

THREE MORE SURVIVORS RESCUED BY THE HEROES

Dutch Sailors Display Great Gallantry in Their Persistent and Finally Successful Attempts at Rescue—Only 15 Saved Out of 143 Who Were on Board.

Hook of Holland, Holland, Feb. 23.—In the early hours of the morning the three remaining survivors were taken off the wreck of the British steamer Berlin by the same lifeboat crew which has done such splendid work during the past 48 hours.

The rescued persons are all women, Frau Weinberger, her sixteen-year-old niece girl, Mina Repler, and Fraulein Thelle.

This brings the total number of saved up to 15 out of the 143 who were on board the vessel.

Hook of Holland, Feb. 23.—By dint of noble courage and dogged perseverance, which could not have been exceeded by any men in the world, the Dutch Heboot men and tugmen saved three women and eight men from the wreck of the Berlin yesterday afternoon. The rescuers worked for nearly 28 hours in furious seas, smothering snowstorms, and intense cold. They were repeatedly baffled by waves which threatened to smash their small boats like cups against the pier or wreck. They returned again and again whenever a change in the tide or a temporary abatement in the ferocity of the gale caused a revival of hope, however slight, that they might reach the castaways. They were all animated by a spirit, which was put into words by Prince Henry after he had made his first visit to the neighborhood of the wreck aboard a tug. "We will not give up until we have saved them. We must get them somehow," said his Royal Highness, and not a man among the crews but had the same determination.

Their heroism was rewarded. Even now, however, their task is not completed, for there remain on the wreck two or three women, whom fear or exhaustion prevented from using the life-line, by means of which their companions were rescued.

Renewed efforts are now being directed at saving them, and as the gale has abated and the weather cleared somewhat there is considerable hope of success.

Dangers to Be Braved.

After Prince Henry returned from his first trip on the tug, in company with the leading lifeboat men, to investigate the position of the wreck, an informal conference was held to discuss the possibility of new methods. It was at first proposed that a man walk along the pier, held by ropes, and carry a line to the wreck. The plan, however, was still yards high, converting the whole two miles' length of the pier wall into a mass of foam. This scheme being abandoned, all the lifeboats and tugs put out again at 1.30 in the afternoon, the veteran lifeboat man, Captain Jansen, commanding, Prince Henry was on the tug Heivoostsluis. Their object was to get in under the wreck, climb the pier, and reach the survivors in fear. The weather being less furious, there was greater hope of success than before, but other dangers threatened. So many vessels have been lost off the head of the pier that the best of the sea is strewn with wreckage, such as iron frames, keels, and masts, and if any rescuing vessel was dropped on these by sinking in the trough of the sea her bottom would surely be ripped out. Portugals and still combined averted such a disaster. Jansen's lifeboat, President van Ieel, with the Heivoostsluis standing by, reached the near neighborhood of the wreck and launched a small boat with a picked crew.

Story of the Rescue.

What followed is thus told by one of those intertidal fellows: "I was at the head of the boat with a coil of thin rope, to which a hawser was fixed. When as near as possible to the scene, the boat was allowed to drift onto the pier. The surf was so high that we got near the boat by turning round, and reached the pier stern end on. So I threw the coil to the mate at the stern, and as we approached on the next wave he jumped out and clung to a pillar. The next wave washed high over him, but he receded and at each time the hawser nearer, and pulled the boat the water nearer, and the line was fixed. The steam tug next anchored, and we were all able to wade along the pier, breast high in the water, to the base of the wreck. "The first man to reach it was Ieol. I came next. I waded to the right, and found a rope hanging down the side of the Berlin. He called to the survivors: "Let yourselves slide down. We will save you." One by one seven men, three women, and a boy of 16 came down. These were carried one at a time through the surging water, and shipped them into a small boat, which changed them to the steamer. Here I want to say a word of praise of our Prince Henry. He worked as hard, pulling the boat and holding the survivors as any of us. All honor to him for a man of sympathetic feeling. Today's work will help to endear him to the Dutch people."

Watched From Shore.

