

THE MISSING LLEWELLYN.

WRECKAGE FOUND NEAR YEPPON.

SHIP'S HATCH, RUDDER, AND SEATS.

SEARCH BEING CONTINUED.

ROCKHAMPTON, July 27.

At 5.45 this evening Police Inspector Quinn received a telephone message from Constable O'Toole, of Yeppoon, stating that while patrolling the foreshore to the north of Yeppoon for traces of the missing Llewellyn this morning he found some wreckage, which included a ship's hatch, 3ft. by 2ft., covered with double canvas, the top section of which was new, a wooden rudder, minus the handle, four wooden seats, 4ft. by 2ft., and a kapok pillow, which appeared to have been in the water for a week. The beach at this spot is said to be very rough. The tide was setting in a westerly direction. To the south is Keppel Island, 10 miles distant. Inspector Quinn has instructed Constable O'Toole to charter, on behalf of the Government, a motor launch owned by a man named Barton at Yeppoon, and to leave at daylight, with the object of making a further and thorough search in this vicinity, and also to keep a sharp lookout for the steamer Relief, which will leave the first thing in the morning to make a search in the vicinity for wreckage. Double Head is a bold headland about six miles south of Yeppoon. The finding of the wreckage seems to indicate that the Llewellyn has broken up.

The Government steamer Relief arrived here last night, after having made a thorough search for the Llewellyn between the outer passage from Mackay to Sea Hill. Captain Robinson, who is in charge, stated that he was unsuccessful in finding any traces of the missing steamer. It had been arranged for the Relief to search the outer passage, and the Excelsior the inner passage, as far as Bowen, but the discovery of the wreckage alters this arrangement.

It transpires that when the Llewellyn was loading here she took sufficient coal to carry her to Bowen and back, this being on account of coal being cheaper here than in Bowen.

The following are particulars of the passengers and crew of the Llewellyn:

W. J. Bradford, shipping accountant, of Walter Reid and Co., married, no family.

Miss Rene Gordon, aged 20, supposed to be a native of Proserpine. She had been a probationer in the Rockhampton Hospital for a year.

Captain L. K. Holloway, married, two young sons. He is harbour-master at Rockhampton.

A. Dunwall, mate, married, with two daughters, both married.

R. Henderson, first engineer, married, with four young children.

T. Ingham, second engineer, late chief engineer of the Palmer, son of the late Mr. T. Ingham (formerly chemist of Rockhampton), who was one of the survivors of the ill-fated Maria.

Robert Wilson, leading seaman, widower, with two daughters.

Richard Mann, seaman, with a very large family, mostly grown-up.

L. Georgeson, extra deck hand, married, but no family.

John Beaton, married, with three grown-up sons.

W. Harwood, fireman, single.

H. Smith, fireman, single, formerly relieving light housekeeper at North Reef Lighthouse.

W. Oswald, fireman, single.

William Yarwood, cook, married.

All the members of the crew resided in Rockhampton. W. McLeod, who is a permanent fireman on the Llewellyn, was unable to make the trip owing to an attack of influenza. McLeod, some years ago, went to Geelong to join the Lochmarie, but when he saw that vessel he would not sign on. In her next voyage she was lost at sea, with all hands.

TOWNSVILLE, July 27.

The Government steamer Otter arrived at Townsville at 4 a.m. yesterday. She was delayed for 16 hours owing to stressful weather, and sheltered under Keppel Island. The vessel sailed last evening for Bowen, and will search for the Llewellyn en route.

No information about the missing Government steamer Llewellyn has been received at the Treasury Department. Mr. Theodore has given instructions for the efforts at discovery to be increased. The Government steamer Excelsior left Maryborough on Saturday to join in the search.

The Home Secretary has received a telegram from the captain of the Government steamer Otter stating that the vessel arrived at Townsville at 4 a.m. on Saturday, and that during the voyage up she sheltered for 16 hours under Keppel Island. He was instructed by wire to leave Townsville on Saturday if possible, and proceed in search of the missing steamer Llewellyn, south from Bowen.

Captain W. Robinson, master of the coastal steamer Flinders, which arrived at Brisbane from Cairns via ports on Saturday night, reports having experienced strong south-east winds and a heavy easterly roll from Cairns to Sandy Cape. Between that point and Brisbane the weather was fairly good.