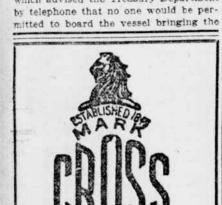
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Congress Will Be Urged to Pass Laws Requiring Adequate Equipment on All Ships

Washington, April 16 .- President Taft s deeply grieved by the terrible loss of and has spent the greater part of his By direction of the President, the Secretary of the Navy has ordered the fast

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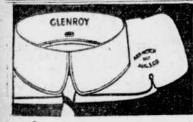
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Veagh will take this matter up with the President to-morrow morning, and it is possible further representations will be made to the Cunard company by order of the President. As the Carpathia is steaming steadily toward New York and Orders Fast Sco. Cruisers to time in obtaining news will be lost as a result of the refusal of the Cunard company, if it is persisted in

President Taft has instructed General Uhler, chief of the Steamboat Inspection Service, to take every precaution against probable the President will urge Congress to revise this law, as well as to pass the wireless telegraphy bill which has long been urged by this administra

Better Equipment Needed.

to debark their passengers and that the

Mr. Taft first discussed the Titanic disaster with his Cabinet this morning and afterward with the Secretary of War. which was en route from Boston ex-Attorney General Griggs and James to Hampton Roads, was intercepted by W. Sheffield, of New York, attorneys panies. This later conference had been The desire of Secretary MacVeagh to arranged for some time, but the disaster send to the Carpathia a revenue cutter to the Titanic added to its importance. hearing representatives of the press and The President is determined to do every others was thwarted by the Cunard line, thing in his power to secure adequate which advised the Treasury Department federal control over wireless telegraphy both to the end that there shall not be nitted to board the vessel bringing the interference by amateurs and others and that there shall be, if possible, some means of punishing those who send false messages by wireless.

This administration has been pressing for legislation for the control of wireless telegraphy within the jurisdiction of this country, but the opposition of the competing wireless companies, who are each charged with seeking provisions which would, in effect, constitute a monopoly, has thus far been sufficient to ing for considerably more than a year the ratification of the international ministration obtained favorable action only this month. This ratification will enable the United States to be repre sented at the wireless conference to b held in London in June. It is appreci ated that control of wireless telegraphy international agreement, and it is re garded as important that the United States should have a hand in framing such regulations as may be adopted.

Opposed by Companies.

Action to prevent the breaking in or phers is regarded as imperative. The wireless convention recently ratifled by the Senate was also discussed. Ex-At torney General Griggs and Mr. Sheffield presented the views of the wireless comulation of wireless. It is said the Marconi officials are opposed to such reguprevent such action being taken by Con-

Secretary Nagel told the President that the requirements of this government with regard to lifeboats and other life with regard to lifeboats and other life saving devices are now much stricter than those of many foreign countries. He could say nothing as to the adequacy of the provisions on the Titanic, however, as that vessel never made port

General Uhler, of the Steamboat Inspection Service, says that, in the main, life-saving devices in approximately the same proportion as are required of American vessels are required in the case of foreign vessels making American ports, although the requirements of the foreign governments are probably not as strict. In the case of the Titanic if the boats and liferafts were as inadequate as would appear on the face of the reports of the disaster, they were, in the estimation of the officials here, below the requirements of the British law. This opinion is based only on the assumption that the passengers reported saved equalled the full capacity of her lifeboats and rafts.

A guick report from the White Star Line on the number of lifeboats and liferafts carried by the Titanic has been telegraphed for by Supervising Inspector the bridge in anticipation of a collision. Uhler of the government Steamboat Inspection Service.

of the Titanic for examination to see that she complied with the English law with regard to life and other equipment. if the vessel had been of American register it would have been obliged to have lifeboats or liferafts containing 23,470 cubic feet, or acommodations for 2,347

