

# PATHFINDER SUNK BY GERMAN MINE.

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FEARED LOSS OF 200 OF CREW  
OF BRITISH CRUISER.

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FATE OF OFFICERS.

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DISASTER TO WILSON LINER:  
EXCITING RESCUES.

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Disaster, due to German mines, has overtaken the British light cruiser Pathfinder, and the Wilson liner Runo, in the North Sea. Both vessels sank, and it is feared that the loss of life in the case of the Pathfinder is heavy. It is also officially announced that German warships have sunk fifteen British trawlers, the crews being made prisoners.

The sinking of the Pathfinder was announced by the Press Bureau on Saturday, and the casualties among the officers were officially communicated late last night. The communications were as follows:—

The Secretary of the Admiralty communicates the following message for publication:—

H.M.S. Pathfinder, Captain Francis Martin Leake, struck a mine to-day at 4.30 p.m., about twenty miles off the East Coast, and foundered very rapidly. The loss of life has probably been heavy.

The Pathfinder was a light cruiser of 2,940 tons and 25 knots speed, armed with nine 4in. guns. She was built in 1904.

[As the Pathfinder's complement was 268, the loss of life appears to have been about 200.]

The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce that the following casualties among officers have been reported as a result of the loss of H.M.S. Pathfinder :—

**DEAD.**

Paymaster Sydney W. Finch.

**MISSING.**

Lieutenant-Commander Ernest T. Favell.

Lieutenant Gerald Leather.

Lieutenant Eccles J. Carter.

Engineer Lieutenant-Commander Thomas A. Venning.

Gunner Henry E. Morrison.

Gunner (T) Eli F. Bright.

Signal Boatswain Philip H. Ford.

Artificer Engineer James McKay.

**SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.**

Staff Surgeon Thomas A. Smyth.

**WOUNDED.**

Captain Francis H. Leake.

A message received from Edinburgh last night says :—It was learned to-night that ninety of the crew of the Pathfinder were taken from the water by destroyers and removed to Rosyth and other hospitals in the upper area of the Firth of Forth. Captain Leake is among the saved, besides eight other officers.

Destroyers have been searching all day for bodies off St. Abb's Head, but no more have been found.

It is believed that the mine must have exploded near the vessel's magazine. The occurrence was witnessed by coastguards and the crew of a trawler, and in response to a summons from the coastguard a motor lifeboat, a motor herring boat and six drifters proceeded promptly to give assistance.

Among the wreckage which was picked up was a handsome easy chair and a tunic bearing a long service medal.

## WILSON LINER DISASTER.

The loss of the Wilson liner Runo was announced in the following statement issued by the Press Bureau yesterday:—

The Admiralty announces that the Wilson liner Runo was sunk by a mine at 4.35 yesterday about twenty-five miles off the East Coast.

All the crew and passengers were saved except about twenty Russian emigrants.

The Runo was of 1,654 tons and 12-knot speed. She was built in 1902.

The vessel left Hull on Saturday for Archangel.

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