

## SEVENTY FOREIGNERS AMONG DEAD IN YOKOHAMA, TOKIO RESIDENTS ESCAPED

Casualty List in Japanese Earthquake Still Uncertain—Neither Tokio Nor Yokohama Totally Destroyed; Residential Districts Being Comparatively Uninjured.

A despatch from London says:—The appalling nature of the Japanese earthquake, fire and tidal wave, which totally destroyed the foreign residential district of the port city, which is of any similar catastrophe in modern times, continues to be told by messages and unconnected press despatches and private messages from foreign residents and tourists who survived the holocaust. But Europe still awaits the graphic story of how the earth shook to pieces and then consumed in flames Japan's capital and scores of towns around Tokio Bay, including the great commercial port of Yokohama.

The loss of life is estimated at such varying figures, in some cases running into hundreds of thousands, that any certainty of the casualty is impossible while communications with the devastated districts remain as they are.

Up to the whole, the news received on Friday of a more hopeful nature than any since the disaster, a British naval official at Yokohama placing the deaths of foreigners in that port at seven and stating that all the foreigners in Tokio escaped. Even his number of dead, which is small as compared with first reports, is enormous for a foreign colony of a few thousand, and indicates that the loss of life among the native population may reach the highest reported figures.

The only official estimate is based on Home Office information from Tokio that the loss of life there was 30,000, but Yokohama is known to have suffered much more severely than the capital city, and the Home Office figures do not attempt to take into consideration the one hundred miles of coast-line towns and villages in the path of the tidal wave, all have been destroyed.

### SOLE SURVIVOR TELLS FATE OF ARCTIC PARTY

Crawford Expedition Plants British Flag on Wrangel Island at Cost of Lives.

A despatch from Nome, Alaska says:—An Eskimo woman, sole survivor of the Crawford expedition who left here for Wrangel Island off the northern coast of Siberia in the fall of 1921, described the fate of the four white men comprising the expedition. The trip was arranged by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, with the principal object of raising the British flag over the island, which had been claimed by the Soviet government.

Three of the party—Alfred Crawford, an English teacher; Frederic Mair, a New-England, Ohio, and Adel Nadeau, New Brunswick, Canada—died in the second winter, the Eskimo woman, named Ida, said, having kept out on the ice sheet, selecting the most food and game available.

Knights, the remaining man, Lorne George McMurtry, Ore., died on January 29, 1923, and his body was brought home by the relief expedition headed by Captain Harold Nadeau, which left here August 3. Captain Nadeau said his power schooner, the *Dedication*, had little trouble reaching the island.

The last evidence of the missing party found by Captain Nadeau's expedition was a bottle in a deserted camp containing the remains of the party with the observation that they left Wrangel Island under the name of King George of Great Britain.

Adel Nadeau, who waited until she saw the men of the Nadeau party approaching and the British flag flying, said: "On receiving the tale of the disappearance, I reported it to Adel Nadeau, found Knight dead in his sleeping bag. Adel said she had done all the hunting and had cared for Knight for two months before his death and that after he died she left him in the sleeping bag and put up another tent fifty feet away.

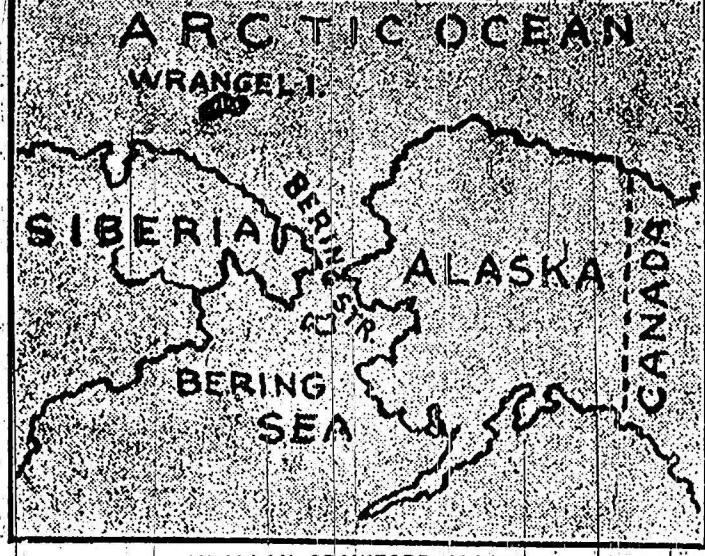
Last December, Adel said, Knight and two other men started for the mainland, but through some mistake landed near Donald Island, and after two weeks returned to Wrangel. Knight was too ill to travel, Crawford, Mair and Nadeau started for Siberia, taking dog feed for seventeen days and very little other provisions. Adel said they, too, took a wrong direction, arriving to the southeast as they passed forever from her vision.

**The Tragedy of Wrangel Island.**

Romance becomes grim tragedy. That is the tale of Wrangel Island. It was only the other day that Mr. Stevenson was spending confidently of the splendid adventure of the future who, in the midst of inconceivable luchness, were holding that desolate but valuable island for the British Empire and of their chief by the expedition which he had dispatched from London. "The returning party," he said, "will have a story to tell that will rank with the most romantic in Arctic history." The only returning party is the relief party itself, and the story it tells is one of the most pitiful in Arctic history—that all four of the adventurers are dead.

