

SUNK WITH ALL ON BOARD.

The Steamer Drummond Castle Gone Down Off Brittany.

LONDON, June 17.—A dispatch received here to-day reports that the British steamer Drummond Castle, which sailed from Table Bay May 28 for this port with 350 persons on board, has been sunk near Ushant, the most western of the islands off the coast of Brittany, France. Two of the ship's company have been picked up by a fishing vessel.

The Drummond Castle was a brig-rigged, iron-screw steamer of 2,352 tons' register. She was 365 feet long, 43.5 feet beam, and 31.3 feet depth of hold. She was built at Glasgow in 1881, and was owned by D. Currie & Co. of London.

Lloyds have received the following telegram from Ushant:

The Drummond Castle is supposed to have struck the rocks. One man only (Marquardt) was saved here. The vessel completely disappeared. The ship's boat was launched.

The Castle Line Steamship Company has issued the following bulletin received from the lighthouse keeper at Ushant:

The steamer Drummond Castle was wrecked at midnight on June 16. A survivor of the disaster, named Merwerk, is at Ushant, and two others are at Ile de Molen. Six bodies have been recovered, including that of Officer Gill. The bodies have been placed in a special house. The ship sank in three minutes.

Later dispatches received from Ushant say that the Drummond Castle was sunk by collision with another steamer. This information strengthens the hope that some of those on board the Drummond Castle were picked up by the other steamer or got away in their own boats.

A representative of the Castle Line stated this afternoon that the Drummond Castle's passenger list contained 143 names, and that she carried a crew of 104 men.

The United Press correspondent at Brest telegraphed at 10 o'clock this evening that no positive knowledge had been obtained up to that hour regarding the fate of the missing passengers and crew of the sunken steamer, except that, as before reported, one survivor was at Ushant and two others were at Ile de Molen, and that six bodies had been recovered. The correspondent also stated that a search is being made by steamers in the vicinity of the scene of the disaster, in the hope of rescuing other survivors.

Incoming vessels which have arrived at Plymouth report that upon entering the Channel last night they encountered rainy weather and a rough sea, with some wind blowing.

The Castle Steamship Company at midnight had received no further news regarding the sinking of the Drummond Castle. The first announcement of the disaster was made in a dispatch to the Maritime Prefect of Brest from Le Conquet, a fishing village on the mainland.

The Daily News prints the names of some of the passengers on the Drummond Castle, including a number of residents of Johannesburg, Kimberley, and Cape Town, who were accompanied by their wives and children.

The News also publishes a report of an interview had with Sir Donald Currie, M. P., Chairman of the Castle Steamship Company, in which Sir Donald declared that he had not the slightest idea as to the cause of the disaster. Ushant, he said, was a terrible place, the current in the vicinity of the island being very strong and running irregularly. Capt. Pearce, Sir Donald added, had been thirty-three years in the company's service, and was considered a first-rate man.

The following dispatch was received this evening, by the Castle Steamship Company from the British Consul at Brest:

The Drummond Castle struck the rocks west of Ile de Molene at midnight on the 16th, and sank immediately. There was not time to take out the boats. Present information is that one person was saved at Ushant, and two other survivors are at Ile de Molene. Their names are not given. A Government tug is carrying on a search.

A dispatch from Brest says residents of Ile de Molene state that at midnight on June 16 they heard the piercing cries of persons on board the ill-fated steamer, but that the suddenness of the disaster prevented any aid being rendered.