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FRENCH LINER RESCUES 24 IN ATLANTIC

Liberian

The/freighter Greenville was sinking 700-

miles west of Ireland, 26 men on board. First to answer the

S.O.S. was the French Liner Ile de France. From her deck

were taken these ^{new enlarges of} pictures ~~by~~ (a home movie camera) ~~and now~~

~~enlarged~~ to make us all spectators of the dramatic,

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life and death rescue. The Captain of the Ile de France said

it was the worse storm he had ever known. The First Mate of

the Greenville was crushed to death only a few minutes before

the crew abandoned ship.. Another sailor was drowned while

trying to get from the lifeboat to the liner. He was only

19, a Greek Messboy.

(88) T 96-6-2-1 reached N.Y. &

24 very fortunate survivors, ~~reached New York~~.

On their behalf the Radio Operator said how grateful ^{ly} all were to the liner's

captain and crew, ~~of the Ile de France~~.

CAPT. OF THE ILE DE FRANCE

Well, we just tried to do a fair job and I'm happy we succeeded. But I feel sure if we were on a ship in the same position as the 'Greenville' the 'Greenville' would have done for us what we did for the 'Greenville'.

But I'm happy that it was the reverse, because we were 2,000 people on board the Ile De France, and I don't know what the 'Greenville' could have done for us, so everything were alright as they were. I am very glad to have on board the crew of the 'Greenville' and they are very, very commendable passengers and I hope they will come with us to England ??? in a few days and be safe again.

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GREENVILLE RADIO OPERATOR

I would like to thank the Captain of the Ile de France, the crews of the rescue boats, the rest of the crew and especially the radio officers for a magnificent job they did, and even more the passengers for their support in our plight. We shall never forget them and we shall always be grateful to ~~them~~ all of them. Captain, thank you very much.

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