The rescue operations after the first man mounted the pier could be watched with glasses from the shore. The survivors could be seen following the movements of their rescuers with eager anxiety. They stood by a little group in the stern of the vessel. Every now and then they were joined by a new figure coming out of the smoking-room, where they had been finding refuge in the awful weather. The onlookers, who numbered thousands, watched with intense interest, while those present passed down the rope to the point of the pier, where the tug's

boat took them aboard. Then a snow-storm blotted out everything for three-quarters of an hour. Afterwards it was learned that the work of rescue went on steadily, the survivors, one after another, being transferred to the Heivoostsluis.

It was not until after 5 o'clock that the strain of the Heivoostsluis heralded the approach of the rescuers with the survivors. Then the forethought of the Government, which had sent a big force of police to the scene, was realized. The huge crowd of curious onlookers, whose presence added greatly to the difficulty of the authorities, became so excited, pushing to get the first glimpse of the rescued, that but for the control of the police and soldiers disaster along the shore might have happened, compelling that of the sea.

Meanwhile the most careful preparations had been made on behalf of the sufferers. Six automobiles, including Prince Henry's, awaited to take them to the Hotel Amerika, where a special medical staff and nurses were ready and the hotel staff busy preparing broths and restoratives.

The first to arrive in the harbor was Capt. Jansen's lifeboat, and any foreigners associating stolidity with the Dutch character would have been startlingly disabused of the idea by the roaring cheers of welcome and admiration which greeted the rescuers from every point where a human being could stand or climb. Hundreds raced along the sea road, keeping pace with the lifeboat and shouting excited plaudits.

Cheered the Heroes.

Capt. Jansen had hardly landed when he told a brief story of the rescue to the harbor officials and thronging crowds. When his boat came in sight the exclamations were renewed, and she was cheered alongside the way amid a thundering tumult of applause. The work of landing the survivors immediately began. The cheers subsided into painful silence as the first one was borne ashore on a stretcher—carried by six seamen slowly up the steep to an automobile. The burden was a man covered with blankets. He was living, but so exhausted and numb that he was unable to make the least sign. He was succeeded by an English steward of the name of Fisher, who seemed to be hardly affected by his awful experience. He shouted gaily in response to the congratulations and enquiries. The next was a woman. She was carried on a stretcher. Her face was covered with a blanket. One terribly frostbitten hand hung limply over the side.

So, one after another, all were landed and carefully forwarded to the hotel. The three women stepped ashore, looking like a man relieved of a burden of distress. He responded to the tremendous outburst of cheering which greeted his appearance. The crowd, although full of sympathy, acted with the usual restraint. They rushed to the hotel, and they threatened to hinder the doctors there that the police had to act sternly to compel order.

Those Who Are Saved.

The three women saved are Fraulein Bittel and Guebler, and Frau Schroeter, of the German Opera Company. The men rescued are M. Verscherre, a Frenchman; Herr Brodersen, of Atlanta, and Herr Jung, also a German; and five of the crew, including a deck boy.

Those still aboard are two German ladies named Weinberger and Thelle, and the former's maid. There is every hope of saving them.

Frau Weinberger's child was frozen to death in her arms. The body of her husband lies in the mortuary.

The three rescued women were almost starving when they were taken from the wreck. Their hands and feet were badly frozen.

Fraulein Bittel and Frau Schroeter, since their treatment at the hotel, are remarkably cheerful. Fraulein Guebler, who is delicious, was nearly frozen when she was brought ashore. Her condition is less satisfactory. Frau Schroeter's first words were: "Oh, we are so hungry."

Hours of Despair.

Later, in an interview, she said: "I can never forget the terrible hours of anguish and despair while watching with our horses. I might say the gallant efforts of the lifeboat and tugs. Our anguish reached its height Thursday night. The gate seemed fiercer than ever, and mountainous, death-cold billows broke over our ship every minute. The blinding blizzard hid the comforting lights of the Hook.

"About 5.20 in the morning we heard the steam of the incoming steamer Vienna, and Fraulein Bittel, in a frenzy of despair, shouted to the howling winds, "Wir leben hier! Whenever we saw or heard a passing craft we shouted, fearing the people would think all was over. I saw Frau Berlin, indeed, nearly all my friends, carried away by the sea and snowward. We watched the preparations of our rescuers with breathless anxiety, but when finally we understood their actions and saw there was a chance of life we could hardly believe our eyes. Exhaustion, exposure, hunger, and fear had made us so miserable that even the joy of life brought no smiles to our faces, no words to our lips."

