

## LINER BREAKS IN TWO.

### Shrieks of Fouled Siren Send Lifeboats on Vain Quest.

All hope of salving the Ellerman Hall liner City of Westminster, which went ashore on the Runnelstone in Mounts Bay during a fog, has now gone, the vessel having broken in two.

The after portion is stated to be gradually disappearing. During the night the continuous sounding of a siren in the fog gave rise to a report that another steamer had struck the rocks.

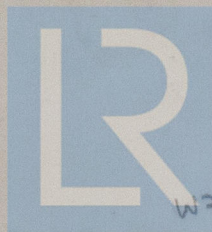
Penlee and Sennen lifeboats were launched and spent hours searching the vicinity before it was found that the screeching was merely the death-knell of the City of Westminster.

Something must have fouled the lever working the siren, and it blew until the steam was exhausted.

The French steamer Depute Maurice Bernard, from Havre for Barry, stranded yesterday on Breaksea Point, Bristol Channel. Seas are reported to be breaking over her, and lifesaving apparatus was sent to her assistance.

After being in collision with another vessel at Hull yesterday the steamer Vital, laden with timber from Danzig, was beached to save her from sinking.

It is reported that 42 persons, including women and children, lost their lives in the sinking of the steamer Normandie between Caen and Havre.



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