

THE TITANIC DISASTER

White Star Liner
Went Down One
Year Ago To-day

Collided With Iceberg and Went to
Bottom--Sixteen Hundred Lives
Lost

New York, April 15--One year ago today, in the cold, gray dawn of the morning of April 15, the White Star liner Titanic, the largest vessel in the world, foundered in mid-ocean, after striking an iceberg. More than fifteen hundred lives were lost in the disaster, which was the greatest of its kind in the world's history.

The Titanic was bound for New York when she met her fate and a large number of New Yorkers were among the victims of the disaster. The memory of these victims was honored today in impressive memorial services held in various churches in this city. One of the most interesting of these services was held in the lower East Side in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Straus, whose deeds of charity and philanthropy, as well as the heroism of their deaths, will ever live in the memories of residents of that section of the city.

The Titanic sailed from Southampton on April 10, on her maiden trip to New York, in command of Capt. E. J. Smith, with a crew of 860 men and 1,324 passengers. She had been hailed far and wide as the "unsinkable ship" with watertight compartments which would stand her in good stead in any emergency.

On the night of Sunday, April 14, in latitude 41.16 north and longitude 50.14 west, the great liner, steaming along under a star-decked sky, struck the submerged spur of an iceberg, which ripped a seam in her side below the water line.

There were no fears among the passengers at first that the Titanic would not survive her injuries, but as the water streamed into the hold, filling the compartments, Capt. Smith and his crew realized the worst and manned the life-boats. Men lifted their wives into small boats and sent them adrift on a sea of ice, remaining on deck awaiting the sinking of the ship. All told 704 persons got off in the boats, which it was later determined had a sufficient capacity to have accommodated 1,176. These were rescued by the steamship Carpathia. The Titanic went down early in the morning of April 15.

Tales told by the rescued of the heroism of many who went to death are still fresh in the minds of men. But none was more splendid than the act of the ship's musicians as the "unsinkable ship" was sinking, in giving solace to the dying by playing "Nearer, My God, To Thee."

As the result of a senatorial investigation into the accident, blame was placed on Capt. Smith for failing to heed warnings that icebergs lay ahead, and the British Board of Trade was censured for lax regulations and improper inspection.

Among the more prominent men who were lost with the ship were Col. John Jacob Astor, Isidor Straus, Major Archibald Butt, personal aide to President Taft; F. D. Millet, artist; Jacques Futrell, novelist; G. B. Widener of Philadelphia, Henry B. Harris, theatrical manager, and William T. Stead, the famous journalist.

DISTURBANCE AT RESTAURANT

A well known local man was arrested on the charge of drunkenness last night after he had refused to pay for food obtained at W. A. Lindsay's restaurant, King Street, and being roughly handled by the proprietor in consequence. He was sent to jail for twenty days this morning by the police magistrate and intimated that he would proceed against Mr. Lindsay for assault. The proprietor of the restaurant was informed by the court that he would have to take civil action to recover the ninety cents owed by the man. Another man reported to the chief of police last evening that he also had been roughly used in Lindsay's restaurant under similar circumstances earlier in the evening.

Mr. C. Fred Chestnut is confined to his home by an attack of la grippe.

BORDEN'S GAG RESOLUTION DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE

A Strong Speech by Hon. Frank Oliver--
"You Cannot Have a Gag Parliament
and a Free People" He Says--Point of
Order Raised by A. K. McLean Was
Ruled Out by the Speaker--Hazen
Denies That He Sought Police Protec-
tion

Ottawa, April 14--The government's proposal for closure and the insult to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Thursday last when the floor was taken from him by a vote of the majority, led by Premier Borden, and when Premier Borden himself shouted across the floor to Sir Wilfrid: "Sit down, sit down," were the chief topics debated in parliament today.

"There has been no obstruction against legislation," said Hon. Frank Oliver, in resuming the debate this afternoon. "The defence of obstruction has been employed against coercion." The government proposed to change a free parliament into a dictatorship and to substitute for discussion mere assent.

"Parliament is the clearing house for the thought of the people of Canada," he declared. "The government would make it a place where the will of the government is to be registered with or without discussion, as it suits the head of that government."

In the present instance the opposition believed that the government was not representing the real wishes of the people. A vote of \$35,000,000 was asked without any real information being given as to what obligations were discharged or what obligations were undertaken. When the Liberals asked for information the government replied with the gag.

The question at issue was the rights of the people to make their will known through their representatives in parliament. "You can't have a gag parliament and a free people."