It was two years ago this month that Crawford, Gales, Knight and Maurice landed in Wrangel Island. In all that time no word came from them nor was sent to them. None could be sent in either direction. They were completely cut off from the world as though they had been on Mars. They had food supplies for only one year. But they had plenty of ammunition, and game is supposed to be plentiful on Wrangel Island. Two of them, Knight and Maurice, were veteran Arctic explorers, who knew how to care for themselves in the icy wilderness. There was, therefore, ground for expectation that they would be found alive and well.

We may hope to learn from the Eskimo woman, who alone was found



Stefansson, the Canadian explorer, is being supported in his belief by British explorers that Allan Crawford and his companions may be on the coast of Siberia, perhaps detained by the Soviets. The map shows Wrangel Island, where Crawford raised the British flag, in its relation to the mainland, for which the three men started. The distance between the two is 110 miles.

cannot be handled efficiently.

The X-1 in submersible trim is of 3,600 tons, which is much in excess of the U-142, the biggest German submarine constructed during the war. It is now well known that the most efficient German submarine commanders preferred the smaller underwater craft as being more manageable. It was said to be difficult to gauge how far the large submarine would dive and impossible for the commander to have the whole vessel under his survey, as he could in a smaller craft.

The fate of the Japanese submarine and the trouble which it is understood has been experienced with some of the larger American submarines has made speculation more keen as to how the X-1 will act in the trials. These trials, like the launching of the big submarine at Chatham, June 16, will be conducted with the greatest possible secrecy. In naval quarters here to-day it is impossible even to ascertain approximately the time when the X-1 will go through her paces. If she comes up to the highest expectations it is likely she will be the forerunner of two other similar craft in the near future.

Chief of Greek People

Premier Col. Gonatas, whose reply to Premier Mussolini in reference to demands of Italy for reparations and apologies over the murder of the Italian Mission in Athens, includes acceptance of four of the seven articles.

The other three are infringements of Greek sovereignty, he declares.

Natural Resources Bulletin

The Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of Interior at Ottawa says:

Northern Ontario is a sealed book to many of the Ontario people, especially those of middle age who attended school before the northern portion of the province came into prominence.

It would well repay anyone to closely study a map of northern or newer Ontario, as developments are taking place at a very rapid rate. Mining and pulp and paper making are outstanding industries of the province, and practically all of the former and the greater portion of the latter are located in newer Ontario. Proceeding this development is the production of hydro-electric power; new plants are constantly being put into operation, and the demand for power is almost insatiable. There is already developed or in course of development 100,000 horse-power for the mining industry only. On the 14th instant the first power from the new plant of the Great Northern Power Co. at Indian Chutes, on the Montreal river, was delivered to Porcupine, 2,000 horsepower being provided with an additional 4,000 to be produced at a later date.

Tchitcherin's note to Great Britain said Wrangel Island had been incorporated into Russia's territory in 1821-24, that Russia had built light-houses and other works there, and in 1915 formally notified all allied and neutral Governments that the island was an integral part of Russian territory. The note added that the Soviet Government regarded the raising of the British flag there as a violation of Russian sovereign rights.

### Aero Photography Urged to Appraise French Land.

The French Committee of Aeronautics has just brought before legislators an appeal for the use of aerial photography in completing the register of area and valuation of land of France. If they continue to use the present method of surveying it will require 400 years to complete the register and the cost will be at least 5,000,000 francs.

The technical service for register of lands, created by a law of 1888, has completed only 101 communes in twenty-five years. By the aid of aerial photography it is estimated that the register of lands can be completed in forty years at a cost of 500,000 francs. With the use of a single aeroplane, equipped with specific apparatus, and the co-operation of operators in a photogapher's laboratory the register of sixty communes could be taken in a single year.

**BRITAIN'S NEW SUB-OBJECT OF INTEREST**

Neutral Authorities Await Secret Trial of Huge Submersible X-1, of 3,600 Tons.

A despatch from London says:

Because of the recent disaster of Japan's super-submarine, 77, naval authorities are awaiting the trial of G-6, Britain's giant mys-

terious submersible X-1, with greatly increased interest. There is a school of opinion here which inclines to the belief that beyond a certain size it is likely to be found that big submarines

could be taken in a single year.

**Dr. Gustav Stresemann**

Chancellor of Germany, under whose lead Germany is apparently relenting in her former attitude toward the French occupation, and may eventually take up the responsibility of meeting her debts.

**Canada from Coast to Coast**

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Montreal, Que.—The eagerness with

which Britshers are taking advantage of the opportunity to come to Canada to help garnish Canada's bumper crop, is shown by a despatch from London, Eng., which states that it was necessary to employ a large number of police to quell the mad scramble of prospective harvester to get aboard the last ship which left England. In view of the fact that a large number were unable to secure berths, another batch of harvesters will be sent to Canada on the next ship, which will arrive here in time to enable the Britshers to proceed West and help in the harvest.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—The second furnace has been blown in at the British American Smelter here. A third furnace is on the ground but has not yet been erected. Approximately 1,000 tons of ore is being treated daily at 4,700 pounds, valued at \$124,844.

Vernon, B.C.—Several Indian Army officers have this summer taken up residence in the Okanagan and are doing very well. In addition several Canadian veterans have come into the district under the aegis of the Soldier Settlement Board. They are of fine type and will eventually settle and themselves.

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