

ONE SURVIVOR

The sad sirens of the trawlers mourn for their shipmates of the steam trawler "Norman." The "Thornella," brought back the bodies of the skipper, the chief engineer, and some of their crews. The streets of Hull were silent, for twenty good men had been lost. Only one was saved, Norman Spencer, a boy of 19 on his first voyage to Greenland. Sole survivor, he was taken to Norway and then brought back by mail boat to Newcastle.

Norman Spencer told his story to Pathe:

"After the order to abandon ship, we all dived into the sea. Big waves were rolling along and I was trying to swim. I suppose you could call it swim - to nearest rock. Waves washed me four or five times onto rock and washed me down again. Well it must have been a big wave that came along and washed me right to the top of them. I could hear the ships blowing around, but I couldn't see any of them, because it was thick fog. Well, I prayed that fog would lift - it did."

J. Parsons: "What are your plans now? Do you think you'll give up the sea?"

"No, I don't think so. I don't think I'll go back to Greenland - not yet, not till they get it properly charted."

But the trawlers still go out - out to the cruel sea.