

HERRING DRIFTER SUNK IN THE NORTH SEA.

The area of the mine field, so dangerous to mercantile shipping and the fleet of fishing craft now engaged in the herring fishery, must not be indicated, the official order being that, "in the case of the sinking of trading vessels or trawlers by enemy mines, no position, bearings, or distances shall be given."

News of a sixth shipping disaster, due to the presence of mines in the North Sea, and reported in the Tyne, was brought to the North Shields Fish Market yesterday, the number of victims being raised to the total of 25. When the Lowestoft drifter Hastings Castle arrived from the fishing grounds, the master reported that he had been "spoken to" the previous night by the Hull trawler St. Clair, which had on board four survivors of the crew of the Buckie steam herring drifter Barley Rig. That vessel, it was stated, had been destroyed by a mine during the day, five lives having been lost. The

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Appended is a list of the vessels destroyed the number of lives lost, etc. :—

Skule Forgeti, Iceland trawler—four lives lost; 13 men saved (two injured and in hospital).

Gottfried, Norwegian steamer—eight lost; four saved (two slightly injured).

T. W. Irvin, Shields trawler, and Crathie, Aberdeen trawler—five lost; 19 saved (eight injured and in hospital).

Gæa, Danish schooner—three lost; four saved. (This ship was described by the Press Bureau as Ena.)

Barley Rig, Scotch drifter five lost; four saved.

The following is a list of those killed or drowned in the destruction of the T. W. Irvin and Crathie:

Henry W. Milward, deckhand, 5, Tennyson Terrace, North Shields.

Robert H. Sadler, trimmer, 18, Wellington Place, South Shields.

George C. Norris, 15, Hudson Street, North Shields.

Francis G. Dunbar, deckhand, Aberdeen.

Thomas Noble, trimmer, Aberdeen.

The three Shields men were married, and Sadler leaves one child.