

WILL INVESTIGATE OCEAN TRAGEDY.

Lively Debate in House Expected Over Wholesale Loss of Life.

LIFEBOATS FOR STEAMSHIPS.

Wants Ship Owners Held Criminally Liable for Failure to Provide Proper Equipment for Boats.

Washington, April 18.—Promises of lively debate in the House over the Titanic disaster were given today when it became apparent that widely diverse opinions were held by congressmen regarding the proper course to take in investigating the great ocean tragedy. In some quarters it was held that in view of the Senate's passage of the resolution directing a specific inquiry into the cause of the disaster, the House should join the upper body in a joint investigation, in order to save time and expense and also to prevent calling the survivors of the wrecked steamer and officials of the White Star Company twice.

Chairman Alexander of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, said he still favored an investigation by his committee as a means to deciding what steps should be taken to prevent a repetition of the ocean tragedy.

"We have enough laws to cover the life boats for ship passengers," he said. "It is only a matter of seeing that they are properly enforced."

The House Committee of which Mr. Alexander is chairman met this morning to consider a pending radio-telegraphy bill and other matters connected with shipping. At this meeting it was expected that there would be a discussion of plans for the investigation of the Titanic sinking.

Congressman Sulzer (Democrat, N. Y.), author of a bill to compel ocean liners to carry an adequate supply of life boats was not enthusiastic over the possibility of extending investigation.

"This investigation business is only throwing dust in the people's eyes. The matter was gone into when the Slocum burned in East River, New York, years ago. What we want to do is to make steamship owners criminally liable for failing to properly equip their vessels. Make it a felony, and send some of these criminally negligent steamship men to jail and we will have no more of these disasters."

Chairman Henry, of the Rules Committee is another House leader who insists that there is no need of a hasty investigation.

Senator Nelson, chairman of the senate commerce committee, announced today a subcommittee who will make an investigation of the Titanic shipwreck and plans for making a safer ocean travel, provided by the resolution of Senator Alden Smith, passed by the Senate late yesterday.

Two measures designed for the greater protection of travelers at sea were favorably reported by the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries today, of which Mr. Alexander is chairman. Both resolutions are by Mr. Alexander.

One, the radio-telegraphy bill, rigidly restricts the operations of amateur operators and others to wave lengths of 200 metres or less.

The other provides for recognized travel routes, by international agreement. The two bills are both likely to come up for early consideration in the House.

London, April 18.—Immediate and searching inquiry into the Titanic disaster was promised on the floor of the House of Commons today by president Sidney Buxton, of the board of trade, which controls all sea-going vessels.

Buxton in discussing the utterly inadequate life-saving equipment of the big liner declaring that the committee of the board in charge of life saving provisions had recently recommended increased lifeboats, rafts and life preservers, on all the ships but that the requirements had been found unsatisfactory and had not been put in force. He frankly admitted the necessity for increased equipment.

The board, he said was utterly unable to compel the trans-Atlantic vessels to lower their speed in the contest for "express train" ships. He also

said that the board could not force ships to take the southerly route in the spring, to avoid the ice.

The regulations under which the Titanic carried lifeboat accommodations for but only one-third of her passengers and crew had been revised by the committee since 1904. At that time the regulations had been made for ships of "10,000 tons or more."

The Titanic's tonnage was 45,000. In reply to a question as to false information sent out on Monday, postmaster General Samuel asserted his department had begun a vigorous investigation to determine who was responsible for the false reports.

White Star Line Fifth Wreck.

The foundering of the Titanic in the fifth serious accident to ships of the White Star Line, now merged in the International Mercantile Marine Company; and by far the most horrible. The first was the Atlantic, which was wrecked off Nova Scotia, on November 23, 1873, and 547 lives were lost.

The second was the Naronic, which disappeared nearly 20 years ago and the only thing ever heard of her was the picking up of one of her lifeboats on the banks 6 degrees east of the place where the Titanic sank. The Naronic was on her second trip across the Atlantic and made a record for freight steamships on her maiden voyage. She was considered to be the latest effort in safety in construction, had nine water-tight bulkheads and was scientifically constructed. It was declared then that it was almost impossible to sink her. She cost \$500,000, which was a big price for a freighter in those days. There were 55 in her crew and 12 cabinmen.

making, with the officers, a total of 72 when she left Liverpool on February 11, and the lifeboat was all that was ever heard of her.

The next accident was to the Suevic, which went ashore near the Lizard on March 17, 1907, with 400 passengers and crew of 160, but all were rescued.