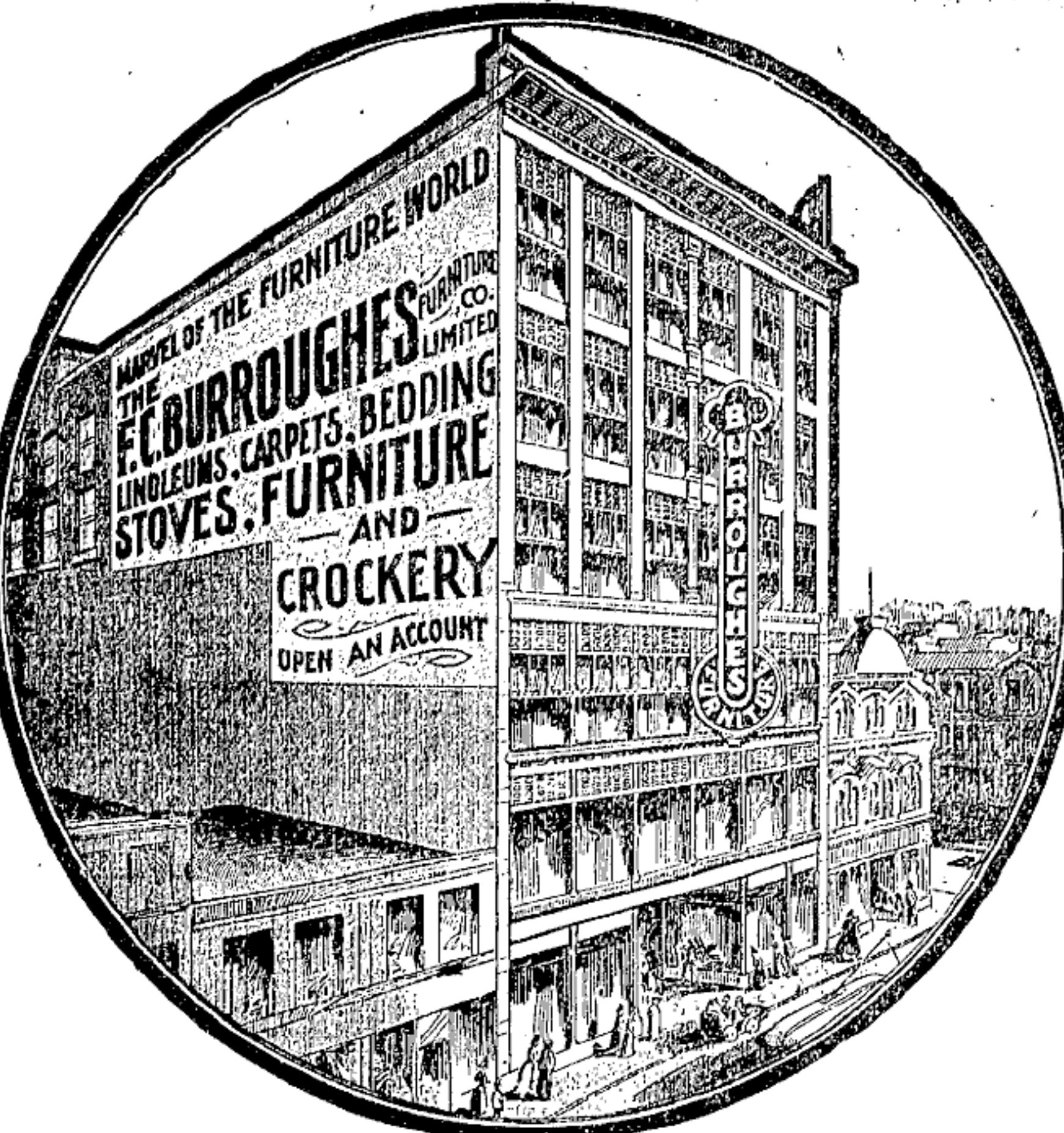
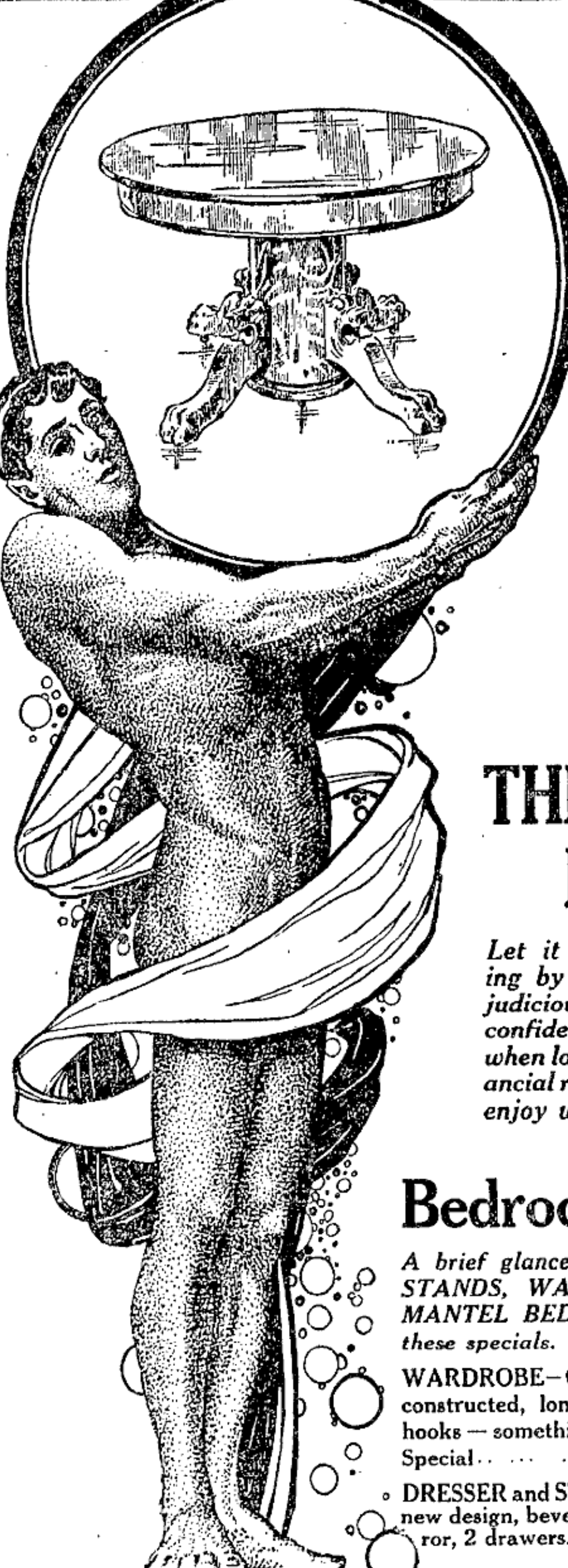
Another survivor says the steamer is full of corpses. Most everybody on board was below when the Berlin struck.