POINT OF ORDER RULED OUT

"It is possible, though not probable, that Premier Borden's motion for closure may be thrown out. A. K. McLean raised the point of order that the required two days' notice had not been given and the speaker took the point under advisement.

If he rules with the Liberals the fight may be prolonged beyond expectation. However, the Liberals have small hopes, though they believe the point good.

At 1.30 this morning, Speaker Sproule briefly announced that it was clear to him that the MacLean-Pardee amendment was out of order. He said that parliamentary usage within his recollection had been that the "previous question" could be moved without notice.

"Since parliamentary usage had apparently been thrown to the winds by the government in the very resolution now before the house," commented Hon. Mr. Graham, "perhaps it would be well for us now to stick to a literal interpretation of the rules."

The point will probably be raised again tomorrow.

WHO CALLED THE POLICE?

Ottawa, April 14--Just how far members of the government and their supporters were attacked by physical fight after the scenes which marked the Rogers-Borden attempt to gag and insult Sir Wilfrid Laurier in parliament last Wednesday, is an interesting source of amused speculation in the parliamentary corridors. Accordingly there was not a little interest and amusement when Hon. Mr. MacLean, of Halifax, drew attention when the house met this afternoon, to the presence of police in the chamber immediately following the howling down of the Liberal leader.

The presence of the police was reported in the London (Eng.) press. Mr. MacLean pointed out, and in the Montreal Herald and other Canadian newspapers. For this reason he directed attention to it as a matter of privilege. As a matter of fact, he had witnessed the entrance of the police into the chamber. Whatever indiscretions honorable members on either side of the house might be guilty of there was never any necessity for police intervention to maintain peace and order. Such actions, he continued, tended to bring the house unnecessarily into disrepute. There was no reason, whatever why one or more policemen should have made appearance on the floor of the chamber.

Mr. MacLean contended that some explanation was forthcoming from whoever had seen fit to order the presence of the police.

Premier Borden maintained that he had not read the reports nor observed the presence of the police.

"There is absolutely no doubt as to their presence. I saw at least one officer myself," Mr. MacLean replied.

Mr. Borden protested that "no one on this side of the house had anything to do with ordering their presence."

Speaker Sproule said he had given no order for any police to be brought in. It was, however, usual to have an officer take charge of the chamber during the dinner recess. "I certainly made no order for the presence of the police," commented the speaker.

HAZEN DENIES REPORT

Then rose Hon. Mr. Hazen, the minister who first rose to prevent Sir Wilfrid speaking. He saw in some papers of the Liberal press a statement to the effect that he had rushed to the room of the chief whip and demanded protection. "It is hardly necessary to say that these reports do not contain anything of the essential element of truth," commented Mr. Hazen. He added that he was "able to defend myself if there were any necessity."

"Surely honorable gentlemen did not expect me to be defended by a gag resolution."

STEAMER MADE TRIP

The steamer D. J. Purdy made a trip from St. John yesterday as far up the river as Oromocto and is lying there today. She will come to Fredericton tomorrow if the ice permits.

FOR STREAM DRIVING

Representatives of D. Fraser & Sons began to hire men this morning for stream-driving. They will be sent to Cabano, P. Q., to drive near Lake Temiscouata.

DEATH OF CHILD

George Albert infant son of Ald. and Mrs. Enoch Hoben passed away this morning after a short illness aged ten months. Two brothers Douglas and Arthur together with the parents survive. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The service will be conducted by Rev. Neil McLaughlin. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

LATE MRS. FRANK FAIRLEY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Frank Fairley took place this afternoon with service by Rev. J. E. Wilson, assisted by Rev. Neil McLaughlin. The following were pall-bearers: R. Wickett, R. B. Dykeman, Albert Charters, Charles Howie, E. Fraser and Percy A. Gerow. The floral tributes, which were very beautiful, were as follows: star and crescent, from the husband; pillow, from the family; wreath, from Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fairley and family of Campbellton; wreath, from Mrs. George C. Ripley of Eastport, Me.; basket of flowers, from C. D. Young; Mrs. Solomon Young and Mrs. S. E. Barker; crescent, from the Young People's Society of the George Street Baptist Church; wreath, from the employees of the Hartt Boot & Shoe Factory; flat bouquet, from Mr. and Mrs. E. Fraser; flat bouquet, from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Donnell; flat bouquet, from the Star of the East, No. 33, L.O.B.A. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

New York, April 15--The stock market was fairly active and strong today, prospects of easy money having given a stimulus to trading.

