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Quebec July 29: The CPR steamer Montrose which arrived here tonight, did not show much outward evidence of her encounter with an iceberg 60 miles east of Cape Race on Friday last, the 23rd instant, although many of her plates were torn away down to the water edge. This accident happened at 11:30 in the morning during a dense fog and at the time the steamer was proceeding dead slow when her port bow struck the berg a slanting blow. The iceberg which was aground in about 89 fathoms of water, was about 180 feet over water, towering above the steamer. Capt. Griffiths whistled to get out all the boats and they were all lowered within 3 minutes. For a few seconds there was a little excitement among the passengers but there was no panic. Capt. Griffiths denies the story sent from St. John's, Nfld., that the British cruiser Brilliant was near at hand and assisted the Montrose. He says he did not see the cruiser which was about 60 miles off. As a matter of fact, just before the collision the Marconi operator on board the cruiser, caught the operator on board the Montrose and inquired about the matter. The latter replied that the Montrose had just struck an iceberg. Nobody was hurt, with the exception of a fireman who fell out of his bunk and hurt his head, and there was no damage to the cargo. Capt. Walsh, marine superintendent, of the CPR, and Capt. Griffiths both state that very little damage was caused to the steamer. The Montrose will land her passengers at daylight tomorrow morning and leave for Montreal.

[further down page under "Notes"]: 13 icebergs off Cape Race yesterday [29th]

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[also] Steamer Montrose (Br.) 3968 [normally gross registered tonnes], Griffiths, London & Antwerp, King Edward Pier. CPR. Atlantic Line