Then came the sinking of the Republic on January 23, 1909, after her collision with the Florida, on which occasion the wireless was first used at sea to call for help, and half a dozen ships answered the call, saving all the passengers and crew, although the ship sank. Two lives were lost on the Republic and four on the Florida as the result of the collision.

ANXIETY IN LONDON.

London, April 18.—A tearful excited crowd stormed the London offices of the White Star Line yesterday, begging, pleading, demanding definite news of the hundreds lost when the huge liner Titanic sank in the icy seas off Cape Race.

London went to bed last night secure in the belief that every passenger on the ill-fated vessel had been saved. The White Star officials with an air of confidence, had smiled down all reports of loss of life. But London awoke to confront a terrible death list.

Dignified business men, gentlemen of ease and idleness, hardy workmen and weeping women, rubbed elbows before the offices of the White Star Line where they had rushed at the first report of many deaths to seek definite news of wives, sweethearts, brothers or sisters, parents, children or friends, who had started for America on the doomed liner.

But nothing in the way of information was forthcoming from the offices of the steamship company, where officials, clerks and office boys moved in a cloud of gloom about their routine work. Mechanically every now and then an official would step outside to the crowd, and announce that there was no news. The crowd was excited. The police had difficulty in keeping them out of the office.

"You told us yesterday all were saved," shouted a frantic workman, "why did you lie to us? All can't be dead now."

And the crowd behind surged forward in an eager effort to drag from the offices the information that they felt they must have. Every steamship office and all the shipping lowered their flags to half-mast today for the victims of the Titanic disaster.

THE LORIMER CASE.

Washington, April 18.—Inquiries regarding the Lorimer case were made today by Senator Crawford, (Repn., S. D.). He said time was passing and action at this session was being jeopardized.

In reply, Senator Dillingham, (Repn., Vt.), declared he had worked sixteen hours a day and done the best possible. It was, he said, a tremendous undertaking to digest and arrange the testimony.

A rough draft had been prepared, but he could give no idea of when it would be ready for submission.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN A COAL MINE.

Four Hundred Men Had Been Employed Before Suspension April 1

ONE HUNDRED FIGHT FLAMES

Several Fire Fighters Overcome by Gaseous Fumes—Fear That Considerable Loss Will Result.

Zanesville, O., April 18.—Fire broke out early today in shaft mine No. 302 near Congo, Ohio, in which four hundred miners were employed until the suspension of work, April 1. A hundred men are trying to check the flames. Several of the fire fighters have been overcome by the gaseous fumes.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Charles Bruno, 67 years old, millionaire manufacturer of musical instruments in New York, shot himself in the head yesterday at his office, and died instantly. The cause of the act was given as ill health.

Miss Julia Carter, 34 years old, one of the most popular women in exclusive social circles in Philadelphia, and a member of an old family, committed suicide early yesterday morning by turning on the gas in an apartment which she has occupied alone for six months. Miss Carter's father was a member of the old Virginia family of that name.

One woman was killed, the Baptist Church destroyed, and three stores wrecked by a cyclone which struck Shady Grove, a small town 40 miles south of Montgomery, Ala., yesterday afternoon. Several persons were killed and a large amount of property was damaged in several south Louisiana towns during last night by electric, rain, and wind storms. A windstorm of cyclonic intensity swept through the town of Ponchatoula, north of New Orleans. A church, a public hall, a mill, and several residences were wrecked. Charles Giles was killed when the ruins of his home tumbled about him.

Big Sale in Progress.

The sale of the entire stock of D. Bendheim and Sons, preparatory to their moving into their handsome new store, commenced this morning and despite the threatening weather, the store was thronged with shoppers. Ladies who have attended bargain sales in Alexandria for years stated that they had never seen such splendid bargains offered especially at this season of the year, when everyone is purchasing spring and summer materials for their wardrobes. The sale will continue until the stock is completely disposed of, as the Bendheims desire to start out in their new store with an entirely new stock. Of course those who shop at once secure the pick of the bargains.

RAIN AND HAIL.

The weather throughout last night was cloudy and cool, and similar conditions prevailed up to about noon today when there was a heavy downpour of rain, accompanied by hail in some sections of the city. There was also some thunder and lightning.

COURT NOTES.

In the Circuit Court for the city, Judge Thornton, today a decree was entered confirming the report of Julian T. Burke vs. Edith Quisenberry. A final decree was entered in the case of Carrie T. Howson vs. William A. Howson granting a divorce to the plaintiff on the ground of desertion.