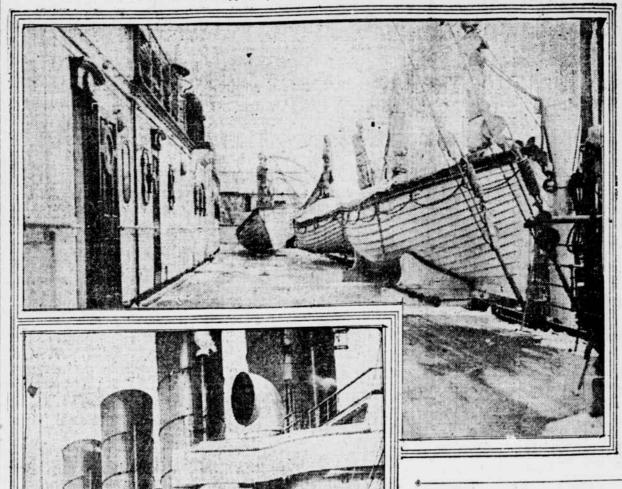
Naval officers have told the President there has been some disposition on the part of all governments to accept the assurances of constructors that certain vessels are "non-sinkable," and that probably the requirements are not as strictly enforced as in the case of smaller vessels of less modern construction. It is believed the Titanic disaster will prove that the "non-sinkable" vessel, like the "fireproof" building, is only a comparative term, and that it is no safer without adequate provision for the debarkation of its entire human complement that is the "fireproof" building without adequate fire escapes. Watertight bulkheads, it is explained, may prove adequate to so delay a vessel's sinking as to afford ample time for transferring passengers and crew to the lifeboats, but, precisely as many may be suffocated by the burning of the contents of a "fireproof" building, so certain accidents are practically certain to sink any vessel that was ever constructed. with the inevitable loss of all who cannot be accommodated in the small boats.

Will Demand Adequate Law.

President Taft is determined to have g general investigation of this subject. to the end that a law requiring inspection and adequate provision for the saving of life may be enforced to the extreme limit needed to insure human

HOW LIFEBOATS ARE STOWED ON BIG, LINERS.

A view of the boat deck, the highest above the water. It was from such a deck that the Titanic's passengers were lowered to the water. There appears plenty of room for extra boats stowed inside those shown.



Side of a great liner, showing distance lifeboats must be lowered to water.

It is also probable that after confer- icebergs in the northern passage. ring with the authorities on navigation | Sorrow and resentment over the Tiimposing further restrictions on the rying passengers to and from ports of den, prayed for more stringent laws to deck feature heralded by tongue and folder this country, but on this phase of the protect those who travel by land and sea seems like a mockery, according to many

Captain Charles McAllister, chief engineer of the Revenue Cutter Service, who has had much experience as a navi-

gator, said to day "The Titanic was believed to be the acme of marine safety. She was of extraordinarily heavy and strong construction. I believe that she struck the ice with sufficient impact to crush in her bow and forward bulkhead, and, perhaps, one other.

What May Have Happened.

"In that case many things could happen. It is possible that the water tight bulkhead gear refused to work, having been thrown out of running order by the force of the collision. Even in that event the Titanic would have been some time sinking, because she was credited with being almost unsinkable. Then, too, it a port of the United States unless vessels carry. withstand the presssure. On our battleships there is a control lever for all bulkheads, which the captain can work from

"I am confident that the berg rammed by the Titanic was not glacier ice, but The service was awaiting the arrival was one of the shore bergs formed by the extremely cold winter. It is too early for berg ice. According to Patterson's 'Nautical Encyclopedia,' if it were shore ice of salt water nine-tenths of its bulk was below water. This would lifeboats, rafts and other lifesaving demean that if there were only twenty feet vices have had a total depth of 200 feet, with 180 feet below the surface. Ice condibeen for a decade."

The hydrographic office has issued reeated warnings of the presence of the

ome recommendations will be made for tanic disaster were reflected in more subject the administration is not yet "against the selfishness and grasping of who commented on the disaster.

Action in the House.

On motion of Mr. Austin, a Tennessee Republican, a resolution was unanimously adopted extending the deep sympathy of the House to the relatives of those the Titanic if it had been practicable to who went down with the giant steamer.