Montreal, April 15--Toronto Street Railway suffered a decline today to 14 1/2 which is nearly three points below yesterday's high level.

THE POPE IS IMPROVING

The Danger Point
Said to Have Been
Passed For The
Present

Is Able to Take Nourishment and
His Temperature is Close to
Normal

Rome, April 14--The Pope has rallied in a wonderful manner from the serious attack which he suffered yesterday. He appeared to be on the point of death last night. The physicians' report tonight indicates that the danger point, for the present, at least, has been passed.

Dr. Amici paid a visit to the sick room shortly before midnight. Although the Pope's temperature had increased slightly, he found the general condition satisfactory. He administered a heart stimulant, and shortly the Pope went to sleep. Throughout the day the temperature had increased slightly, he found the general condition satisfactory. He administered a heart stimulant, and shortly the Pope went to sleep. Throughout the day the temperature was normal. The pulse remained at about 85 and the respiration 26. This indicated a considerable amelioration in the bronchial symptoms, which was evidenced by easier breathing and freedom for long periods from cough.

In addition the Pope was able to take some nourishment, and he showed much interest in what was happening about him. When Prof. Marchisava allowed the Pontiff's nephew to enter the room, there was an affecting scene. The frail and aged Pontiff and the young and robust priest embraced tenderly, the latter being unable to restrain his emotion at finding the Pope so changed physically.

Prof. Marchisava tonight repeated his assurances that if prudence were exercised the Pope would recover. He declared that his examination of the chest showed that the inflammation which yesterday was naked on the left side, had been checked and was actually diminishing, while the bronchial sounds were less noticeable.

After his afternoon sleep it was observed that the Pontiff looked very bright and happy. Although he was advised not to talk he insisted on explaining how he had just awakened from a most wonderful dream. He seemed, he said, to have returned to his beloved Venice; that he was in his patriarchal gondola on the Grand Canal. Everything was blazing with sunlight when suddenly above St. Mark's the sky opened and he saw a vision of his dead sister, Rosa, who descending towards him, took his hand saying: "The moment has not yet come for you to join me. Your work is not yet finished."

The sisters of the Pope and his niece are happy in having the Pope's nephew with them, as he is most hopeful for the recovery of the Pontiff and keeps up their spirits. Cardinal Kopp, Archbishop of Breslau, is expected soon to arrive. He has the highest veneration for the Pope, and being deeply affected by the reports of the Pontiff's serious condition, desires, even if he cannot see him, to be near him in Rome.

The bulletin issued tonight by Prof. Marchisava and Dr. Amici regarding the Pope's condition read as follows:

"His Holiness passed the day with out fever. His temperature tonight is nearly 99. Amelioration in the bronchial symptoms continued."

(Sgd.) MARCHISAVA,
AMICI.

REMAINED TILL TUESDAY

Joel S. Scott appeared before the police court this morning on the charge of having carnal knowledge of a girl under fourteen years of age. He was not represented by counsel and at his own request was remanded till tomorrow at 2 p. m. to give him an opportunity to secure counsel. The parents of the girl are complainants in the case. A report was current this morning that Scott had given evidence of being of unsound mind, but this is not credited by the authorities.

INTERESTING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRADE

Many Matters of Importance Discussed--
Fund for Stock Subscription to New
Industries is Proposed--Mr. R. W.
McLellan Tells Board That Such is
Necessary to Make Publicity Campaign
Effective--Good Roads Committee Ap-
pointed--Other Business

Publicity matters occupied considerable attention at the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trade last night. The proposition was advanced by Mr. R. W. McLellan that to properly continue the work of the Publicity Committee a fund of \$25,000 or more which could be used for the purpose of subscribing stock to any bona fide industry which might locate in Fredericton should be established by the citizens. Mr. McLellan said that he would like to see if Fredericton's citizens took sufficient interest in the efforts to bring new industries to the city to offer financial support in the matter of stock-subscription. Industries already had been offered the city and yet there was nothing definite to present to them. Pres. Jennings made a strong defence of the publicity work as carried on in the past two years. The securing of permanent offices for the Publicity Commissioner and the board was criticized by Ald. W. G. Clark as unnecessary expense.

In addition to discussing publicity matters during which discussion it was mentioned that a Chicago tanning firm and a German hardwood-manufacturing firm had both been communicated with by the Publicity Department with a view toward locating factories here, the board appointed a permanent Good Roads Committee, the duty of which will be to bring about improvement in the roads near the city. Other routine business was transacted.