In the Corporation Court this morning the special commissioners of sale in the case of T. J. Fannon and others against the Defunct Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation, filed a report of the sale of four building lots at Newport News, Va., to W. T. Chapin and H. B. Walker, for \$1,150, which they have recommended be approved by the court.

THE FISHING SEASON

Large catches of shad and herring are reported to have been made in the lower Chesapeake Bay. The shad season is now on down the bay and the fishermen are making good catches. The fillers hereabouts report satisfactory results. As was stated yesterday, prices are lower. Shad sell at from 15 to 40 cents each and herring at 15 cents a dozen.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Dr. Paul C. Freer, director of the United States Government Scientific Bureau in the Philippines, died at Manila yesterday.

William A. Dorr, suspected of the murder of George Marsh, of Lynn, Mass., the aged millionaire soap manufacturer, was arrested in Stockton, Cal., last night.

Mayor R. E. Smith of Huntsville, Ala., fined himself \$10 for his part in a fight Tuesday with Editor J. E. Pierce, of the News, over an editorial. The case against Pierce was dismissed.

With a dismal haze enveloping Potomac Park and a steady rain descending the monument to John Paul Jones, at the foot of Seventeenth Street on the bank of the Tidal Basin, was unveiled yesterday afternoon with simple but impressive ceremonies. Thousands of persons eager to pay tribute to the first admiral of the navy, stood for an hour in the downpour of rain to witness the review of soldiers and sailors, listen to the patriotic, soul-stirring speeches, and gaze at the unveiled statue. President Taft delivered a brief address.

In the Corporation Court yesterday the suits of Thomas Wadley vs. the Emerson Engine Company, and the Emerson Engine Company vs. Thomas Wadley were consolidated. Judgment was rendered for Wadley in the sum of \$35.

People living in the vicinity of Cameron and Pitt streets are again complaining of the howling dog nuisance. A tree on the east side of Columbus street, between King and Cameron, fell yesterday afternoon.

Angelo & Priest have sold to Marshall King an E. M. F. 30 automobile for \$1,200.

The Alexandria Auto Club held another meeting last night when O. P. Angelo was elected secretary. Dr. E. A. Gorman is president and J. D. Norrington treasurer. Some routine business was transacted at the meeting. It is said that a white man had been arrested near Culpeper on suspicion of stealing a horse and saddle from Mr. Burkitt in Fairfax county recently.

Maurice Rousseau has been appointed grand worthy secretary of the United Order of True Reformers to succeed Frank Douglas, who died at Richmond recently. Mr. Rousseau is the chief of the Alexandria board of the order.

POLICE BOARD MEETS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held last night in the city hall with Mayor Paff presiding. Only matters of a routine nature were considered and there was nothing of interest discussed. The board was in session only a short time.

Chief Goods reported that the annual inspection of the yards and alleys in the city is now being made by the members of the police department. He also reported that during the month 119 arrests were made, while the order of the city was very good.

The official certificate which will be given members of the police department hereafter when they are ill to be signed by the attending physician was approved by the board.

FOTOMAC PRESBYTERY

The second day of the spring meeting of the Fotomac Presbytery, in session at Central Presbyterian Church, Washington, was devoted yesterday to the reading of reports and devotional services. The chair was occupied by the newly chosen moderator, the Rev. Dr. R. H. Fleming. At the evening session holy communion was celebrated by the delegates, with Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison conducting. Dr. Allison, who is pastor of Second Presbyterian Church of this city preached a short sermon.

MOTORBOAT CLUB.

At the meeting last night of the Alexandria Motorboat Club it was decided to accept the lease of the Alexandria Lighting Company of the land at the foot of Wolfe street upon which the club purposes to erect their new house. A committee was appointed to prepare for the construction of a marine railway at this point. A committee was also appointed to submit plans for the new house which will be submitted at the next meeting of the club.

TURNED OVER TO HER FATHER.

Lieutenant Bettis and Officer Talbot yesterday arrested a colored girl named Emma Braxton at the instance of her father. It was alleged that she had left her home in Westmoreland county for the purpose of enjoying city life. The girl was placed by the officers aboard the steamer Wakefield which later left for the lower river.

House Wanted.

SMALL WELL-BUILT HOUSE, \$2,000 to \$3,000, as investment, showing a good return. Will pay Cash. INVESTOR.

CARPATHIA WILL ARRIVE TONIGHT.

Twelve Missing Men of Titanic Represent Wealth of \$162,000,000.