Mr. Mott, a New York Republican, introduced a resolution demanding a sweeping inquiry into the cause of the catastrophe. It directs that the House committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries proceed with an immediate inquiry. It gives the committee plenary powers to summon witnesses and authorizes it to recommend remedial legislation to the House

Mr. Hardwick, a Georgia Democrat, inroduced a drastic bill which would prohibit any ship from entering or clearing is possible that her bulkheads could not equipped with lifesaving apparatus adequate to safeguard every passenger and member of the crew

Chairman Alexander of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries said in an interview that if reports are hands, true that the Titanic had lifeboats sufficient to carry only one-third of the passengers Congress will take speedy cognizance of lax inspection rules and will to ships not satisfactorily equipped with pass legislation closing American ports

showing above the surface, a small speck compared to the Titanic, the berg would have had a total depth of 200 feet, with took the position that the tragedy indi-cated the need of more drastic laws to 180 feet below the surface. Ice condi-tions are worse this year than they have provide safety on the high seas, as well as to prevent interference by amateurs with wireless messages of distress.

Say Big Liners Only Carry One-fourth Enough Lifeboats to the number of lifeboats a vessel shall carry. Had the law demanded lifeboats sufficient in number and size to float a vessel

Explain, Had Room for Spacious Playground.

When the White Star liner Titanic was sent out from Southampton on her maiden taneously. passage to this port, neither her owners nor her builders contemplated such a disaster as befell her on Sunday night. If they had, they would most likely have cov- port, and showed from it that every one ered her boat deck with lifeboats. This, in substance, was the opinion of steamship men in this city yesterday on learning of the loss of the Titanic. It was a combination of circumstances

Yet Titanic's Deck, Shipping Men unheard of, and one that might not happen again in a hundred years, is the way one man expressed it. There was a feeling generally that no liner could carry enough lifeboats to take off all the passengers and crew she could carry and float them simul-

> As an example, the man mentioned above produced a British certificate of inspection of one of the big steamships coming to this on board, when booked to capacity, had

been provided for.
"For example," he said, "this steamship could not possibly carry at any time, much less throughout the year in the dull season,

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equipment of lifeboats to float at on time her passenger and crew capacity. "The law allows her to carry 1,930 saloon 206 second and 413 steerage passengers making a total of 3,029 souls.

Fourth Enough Lifeboats.

"Knowing the number of lives she can transport at one time, the British law does not ask that she be equipped with lifeboats to hold all at one time. It specifies enough lifeboats to carry a little over a fourth of her capacity, or 833 persons.

"When application was made for her certificate, she was inspected and her specifi cations were examined, after which she was ordered to have sixteen lifeboats, with an aggregate capacity of 8,393 cubic feet, capable of accommodating 833 per sons. Also, she was required to have six rafts, capable of holding 200 persons, 3,029 life belts and 20 life buoys.

"It may readily be seen from these requirements that the law never intended that more than 1,133 of the 3,029 persons aboard should be held affoat in lifeboats and liferafts at one time.

"If an almost impossible situation like that of the Titanic should arise in the case of this steamship 1.896 of those on board would have to depend on lifebelts and lifebuoys for succor."

The one salient feature of the loss of life on the Titanic that even steamship men on in discussion was the great amount of spare room for lifeboats on the expansive boat deck of the Titanic.

It had been heralded in the line's literature and harangued by the owners and agents throughout the United States and Europe as the greatest playground affoat. Although the Titanic was teeming with innovations for the convenience, pleasure, comfort and amusement of her patrons, the vast boat deck of immaculate Oregon pine was talked of as a feature unsurpassed on the seas. And it was not a vain contention, for nothing in the fleets of the world compare with the vast boat decks of the Olympic and the Titanic, the unsurpassed recreation grounds of the At-

Now that she has gone to the bottom, of the norther passage by vessels car-blind chaplain, the Rev. Henry N. Cou-boats on the boat deck, the great boat

> Pleasure and convenience were maintained at the expense of security, it was pointed out.