Bumped Against Bodies.

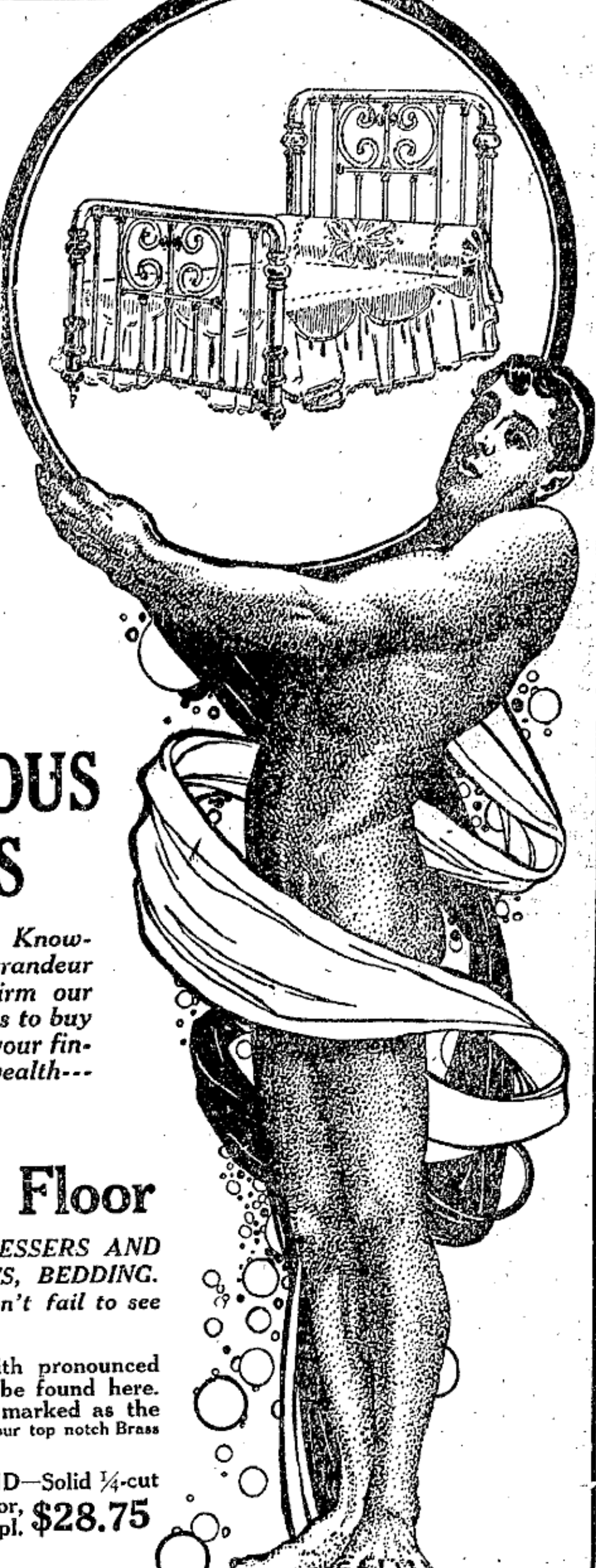
Capt. Parkinson, the only passenger who got ashore on Thursday, says that the storm which drove the Berlin ashore was one of the most violent that he has ever encountered in all his experience. While drifting about in the icy water, Capt. Parkinson says, he kept continually striking against the dead bodies of those who, like himself, had been torn from the stranded vessel by the breakers which were dashing over it, but were less fortunate or less sturdy than he. Capt. Parkinson estimates that he must have struck against twenty bodies before his eyes were heard by an approaching lifeboat, and he was rescued.

Leaves C. P. R. for G. T. R. Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—The Grand Trunk Pacific has begun to take the first step in its system, and one of the first appointments is that of C. O. Winter, a leading Executive position. Mr. Winter is a railway man of great experience, and is at present in charge of the G. T. R. at a similar position at Port William.

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PROPRIETOR WAS AWAY.

Quebec, Feb. 23.—The Daily Telegraph newspaper office was destroyed and two firemen of No. 5 and 6 stations, named Larry Donnelly and P. Mulrooney, both sustained injuries as the result of a big fire that occurred in Quebec early yesterday. Mr. Frank Carrel, proprietor of the Telegraph, and the block of buildings burned, left for Europe two weeks ago, en route to the Holy Land. The loss will reach about \$75,000; fully covered by insurance. The Daily Telegraph, until other arrangements can be made, will be published from the Chronicle office.

Both Legs Frozen.

St. Thomas, Feb. 23.—Mrs. John Hill, a white woman, married to an Indian, on the reserve near Brantford, was found on the road near Simcoe on Thursday morning with both hands and feet frozen. Her legs will have to be amputated at the knee. She is sixty years old, and was on a visit to Windham Center and started to walk home in the snowstorm.

Uxbridge Old Boys.

About 30 old boys of Uxbridge High School, who have graduated from the University of Toronto, attended a dinner in the Williams Cafe last night, having as their guest of honor Mr. G. Park, B.A., D. Poel, principal of Uxbridge High School. It is intended to make the affair an annual one.

Mr. Mascon Appointed.

Belleville, Feb. 23.—The dismissal of Police Magistrate Flint after a service of 23 years is the talk of the town here, and consternation reigns in the Conservative camp, threatening severe reprobation. The appointment of Mr. Mascon, brother of the late Judge Mascon, came like a bolt from the sky, as he was not an applicant for the position.

Resigned From Chair.

Mr. Alex. Gorrie and Miss Margaret McCoy, respectively tenor and soprano singers in the Bloor Street Presbyterian church choir, have resigned, and will take part in the services of the church to-morrow for the last time.

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