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SOME OF TITANIC'S CREW WERE GUILTY OF COWARDICE

Important Testimony Brought out at Investigation Being Conducted by Lord Mersey --- Water-tight Compartments were Opened by Engineers after Steamer had Struck Iceberg--J. Bruce Ismay Warmly Welcomed on his Arrival in England

London, May 10--That all the members of the crew did not act in the manner expected from men of their calling on the night of the disaster, is slowly drawn out from the witnesses at the British Board of Trade inquiry under the searching examination of Sir Rufus Isaacs and other counsel.

It came out during yesterday's hearing, that the firemen of the Titanic, when the water flooded their quarters, raided the third-class saloon for life preservers. Certainly as is pointed out, these were not needed by passengers, as the vessel carried only a small proportion of her complement of third class passengers.

That importance is attached to the action of the firemen is shown by the questions put by Lord Mersey as to how the men reached that part of the vessel.

From another witness, S. J. Rule, a bathroom steward, it was also learned after close questioning, that there was a rush on life boat No. 15 and that she left the Titanic with only four or five women and three children, while sixty-one men got away in her.

DIDN'T LOOK HARD FOR WOMEN

Rule said that scouts were sent to look for women and children, but they looked only on one deck and then returned and said that there were no more there. Then First Officer Murdoch told the men to fill the boat. There was then a rush of men for the boat.

Sir Rufus Isaacs--"You knew more women and children were on board?"

Rule replied--"I imagined so."

Sir Rufus Isaacs--"Then you did not obey the order that women and children were to go first?"

Rule--"We were ordered into the boat."

Witness admitted that the men looked only on one deck for women. He could not give the names of the so-called scouts.

Sir Rufus Isaacs promised to have every man from boat No. 15 brought before the court, as far as possible.

It came out today that the water-tight compartments for practically three-fourths of the length of the ship were opened by order of the engineers upwards of one hour after the ship struck and were never closed again. The inquiry was adjourned till Tuesday.

ISMAI WAS CHEERED

Liverpool, May 11--A big crowd awaited the arrival of J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line, on board the Adriatic and cheered him as he walked down the gangway with his wife who had gone on board at Queenstown and accompanied him here.

Mr. Ismay lifted his hat in acknowledgement of the reception, but excused himself from making any statement to the press saying that he was still suffering from the strain of the disaster. He had, he said, already given a plain unvarnished statement of facts to a responsible and adequate commission, and he thought that his evidence to be given before the British Court of inquiry, should not be anticipated.

He expressed his gratitude for cablegrams and letters he had received from public societies and private friends conveying their sympathy and their confidence in him. "During the greatest trial of my life,"

Mr. Ismay was pale and haggard, and appeared much touched by his reception.

CAN TRANSMIT ELECTRIC POWER BY WIRELESS

(Canadian Press.)

Buffalo, May 11--Frank Wyatt Prentice, a Toronto electrical engineer in an address last night before the Central Railway club, here gave some details of experiments which he declared demonstrate conclusively that electricity, transmitted for power, or commercial purposes by wireless, really increases in velocity and power the farther it goes from the point of origin.

Discussing the commercial use of wireless power, Mr. Prentice suggested that for automobiles and motor trucks receiving harps be placed on the machine and wave wires installed at intervals along the road way. Energy being drawn through the air to operate the machines. A flying machine with a small high frequency motor could according to Mr. Prentice fly at a height of 3,000 feet and draw sufficient power from a wave wire along the ground.

By a similar device it will be found possible he believed to operate trains at a great saving from the present cost.

CHURCHILL'S RECORD TRIP

Travelled all Night in Order to Vote for the Home Rule Bill

His Vote was the Means of Deciding Countless Bets that the Majority Would not Exceed 100

(Canadian Press.)

New York, N. Y., May 11--A London cable says:

Churchill's sensational journey to London, to vote for the Home Rule bill, Thursday night, and his return to Weymouth the next morning, in time to join the King at the inspection of the fleet and witness the target practice. Mr. Churchill left Weymouth with Mr. Balfour by the six o'clock train, arriving at London at ten o'clock.

After taking part in the Home Rule division, he returned by automobile to Bournemouth, where he left the car and was rowed out to the Destroyer Swift, one of the fastest vessels in the world.

She dashed through the early morning mists in the channel at racing speed of nearly forty knots and reached the fleet at Weymouth in ample time to join the first squadron.

His all night journey of three hundred miles, by train, automobile and warship to record a home rule vote, must incidentally have cost money to hundreds of Unionists. The second reading of the Home Rule bill was carried by 101 votes.

