Liner, With 2,000 Passengers, Hits Iceberg And Drifts Helplessly at Sea Seven Hours

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—The transatlantic liner Princess Matoika, with 2,000 passengers from Genoa and Naples, struck an iceberg or a submerged wreck off Cape Race, Newfoundland, on Thursday night, and was rendered helpless by damage to the steering gear, but after drifting for seven hours was brought under control. Radiograms containing these advices were received today at this port. The Princess Matoika had been previously ordered diverted here for anti-typhus examination.

The radiogram said that the steamer, which is operated by the United States Mail Steamship Company, should reach Quarantine Monday morning. The message contained no details of the accident, which apparently caused little damage to her hull since she was able to proceed without assistance. Ice had been reported present both in fields and in bergs in the waters off Cape Race, and it was believed here that the Princess Matoika had struck a pan of the growler type.

The steamer, with her large number of immigrant passengers, was fifteen days out from Genoa when the accident occurred. The manner in which those aboard received the accident was not stated.

The steamship Princess Matoika, reported to have struck an iceberg or a submerged wreck off the Newfoundland coast on Thursday night, suffered no damage, said a radio message from the Captain of the ship received here today by the United States Mail Steamship Company. The message added that the vessel had "struck something," but was not in danger.

The Princess Matoika was formerly the German liner Princess Alice.

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