

UN-SINKABLE LINER DIDN'T NEED SO MANY LIFEBOATS

Titanic, Like Olympic, Her Sister Ship, and Other
Big Vessels, Carried Only Enough to Accommodate One-third of Her Passengers and Crew.

It seems as though the wreck of the Titanic might develop the tragic fallacy of the water-tight compartment and the unsinkable hull. Under Section 406 of the Revised U. S. Statutes, which provides for reciprocity in the regulation of the mercantile marine plying between Great Britain and America, it is stated in effect that this Government will accept the certificate of the British Board of Trade for all vessels flying the British flag.

The Merchant's Shipping Act, of England, of 1899, provides that all passenger steamers must carry "sufficient accommodation for all passengers," such accommodation to consist of "wood, collapsible metal or other lifeboats and life rafts of approved design," but this provision has apparently been a dead letter for many years. It was said, for instance, at Lloyd's today, that without doubt the Titanic had sufficient life boats and life rafts for all its passengers and that we might expect to hear at any time that a considerable number of passengers have been picked up from such life rafts. It was said at Lloyd's that the Titanic "must have been equipped" under the Merchant's Shipping Act of 1899 with lifeboats and life rafts "just as the Olympic is equipped."

But when enquiries were made later at the local office of the Steamship Inspection Service in the Customs House, it was stated there that the provisions of the Merchant's Shipping Act regarding the number of lifeboats and life rafts to be carried were not matter for that office and that the certificate of the British Board of Trade was accepted as sufficient under the Reciprocity Act. It was also stated at the office of the United States Steamship Inspection Service that no modern vessel such as the Olympic or the Titanic could carry life boats and life rafts sufficient for all persons; and it was stated also that there are no life rafts on the Olympic and that it is presumed that there were none on the Titanic.

Just what the life saving provisions were on the Titanic is not known yet by the office of the Steamship Inspector, because the Board of Trade certificate specifying those particulars was lost with her, but the Olympic had no life rafts and life boat accommodation sufficient only to carry about one-third of her total of crew and passengers.

WHY THEY CUT DOWN ON LIFE BOATS.

Both in Lloyd's and in the office of the Steamship Inspector it was admitted in a general way that the development of what is known as the "water tight compartment" and the "unsinkable hull" of the modern steamships has caused a relaxation of the regulations concerning the carrying of life boats and life rafts, and it was said that the present and the recent trend in caring for the safety of passengers has been in the way of making vessels safer to travel in than ever by getting away from the case of wreck. This tendency is illustrated by the life saving equipment of such vessels as the Olympic of the White Star Line and the General Grant of the Hamburg Line.

The Olympic was authorized by the British Board of Trade to carry 3,447 people, passengers and crew. But the Olympic has a total equipment of six-

teen lifeboats and two "collapsible" lifeboats, which can carry at their full capacity only 1,171 people, whilst the Olympic, according to the certificate of the British Board of Trade, has no lifeboats at all.

The General Grant of the Hamburg Line can carry 3,943 passengers and crew and the General Grant can accommodate 1,176 people, but the General Grant has no lifeboats and it was said at the office of the Steamship Inspector that lifeboats were getting "old fashioned."

Premier Commends Heroic Sacrifice Made by the Men

LONDON, April 15.—Premier Asquith, in a brief statement in the House of Commons this afternoon, gave public expression to Great Britain's sympathy in connection with the Titanic disaster.

After reading out to the members the messages from the White Star Company already published, the Premier continued:

"Perhaps the House will allow me to add this: That I am afraid we must brace ourselves to confront one of those terrible events in the order of providence which baffle foresight, which sap the imagination and make us realize the inadequacy of words to do justice to what we feel."

"We cannot say more at this moment than to give a necessarily imperfect impression of our sense of admiration that the best traditions of the sea seem to have been observed and that willing sacrifices were offered to give the first chance for safety to those who were least able to help themselves, and of the heartfelt sympathy of the whole nation to those who find themselves suddenly bereaved of their nearest and dearest."

BERLIN, April 15.—The Speaker of the Reichstag, Johannes Kaempf, at

SAID BOAT WOULD SINK; COUNTED AMONG MISSING

RACINE, Wis., April 15.—"I dread taking this trip to Denmark, for I have a feeling that I will never return alive. I just know that the boat will sink or something awful happen to me," said Mrs. Peter C. Hanson, numbered among the passengers on the ill-fated liner Titanic, to her brother, Thomas Howard of Racine. This she followed by a farewell kiss.

Mrs. Hanson accompanied by her husband sailed last February on a visit to his old home in Denmark. They were on their return voyage on the Titanic. Their names do not appear among the rescued.

Chief Inspector Says Big Ship Cannot Carry Enough Lifeboats.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—"When it comes to vessels of great size—vessels of 45,000 tons or so, carrying 2,500 to 3,000 passengers—there are not enough lifeboats carried to contain the passengers," said Supervising Inspector-General George L. Hiler of the Steamboat Inspection Service today. "It is a consummation devoutly to be wished that they should do so, but they don't do it. After they get up to a certain point they are equipped with lifeboats according to tonnage and not according to the number of passengers."

"As a rule the great liners are not equipped with enough lifeboats to save the passengers. They are required to be equipped with enough life preservers, so that every passenger can have one and every member of the crew. This Government has no jurisdiction over the question of how a vessel from England or other foreign countries shall be equipped as to lifeboats."

Hiler added that even American vessels of great size are lacking in the requisite number of lifeboats. The reason for this, he said, was that in the case of vessels carrying enormous numbers of passengers it was impracticable to carry enough boats for lack of room.

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