Present were Pres. J. T. Jennings, Secretary H. S. Campbell, Publicity Commissioner G. M. McDade, G. W. Harrison, F. B. Edgcombe, J. M. Lemont and W. G. Clark, Dr. W. J. Weaver, Dr. W. H. Irvine, Ald. J. J. Weddall, Mayor W. S. Hooper, J. D. Palmer, R. W. McLellan, G. Y. Diblee, A. R. Slipp, M.P.P.; A. A. Shute, S. B. Ebbett, Ald. W. J. Osborne, J. W. McCready, Ald. W. E. Farrell, G. W. Hodge, Ald. Moses Mitchell.

Pres. Jennings reported that Mr. J. W. McCready had appeared before the Public Utilities Commission in connection with the petition of the New Brunswick Telephone Company for permission to increase its rates and change classification. He would appear again.

Secretary Campbell read a communication from Tariff Agent C. M. Rideout of the N.T.R., that in the event of that line having passengers for Fredericton on the No. 2 train from Edmundston due at McGivney at 1 p. m., the I.R.C. train, due to leave McGivney for Fredericton at 12.45 p. m., would be held until the arrival of the Transcontinental train, thus making direct communication.

(Mr. Diblee reported that the Transportation Committee had conferred with Messrs. Downie, Bamford and Howard of the C.P.R., with regard to revision of passenger and freight rates. Mr. McCready was continuing the preparation of a brief for presentation to the Railway Commission.

RESOLUTIONS ENDORSED.

A resolution from the St. John Board of Trade asking for the appointment of permanent immigration officers for New Brunswick at Montreal and Quebec in the summer and at St. John in the winter and for the appointment of two more immigration officers in Great Britain.

Ald. W. G. Clark stated that the matter mentioned in the resolution was one of importance and he felt the opinion expressed in it could be endorsed.

On motion, endorsement of the resolution was made.

A resolution from the Hamilton, Ont., Board of Trade urging that the Dominion government take steps to have inspection of bituminous coal imported from the United States made at the frontier in order to prevent delay in delivery to consignees was received.

On motion the resolution was endorsed.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

G. W. Harrison, manager of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, G. W. Hawkins, manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, C. A. Kirk, manager of the local branch of the Bank of British North America, W. S. Thomas, manager of the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and Charles Edgcombe were elected to membership on the board.

PUBLICITY MATTERS.

Pres. Jennings reported that the five representatives of the Board of Trade on the Publicity Committee had been appointed and the appointment of a similar number from the City Council was awaited before the year's work would be begun. The publicity campaign was at a critical point. Interest in it was very much needed. The committee was ready to do its best but its members were not miracle-workers. Criticism had its value and would be taken in a proper spirit but appreciation and enthusiasm had their value. He made a plea for assistance and support from the members of the board.

Ald. Clark stated that he had observed by the press that permanent offices for the board had been rented by the Ways and Means Committee. As a member of that committee he knew nothing of the matter never having been notified of a meeting.

Ald. Osborne made a similar statement. Mr. Slipp explained that a majority of the committee had decided on the action mentioned by Ald. Clark. It had been necessary to have the committee reach a decision at once and a meeting had been called by telephone. Ald. Clark had been out of the city and he had not been able to get in touch with Ald. Osborne.

GOOD ROADS

Dr. Weaver brought up the matter of good roads in the vicinity and moved a resolution that a permanent committee to be called the Good Roads Committee be appointed to press upon the attention of the city, provincial and federal authorities the necessity of improving the highways leading into the city.

Ald. Clark pointed out that the city already had moved in the matter which would be taken up with the provincial department of public works. The intention was to improve the road below the city and also above it. It was realized that those roads and that on the other side of the river were of great importance, particularly with regard to automobile traffic. Government assistance was desired.

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CONTRACTOR FOR NEW POST OFFICE ARRIVES

Site of Building Inspected This
Morning--Work on Structure Will
Begin in Near Future

Mr. A. McL. Fraser of Halifax, a member of the firm which has taken the contract for the erection of the new post office in this city is here. This morning in company with Mr. Fred Ryan he looked over the site for the new building and took measurements. Mr. Fraser is staying at Long's Hotel.

Work on the new edifice is to begin shortly and material for the building will arrive in a few weeks. Excavation for the foundation will begin shortly. The new building will be situated on the plot of ground between the present post office building and the Officers' Quarters.