That odd vote cast by Mr. Churchill meant a difference between winning and losing countless bets in political clubs and other circles that the second reading majority would not exceed one hundred.

MIRAMICHI MAN PASSES AWAY IN MONTREAL

(Canadian Press.)

Montreal, Q., May 11--There passed away yesterday, at the Mount Royal Sanitarium, one of the best known business men of New Brunswick in the person of William Allen Hickson, of Newcastle, N.B.

Mr. Hickson was born at Bathurst, N.B., in 1841, and was of Irish descent, his grandfather, James Palmer Hickson, having removed to New Brunswick from County Down, Ireland.

He was one of the largest and best known lumber operators on the Miramichi, having for years manufactured lumber for both the European and American markets at Newcastle, N.B., where he was a large employer of labor.

He is survived by a wife, a daughter of the late Cole MacLennan of Prince Edward Island, and two daughters, the Misses Florence and Hazel.

THOUSANDS IN LOUISIANA ARE IN STATE OF TERROR

Terrific Electrical Storm Sweeps over the Flooded District of the State--Many Towns and Villages Threatened with Destruction--Hundreds of People Compelled to Flee from Their Homes--White and Black Took Hold and Helped Convicts to Repair Levees

(Canadian Press.)

New Orleans, May 11--Dawn today brought relief and hope to thousands of people and ended a night of excitement and terror for those living in up state towns and villages behind levees considered none too safe, because of the terrific rain storm that swept down the Mississippi River from the northern portion Louisiana to the gulf. The deluge was accompanied by hail and lightning, and a hurricane that dashed river waters over levees in cascades from Baton Rouge south, tearing away temporary earthworks recently constructed.

From scores of towns, belated telegrams tell of conditions almost bordering on panic, where hundreds of frightened people left farm dwellings and sought safety in brick and stone buildings.

Hundreds living in districts considered unsafe by the United States army officers, who had refused to heed warning and leave their homes changed their minds when the storm came and exodus began for the concentration camps.

Many places reported as much as six inches of rain which fell within about four hours, ending at 10 o'clock flooding towns and villages, causing the inhabitants to believe that the worst had happened, that the levees had given away, under the tremendous strain and the flood was on.

At dozens of points up and down the river, where levees were thought weakened hundreds of citizens, white and black, worked alongside gangs of convicts all night long in the driving rain, digging mud and piling sand bags on levee tops, to keep back the torrential waters, piling down from the north.

It was a fight for life, and property against heavy odds at many places from Torras almost to this city.

At New Orleans the wind backed up the water until the gauge at 10 o'clock registered 21.9 feet one tenth less than the weather bureau official prediction. Water was blown over the levees here at many places. At the southern pacific transfer ferry the water literally poured over the lines of sand bags placed about the ferry house by the railroad people.

Emergency gangs stopped the overflow after half an hour's work. The levee engineers last night unable to get into communication with any of the points up river on account of the broken wires.

The city streets were turned into torrents, the water in several instances flooding business houses to the depth of four inches, filling basements and manholes.

In the resident district, the water was over the sidewalks by several inches. Joseph Delfe, a drug clerk, with a companion tried to dump the Carrollton ave. drainage in which the water was level with the street he misjudged the distance and was drowned.

Hundreds were caught in the down pour down town, unable to get to their homes because of the crippled car service. Scores of well dressed men took off their water logged shoes slung them over their shoulders rolled up their trousers to their knees, and walked and waded barlegged to their homes.

HUSBAND ON TRIAL ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Toronto, May 10--Justice Middleton, in the Assizes Court this morning, over-ruled the objection of T. C. Robinette, K.C., counsel for William Davidge, in the placing in evidence of the ante-mortem statement of Davidge's wife, whom he accused of murdering by persuading her to procure a criminal operation. Mr. Robinette contended that Davidge was accused of being an accessory in a murder and that the principal was his wife and that he should not be placed on trial until the principal had been prosecuted. Justice Middleton held that the statement of Mrs. Davidge should be admitted as she made it known that she was about to die. Evidence as to her condition previous to the making of the statement was introduced by the crown to bear out this contention, and G. Tate, crown prosecutor, then commenced to read the statement of Mrs. Davidge to the jury.

In it she accuses Davidge of sending her to Dr. B. E. Hawke to have the operation performed and charges Dr. Hawke with performing the operation which caused her death.

WOMAN ENDED LIFE ON HER BABY'S GRAVE

Tampa, Fla., May 11--After kneeling in prayer at the grave of her baby son, recently buried, Mrs. Marie Mortello, wife of a promiscuous man, poured wood alcohol over herself and set fire to her clothing. She was seen by two negro women standing like a pillar of flame at the foot of the grave. When they reached her she had fallen and she died on the way to a hospital. Mrs. Mortello was the mother of seven girls before the boy came. When he died she lost her reason.

NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

Washington, D.C., May 11--Each day of the coming week will add to the number of delegates to attend the national conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Also of considerable interest in political circles will be the national convention of the Socialist party which will meet in Indianapolis to name candidates for president and vice-president and adopt a platform for the coming campaign.

A general convention of the miners of the three anthracite districts will be held Tuesday at Wilkesbarre to consider the tentative agreement entered into by the sub-committees representing the miners and operators. It is generally believed that the convention will result in a satisfactory settlement and an early resumption of work in the anthracite field.

The case of Clarence S. Darrow, the noted Chicago attorney under indictment for jury bribing in the case of James B. McNamara, dynamiter, will be called for trial in Los Angeles Wednesday.

The battleship Texas, which will restore the name of the Long Star State in the navy, will be launched at Newport News Saturday. It is expected that President Taft, Secretary Meyer and other notables will attend the event. The Texas and her sister ship, the New York, will go the most powerful battleships afloat when completed.

Following a short but spirited program, a general election will be held Wednesday in Quebec for members of the provincial legislative assembly.

The annual general assemblies of the two great branches of the Presbyterian Church in the United States will meet, the Northern Presbyterians in Louisville and the Southern Presbyterians in Bristol, Tenn. Another large and important denominational gathering of the week will be the annual Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City.

LITTLE HOPE FOR RICHESON

Governor's Council not Likely to Commute the Death Penalty

Report of the Alienists who Examined Condemned Man has not yet been Submitted to Governor Foss

Boston, May 9--The outlook tonight is that Clarence V. T. Richeson will have to suffer death for the murder of Miss Linnell. Governor Foss is inclined to refer the petition for commutation to his council, but a majority of the council is known to be opposed to commutation unless insanity can be proven beyond doubt.

Mayor Fitzgerald informed Governor Foss today that the great mass of Bostonians favored the death sentence for the "abominable crime," and that in the interests of thousands of girls in colleges and conservatories the extreme penalty should be imposed.

Governor Foss and Moses Grant Edmonds, father of Violet Edmonds, are trustees of Newton Theological Institute, from which the ex-minister graduated.

Boston, May 10--Had the usual procedure been followed, Clarence V. T. Richeson, the murderer of Miss Avis Linnell would have awakened today in a cell in the State prison close to the chamber where he is condemned to die during the week of May 19. Executive action pending reports as to his sanity by certain experts has delayed his transfer from the county jail.

Governor Foss stated today that he had not heard from the alienists who were to examine Richeson and that until reports were in hand he should take no action in the case.

GRAND TRUNK CHAIRMAN ENROUTE TO MONTREAL

London, May 11--Alfred W. Smithers, chairman of the board of directors of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada left here today to sail on board the Cunard liner Muretania from Liverpool.

He is in intention to select a successor to Chas. M. Hays, who was a victim of the Titanic disaster, as president of the company before he returns to England. He said this morning "I select Charles M. Hays, and if my next choice is equally successful I shall be abundantly satisfied."

Sir Donald D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern, the Canadian Northern Ontario and the Halifax and Southwestern Railway accompanied Mr. Smithers. He declined to discuss the report that it was possible he would be the successor to the late Mr. Hays as president of the Grand Trunk Railway.

TORONTO SUBSCRIBES TO TITANIC FUND

Toronto, Ont., May 11--The civic Titanic fund closes today. To date the treasurer has received \$3,510.75, which, with the contribution \$5,000, brings the total up to \$8,510.75.

It is hoped that the \$10,000 mark will be reached. The money will be sent to England on Monday.

SIR THOMAS DISCREDITS NEWSPAPER STORIES

Says there is Nothing in Rumors Connecting him with Railway Commission

representative of The Mail today that the stories appearing in the press and connecting his name with the chairmanship of the Railway Commission and with the Grand Trunk Railway presidency were without foundation.

"There is nothing to it at all," remarked Sir Thomas.

He returned to the city on Friday in connection with the Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway in which as president of the company he is interested in a considerable extent. Sir Thomas says that matters connected with the construction of the line are progressing rapidly and satisfactorily.

WATCHES FOR HOCKEYISTS

Quebec, May 11--The civic recognition of Quebec Hockey team took place today, when Mayor Drouin presented the boys gold watches purchased for them by the civic authorities.

CANADIAN GOLD COINS

The new Canadian \$5 and \$10 gold coins which have been issued by the mint at Ottawa will arrive at St. John for distribution in this province on May 16th.

