

BLAST FIRES SEALER; 20 KNOWN DEAD

Viking Wrecked in New Foundland Ice Floes — Some Marooned.

TUGS RUSHED TO RESCUE OTHERS

**Accident Occurred Off
Horse Island, White
Bay, N. F., Only Meagre
Reports as Yet.**

NEW YORK, Mar. 16 (AP) — Bowring Bros. Ltd., owners of the sealer Viking, received word today the ship exploded off Horse Island, White Bay, N. F., killing 20 persons.

The message said:

"Regret to report an explosion occurred off the Viking at 6 o'clock last night, eight miles east of Horse Island, White Bay. Men coming aboard report about twenty dead. All crew not landed yet. Steamer with doctors and nurses etc., due tomorrow to give assistance. Little information at present available. Will keep you advised."

The message came from the St. John's N. F., office of Bowring Bros. there.

SURVIVORS ON ICE FLOES

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Mar. 16 (AP) — The

senior Viking was reported wrecked today in the New Foundland ice floes, by members of the crew that arrived at Horse Island, wireless reports reaching here set forth. The survivors were reported to have said members of the company of 151 aboard were lying on the ice floes with the sealer broken up.

Sir Richard Squires, prime minister of New Foundland, read to the house assembly this message from Horse Island:

"Portion crew Viking arrived, reporting men lying on ice floes, broken up."

The sealing ship Viking, owned by the Bowring Brothers Ltd. of St. John's, had been reported in the Ice near Horse Island. The message today said that men were seen endeavoring to reach shore and that wreckage also was seen from the shore.

Tug Sent to Scene.

The Newfoundland government immediately ordered the wrecking tug Foundation Franklin to the scene.

About 140 persons were reported aboard the Viking, which was in command of Captain A. Keane. Various reports, a widely known film director said, were of the Viking making motions toward the shore.

The sea in the vicinity of the island has been badly jammed with ice and the Viking had been reported in the midst of these jams.

The message said the burning wreckage of a ship could be seen from shore with men on the ice.

Explosion Causes Fire.

From White bay where the sea

The veteran sealing ship Viking was the only vessel known to be in the neighborhood.

HINDU WOMEN FIGHT; OTHERS "UP IN ARMS"

MADRAS, India, Mar. 16 (AP)—Feminine India is literally up in arms against Kamala Bai and Sita Bai, who face social ostracism and disgrace because they engaged in a six-month

Entire Family Of Six Shot to Death

SIDNEY, N. S. W., March 16 (AP)—Police today discovered an entire family of six wiped out at the lonely homestead of Denman, 90 miles from Newcastle.

Wheat Today

late today, despite 1,836,000 bushels increase of the visible supply. Price upturns were in the face of unofficial estimates that United States government-sponsored agencies had

disposed of but 460,000 bushels of wheat abroad since Feb. 21, when an export campaign was begun. The United States wheat visible supply was 46,153,000 bushels in excess of the total a year ago.

Wheat closed firm, unchanged to $\frac{1}{2}$ cents higher, corn $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ advanced, oats unchanged to $\frac{1}{2}$ cent up and provisions unchanged to a rise of 20 cents.