

ONLY NINETEEN PEOPLE SURVIVED

On the Steamer Larchmont
When She Sank.

Joy Liner, on Way From Providence to New York, Collided

She Went Down in Ten Minutes—Temperature Below Zero—Many Frozen to Death.

Block Island, R. I., Feb. 12.—Only out of an estimated total of from 1 to 200 persons survived the sinking the Joy line steamer Larchmont last night, according to an estimate made 3 p. m. today. Of those saved, eight

men, and the rest were members of the crew, including Capt. McVey. The Larchmont, which was bound from Providence to New York, went down after colliding with the schooner Harriet Knowlton. The survivors reached the

Block Island, R. I., Feb. 12.—The steamer Larchmont of the Joy line with many passengers on board bound from Boston for New York sank off the northwest side of Block

Harry Knowlton. The passengers and crew from the steamer took to the boats, but it is feared that some may have lost their lives either by being drowned or freezing, as the temperature was below zero. The schooner

The cause of the collision is not known. The night was clear.

tensely cold throughout the night. When the first boats came ashore from the steamer it was found that some of their occupants were dead. In the first confusion it was not known whether they had been pulled from the water after having been drowned.

South Amboy for Boston. She lies on a sandy bottom, but is full of water and it is not known whether she can be floated.

THE LARCHMONT.

The Larchmont left Providence last

The Larchmont registered 1,695 tons gross. She was 253 feet in length, 33 feet breadth and 14 feet in depth.

The Harry Knowlton registered 2 tons net. She was 128 feet in length, 33 feet in breadth and 11 feet depth.

Capl. McVey said he could not estimate the exact loss of life at the time. His steamer left Providence last

list which had been handed to him just before he left Providence. The captain's estimate of the number of the on board agrees, however, with the estimate made by the Joy line official at Providence, who said that the Larcumont carried about 150 passengers and

The northwest gale continued, with zero temperature, throughout the forenoon.

of the accident being cared for upon the island.

NO DEFINITE INFORMATION.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 12.—The principal Joy line office in this city at o'clock today was without definite in-

The officials here stated that the only knowledge of the disaster was a telegram sent by Capt. McVey to his wife stating that he was safe. The telegram made no mention of loss of life among the passengers or crew, but a private message received here from Block Island stated that 4 bodies had

The Larchmont was a side wheel steamer with three decks and a large freight capacity. Captain McVey had

make a full report of the disaster to the New York office of the steamship company.

ESTIMATE OF DEAD.

Block Island, R. I., Feb. 12.—Capt. Mitchell of the North End life saving

15 and 2 bodies have already come ashore from the steamer. Up to 10 o'clock several boats had landed and others were making slow progress from the wreck.

FROM CAPT. McVEY.

phone from Block Island early this afternoon. He said the Larchmont sank within 10 minutes after the collision. After cruising about in a small boat from 11 p. m. to 8 a. m. today he landed on Block Island. Close b