At a meeting of the Aberdeen, (Scotland) joiners, it was decided to demand that the wages be increased from 16 cents an hour to 18 cents.

DETAILS OF BANK MERGER

Terms on which the Royal Will Take over the Traders Bank

Traders Stock Valued at 180 and the Royal at 240--To be Third Largest in Canada

Toronto, May 10--The following official announcement of the directors of the Traders Bank of Canada was made at a meeting of the board held this morning, and given to the press by the general manager.

"A proposition was submitted by the Royal Bank of Canada to this bank a few weeks ago proposing an amalgamation of the two banks and, as the terms appeared to be favorable to the shareholders and customers of this bank, the directors decided to consider the matter and discuss the terms and conditions upon which the proposal was based.

"A thorough investigation of the whole situation was made by each board. Terms were discussed and subsequently agreed upon as the basis of an agreement to be submitted to the shareholders of each institution.

"By the proposed agreement, a copy of which will at once be sent to all the shareholders, and a meeting called for submission and approval, the Royal Bank will take over all the assets and assume all the liabilities of the Traders Bank and will give to each shareholder of the latter bank three shares of Royal for four of the Traders Bank stock. This is on a value of \$180 per share of Traders and \$240 per share of Royal.

"The net result having regard to the respective dividends, will be in future nine per cent instead of eight to the shareholders of the Traders Bank.

"In addition to this, our shareholders will become a most important factor in one of the strongest banks and the third largest in Canada. We feel too, that by the amalgamation the Royal Bank is to be congratulated on acquiring a splendid connection and many influential stock holders in Ontario and elsewhere in the Dominion. Depositors and borrowers of both banks will necessarily benefit by the amalgamation, as a large bank with strong reserves will be enabled to take care of its borrowing customers in times of financial stringency."

Montreal, May 10--Directors of the Royal Bank today issued a statement confirming that issued in Toronto by the Traders Bank directorate.

PATENT FOR ST. MARY'S MA

William P. McPeat, Patent Solicitor and Expert reports the following United States patents granted May 7th to Canadians: Thomas M. Brewer St. Mary's, N.B., assignor of one-half to P. A. Logan, St. John, nutlock; William Mackie, Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, wrench.

ANOTHER LABOR CRISIS THREATENED

London, May 11--The recently enacted minimum wage act for the miners has already broken down and the country is threatened with another great crisis in the coal trade. At South Wales is the storm centre, the colliery laborers there objecting to the decision of Lord Staldwin, chairman of the local wages board, which gives less than five shillings (\$15) a day which the men expected to obtain under the new act.

At a conference today at Cardiff of the South Wales miners federation, it was decided not to participate further in the work of the district wages board until the whole situation has been reviewed. A national conference has been called to meet in London during the coming week.

G. B. Stanton, the Socialist leader who took such a prominent part in the recent strike, again heads the revolt, and indications point either to the extremes causing a stampede in favor of the reputation of the minimum wage act or of a definite split in the ranks of the national miners' federation.

Stanton threatens to bring out all the transport workers in support of the miners, if it comes to a strike.

MOVING PICTURES THAT TALK

London, May 11--Moving pictures that speak were exhibited last night, at the Royal Institution here. Films were shown by a cock crowing and lions roaring in a den, the sound being reproduced with such startling effects that the pictures appeared to roar. A demonstration of the chronophone as it is called, by means of which films and gramophone records can be presented similar with the sounds, and movements in perfect unison was given two years ago, but was then not quite perfect. Since then the inventors have overcome all difficulties and the "Chronophone" picture in natural colors.

OLD FLAGSHIP NIAGARA WILL BE RAISED

Windsor, Ont., May 11--After reposing on the bottom of Lake Erie for nearly one hundred years, Admiral Perry's old flagship Niagara, is to be raised.

This has been decided on by the committee having in charge the centennial celebration, which it is proposed to be held at Putin Bay on Lake Erie, during August.

The Niagara lies somewhere in the vicinity of Erie, Pa., and her recovery will lead to some interesting comparisons between the fighting ships of that time, and of the present day.

SEEDING OPERATIONS ADVANCED IN ALBERTA

Calgary, Alta., May 11--Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture, says that fully eight per cent. of the seeding is finished in the southern portion of the province and about sixty per cent. in the north country. He thinks seeding operations will be over by May 20. Recent rains have put the soil in excellent condition.

The wheat is in considerable excess of former years.

WILL AFFILIATE WITH MCGILL

Calgary, May 11--Final arrangements are being made with regard to affiliation of the University of Calgary, with McGill University and it is probable that the whole matter will be settled in a few days.

The first protest against convict labor was made by a convention of mechanics which was held in Utica, N. Y., in 1833.