> It was explained by some steamship men yesterday that most likely more lifeboats than twenty would have been installed on put them there and operate them successfully. Her ability to carry more was doubted by some, but the question, why did, not the owners of the Titanic put twin boats at every davit, remains unanswered. One glance over the boat deck of the Olympic, the Titanic's counterpart, would onvince a child, it was said, that twenty additional lifeboats could be set up alongside those already on the davits, and the space encumbered would hardly be missed.

Say Coast Liners Are Deficient.

Provision is made on all steamships in this country and abroad for lifebelt equipment for all the passengers and crew the but the lifeboat provision is deplorably deficient. When the question what would happen to

boats in the American coastwise trade if they encountered conditions like that of the Titanic the men of the local steamboat inspection threw up their It has been practically conceded by all

those who have to do with steamships that any vessel confronted with the combination of circumstances such as those that beset the Titanic would have fared as badly if

Nowhere yesterday would steamship men admit that their vessels had sufficient lifeboats aboard to float at one time their entire crew and their full passenger complement. The Victoria Luise, of the Hamburg-American Line, however, was offered as an exception. She is the old Deutschland, rebuilt and adapted for cruises. Her passenger accommodation, however, is limited to five hundred persons and her lifeboats, it is said, can easily accommodate at one time a thousand persons.

Unfortunately, the law controlling lifesaving equipment in this country and abroad is based upon tonnage with regard to the number of lifeboats a vessel shall sufficient in number and size to float a vessel's maximum number of crew and passengers the Titanic's death toll would have been comparatively small.

Foreign Inspection Accepted.

The local steamboat inspectors have practically little or nothing to do with the inspection of foreign steamships coming from ountries where there are similar modes of inspection which have had the sanction and approval of this government.

The local inspectors receive the foreign vessel's certificate of inspection and accept it for its face value. Their only concern in accordance with the law is to see that the accordance with the law is to see that the certificate or its renewal is forthcoming every year. This does not apply to the Italian vessels, however, as there is no agreement between Italy and the United States on this matter. Every Italian liner coming to this port is inspected with the rigidity of one flying the American flag. This rule applies to vessels of other nations plying between this port and ports foreign to their flag. Steamshi, s I.ke the Eermudain, a British vessel running between New York and Bermuda, com; under this class. It is so with the Hamburg-American Line's Atlas service steamers, which, while they fly the German flag, are in the New York and West Indian trade.

Law of This Country. The law governing the steamboat in

spection service of this country relative to the inspection of foreign vessels says, in

All foreign private steam tessels carrying passengers from any port of the United States to any other place or country shall be liable to visitation and inspection by

the proper officer in any of the ports of the United States, respecting any of the provisions of the sections aforesaid: Provided, however, That when such foreign passenger steamers belong to countries having inspection laws approximating those of the United States, and nave unexpired certificates of inspection issued by the proper authorities in the respectitive countries to which they belong, they shall be subject to no other inspection than necessary to satisfy the local inspectors that the condition of the vessel, her boilers, and life-saving equipments is as stated in the current certificate of inspection; but no such certificate of inspection; but no such certificate of inspection shall be accepted as evidence of lawful inspection except when presented by steam vessels of other countries which have by their laws accorded to the steam vessels of the United States visiting such countries the same privilege accorded herein to the steam vessels of such countries visiting the United States it being further provided that there shall be collected and paid into the Treasury of the United States the same fees for the inspection of foreign passenger steamers carrying passengers from the United States that any foreign nation shall charge the merchant vessels of the United States that any foreign nation shall charge the merchant vessels of the United States the inspection of such foreign passenger from the United States the merchant vessels of the United States the merchant vessels



The United States law gives similar pow discontinued.

It is further provided that the Secretary of Commerce and Labor may, in his discretion, permit any foreign passenger this act, whose fereign certificate of inspection shall have expired at sea since last leaving the country to which said vessel belongs, or while said vessel shall have expired at sea since last leaving the country to which said vessel belongs, or while said vessel shall have upon her regular route without undergoing any further inspection than would have been required had said foreign certificate.

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