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BIRCHGROVE PARK. — Sydney, Aug. 2.

—Steamer Birchgrove Park, owned by R. W. Miller & Co., Pty., Ltd., on voyage from Newcastle, N.S.W., to Sydney with a full cargo of coal, sank off Sydney to-day in heavy weather. Four survivors, one body recovered, nine missing, believed drowned.

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—Royal Navy submarine Thorough to-day picked up one survivor in the biggest sea and air search ever staged off Australia. The search started when the steamer Birchgrove Park disappeared six miles north of Sydney Heads this morning. The duty officer at South Head Signal Station, Mr. W. Gosling, sighted the vessel at 2 45 a.m. and commenced to flash berthing instructions. He was interrupted by unusually fast signals from the ship's morse lamp. He said they were mostly unintelligible, but he managed to pick up two words which he thought read "stowage" and "sinking." He said: "In 10 seconds the lights of the vessel had gone and there was just the black sea and black sky. The signals were so fast they were obviously sent in a panic." The Birchgrove Park had earlier reported battling through a gale and heavy seas. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

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—Later reports state that eight bodies have been recovered from the steamer Birchgrove Park, which was on her way from Newcastle, N.S.W., to Sydney with 500 tons of coal. So far there are four known survivors from the crew of 14. One man died in a lifeboat. One of the survivors stated that the vessel took on a pronounced list during the stormy night and became impossible to control. The master, Captain Lynch, is reported to be among the dead. — Reuter.

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