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FEARED LOSS IN THE BRISTOL CHANNEL.

Information has been received to the effect that the British steamer **REDLINE** No. 1, foundered in the Bristol Channel at 11 p.m. on Wednesday, and that it is feared the chief officer is the only survivor. He was picked up by the steamer **Theresa** and landed at Swansea. The **REDLINE** No. 1 is described as an oil tank steamer of 272 tons, built by Messrs. Brown and Wolf at Glasgow last year, and owned by the British Mexican Petroleum Company. She is understood to have been insured for £15,000. According to reports received after business hours, the vessel was lost 15 miles west by south of

13 LIVES LOST AT SEA.

SURVIVORS' ADVENTURE.

The British oil tanker **Redline**, No. 1, foundered in the Bristol Channel shortly before midnight on Wednesday, the only survivor of the crew of nine being the chief officer, and the Aberdeen trawler **Ulster** was wrecked on the Kincardineshire Coast yesterday with the loss of five of her complement of eight.

Chief Officer Darragh, the sole survivor of the **Redline**, who belongs to Giggleswick, was landed at Swansea yesterday. He stated that his vessel was in a perilous condition off Troys Head, when the Swansea trader **Theresa** came up and stood about 100 yards off unable in the raging sea to launch a boat. The **Redline** began to turn turtle, and the captain shouted, "Abandon ship; every man for himself." The crew dived into the sea, but Mr. Darragh was the only one who succeeded in reaching the **Theresa**. The **Redline** was a vessel of about 300 tons and the crew hailed from the Glasgow district. She belonged to the Mexican Petroleum Company.

The trawler **Ulster** ran ashore on the rocks between the Kincardineshire villages of Cove and Partlethen, about five miles south of Aberdeen, during misty weather early yesterday morning. She was on her way to Granton for coal with a crew of eight belonging to Aberdeen. The skipper, mate, chief engineer, second engineer, and a fireman were lost. At daybreak two drenched and battered seamen, barefooted, bleeding, and their clothes in tatters, appeared at the door of a farm and told how they had scrambled over the rocks and had had to leave the only other survivor, an old man, Charles Robertson, at the foot of a steep cliff over 60ft. high in such a state that he was unable to climb it. Mr. Lee, station officer at Cove coastguard station, set out with another man for the scene and at the foot of the cliff with an almost straight fall of 60ft., they found Robertson crawling on a rock about ten yards from where the **Ulster** had struck. The rock had been left high and dry by the tide, but the old seaman was unable to make the ascent.

A life-line was thrown to him, and Robertson girded it about his body and scrambled along a short distance on the rock until he reached a position from which he could be pulled to the top. Alexander Craig, one of the survivors, followed the rescuers and assisted them to haul the old man up. Robertson was in a state of exhaustion. His son was lost. The men who were drowned attempted to reach the shore off the stern end of the trawler, but were caught in the surf and washed out to sea. The three who escaped made over the bow of the vessel, and scrambled over boulders to the foot of the cliff, which two managed to scale.

The drowned are:—
Alexander Robertson, skipper, Aberdeen, unmarried; Charles Robertson, mate, Torry, single; Robert Reynold, chief engineer, Torry, married; George Arnott, second engineer, Aberdeen, married; James Hall, fireman, Aberdeen, single.

The skipper, Robertson, was awarded the D.S.M. for his war services in the Dardanelles, where he was one of a crew successful in sinking an enemy submarine.

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