dowdy watched them go-helpless. After the first hour there were only 5 left. Two more went during the next hour. The three remaining men talked, and then sang a little bit to keep their spirits up. And then Dowdy was alone.

For six long hours Dowdy clung to his raft. At 8 A.M. the Seatrain Texas appeared on the horizon. Dowdy yelled and waved his arms. The ship saw him, launched a boat and picked

As Dowdy was pulled into the boat, the Seatrain quartermaster spotted Fennell and Tavelle. They had been drifting separately on wreckage.

Fennell's leg was badly torn by the shell that had gone through his room, and was barely conscious when he was picked :... Tavelle was suffering from exposure and only lived New Orleans for over a year. In because of the prompt first aid treatment he received aboard order to receive your check, comthe Seatrain Texas.

The Seatrain Texas arrived in Hoboken with the survivors at noon of January 20th. Fennell and Tavelle were rushed to the hospital in Hoboken. Dowdy bought himself some new gear, reported to the SIU office, and spent the rest of the day trying to dodge the reporters and photographers that were on his trail. He left almost immediately for his home in Savannah.

Dowdy, Fennell and Tavelle are returning to sea as soon as they completely recover from their harrowing experience.

Seamen Are to Receive Money For Lost Gear

Reimbursement for the loss of gear will range from \$150 to \$300, depending upon the rating of the seaman, according to a story in the Journal of Commerce. This is a ruling just handed down by the Maritime War Emergency Board.

The Board also announced that the seamen would be entitled to larger benefits if they could prove the larger value of gear lost due to "war operations."

This new ruling, which covers both licensed and unlicensed men, is made retroactive to December 7-the date of America's entry into the war.

While the top benefit of \$300 looks pretty good, in practice the unlicensed seamen stand a pretty slim chance of receiving it. The Board's ruling provides that unlicensed men receiving in excess of \$120 per month are entitled up to \$250 for lost gear those receiving less than \$120 per month will receive up to \$150 in compensation. The \$300 is for the skipper, mates and engineers.

There is another hitch in the ruling that might disqualify the seamen if they are not careful. To claim loss if a ship goes down, the seamen must have previously deposited an itemized list of his personal effects with the ship's master.

U-Boat Score In One Week

NORNESS, 9,5777-ton Panamaflag tanker, sunk off Long Island, Jan. 14. Two dead in crew of 40.

COIMBRA, 6,768-ton tanker, Island, Jan. 16. Loss of life, if any, unreported.

ALLAN JACKSON, 6,635-ton American tanker, sunk off North Carolina, Jan. 18. Twenty-two of 35-man crew believed lost.

MALAY, 8,206-ton American tanker, attacked by submarines, probably 34 men-believed safe. Damage to ship unrevealed.

CITY OF ATLANTA, 5,269-ton reignter, sunk ou Cape Hatteras. Jan. 19. 43 killed out of crew of 46. Vessel owned by Ocean Steamship Co. of Savannah, Ga.

CILTVAIRA, 3,779-ton Latvian steamer, torpedoed "off Atlantic coast," Jan. 19. Two crewmen reported lost, 30 rescued.

NOTICE

J. JOY-J. BARBER-E. SHAW R. C. ABREU

You have checks in the amount of \$41.66 due you from the P. & O. case. These checks have been in municate with M. D. Biggs, Gulf District Representative, 309 Chartres St., New Orleans.

DON'T BEEF LATER

If you don't vote this week, you have not done your share to protect our wages and condiMORE ABOUT

Rescue Crev

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ors. There was little to do for on some wreckage. Dowdy except get him dry and warm and give him a shot of liquor to drive out the chills. But in the case of Fennel and Tavelle, Williams had his hands

Tavelle was unconscious, and it looked as if he might kick off at any minute. Williams worked over him for hours, packing his body with hot and then cold compresses, massaging him, administering stimulants. Within 12 hours Tacelle's temperature dropped to a mere 101 degress, and he has passed the danger

Members of the crew are un-Tavelle owes his life to the untiring efforts of the Chief Stew-

own words:

"At 7:20 A.M. Monday, I was talking to the chief engineer of eer the Seatrain in his stateroom when Capt. Albert Dalzell called through the phone from the bridge that he wanted all the oil nozzles lit for a smoke-screen. Also to prepare for better than full speed; he said there was a ship in action ahead.

At 7:57 A.M. the general came around fast. alarm bell sounded, calling men the engines stopped. I learned owes his life to Frank Williams.

later that he had sighted a man

"I rushed up on deck. It was calm weather, slightly overcast, but a good swell running. The chief officer ordered a lifeboat down.

"Around us, on the horizon, were other ships-I should say two freighters and a tanker. They were hove to, several miles off. Smoke and haze was over the whole horizon.

"While our boat was pulling away toward the figure on the wreckage that proved to be Dowdy, the skipper sighted another man on a raft. The Seatrain was maneuvered over to him. After some difficulty we Members of the crew are un-stinting in their praise of Broth-ladder lowered over the stern. er Williams. All say that George He was Tavelle, and in bad shape. Next to him, on the raft, was the body of another man.

"We tried, but couldn't suc-Here is the story in William's ceed in recovering the other body. Tavelle said it was that of. George York, the second engin-

> "We rushed Tavelle to the ship's hospital. He'd been in the cy water and was almost numb. I rubbed him with turpentine, put hit salt on his feet. His temperature went up to 104 degrees. We gave him quinine and hot lemonade, and made him sweat in a roll of blankets, then he

Tavelle is now at St. Mary's to their stations. A minute or Hospital in Hoboken. The doctwo later, the skipper ordered tor says that he'll be O.K. He

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