\$750,000 ROPE OF PEARLS

Capt. Smith, It Is Alleged, Was Driving Ship at 22 Knots an Hour, Notwithstanding Ice.

New York, April 18.—The Carpathia with 705 survivors of the Titanic disaster, is expected to dock at New York at 9 o'clock tonight, according to a bulletin posted by the White Star Line early today for information of those who gathered at their Broadway offices for news of friends and relatives.

New York, April 18.—Twelve of the men missing from the Titanic, represented wealth estimated at \$162,000,000. John Jacob Astor, of course, heads the list with an estimated fortune of \$125,000,000. Then in order come the following: Benjamin Guggenheim, fifth of the Guggenheim Smelter kings, \$10,000,000.

Isador Straus, merchant and philanthropist, \$5,000,000.

George D. Widener, Philadelphia Traction Promoter, \$5,000,000.

Arthur Ryerson, Philadelphia, \$5,000,000.

Charles M. Hays, president Grand Trunk Railway, \$3,000,000.

William C. Dulles, Philadelphia, \$2,500,000.

Harry Elkins Widener, son of George D., \$2,000,000.

C. Duane Williams, Philadelphia, \$2,000,000.

George D. Wick, Youngstown, \$1,000,000.

Henry B. Harris, theater owner and manager, \$1,000,000.

Frederick Sutton, Philadelphia, \$500,000.

Mrs. George D. Widener, who was saved, carried with her three ropes of pearls, insured for \$750,000. Part of her insurance contract was that she wear them through the voyage, and not entrust them to her baggage.

Halifax, N. S., April 18.—Some important details of the horrible marine catastrophe off the New Foundland banks filtered through to this port today, positively establishing the fact that, although Captain Smith of the Titanic knew that the sea was full of dangerous icebergs, his ship was traveling at more than 22 knots an hour when she struck the mass of ice that sent her to the bottom.

Despite the attempts by the White Star Company and the Marconi wireless operators to suppress the facts it is known here that the atmosphere was clear last Sunday night and the sea as smooth as a mill pond.

Southampton, April 18.—The women and children of the members of the crew of the ill-fated Titanic today stormed the White Star office here, pleading for the list of survivors of the crew. Grief and despair reached a climax today after a vigil that had lasted since the first news of the wreck was received Monday, and many women, broken in mind and body by the long watch, were carried away to their homes.

The aristocracy of Southampton's sea-going folk was aboard the fatal ship. More than 800 were picked men, selected for the qualities that have made the British seamen a standard. When the Titanic was put in commission, and her crew chosen, the men who went from Southampton were proud of the distinction, and there was a general rejoicing at the choice.

Today the relatives besieged the White Star Line office to learn the names of the pitiful few who were saved to man the life boats for the surviving passengers. Out of the more than 800 but a paltry 165 were aboard the Carpathia and no list of these survivors has been sent from the rescue ship.

As the fourth day of the grim vigil began at the White Star office, many women among those clamoring for news fainted from grief and exhaustion. One woman, shrieking that her husband, her son, two brothers and four cousins were among the crew of the ill-fated ship, dropped unconscious, exhausted by four days of vain watching and waiting. She was carried away to the hospital.

MAJOR ARCHIBALD BUTT



who went down with the Titanic.

New York, April 18.—Confirmation of the fact that some at least of Titanic's survivors are in a very bad way physically, was seen when the White Star Line today accepted the offer of the St. Luke's Hospital to be set aside for the use of those who may need it, all of the new addition which was opened today. It will accommodate sixty patients, and ambulances will be waiting at the Grand dock tonight to convey the sick or injured women there immediately.

New York, April 18.—It was definitely settled today that neither Isador Straus nor his wife were saved from the sinking Titanic. The following message received by Percy Straus, here was given out by the White Star Line Company: "Every boat watched. Father and mother not on Carpathia."

The message was signed "Radenoch" a buyer for the R. H. Macy Company, of which Isador Straus was the head, sailed on the Carpathia.

Brant Rock, Mass., April 18.—That some of the lifeboats being used to rescue passengers of the Titanic went down with the liner was the thrilling story told by a wireless dispatch sent from the Carpathia today, and intercepted at the station here.

This message indicated that three officers of the White Star liner were communicating to their office in New York city the details of the disaster.

This message stated that the passengers were being taken off when the great boat went down. Some of the boats, trapped in the suction caused by the sinking of the liner, were overwhelmed and dragged to the bottom of the Atlantic, making it impossible to succor even all of those who might have been accommodated by the life boats on the vessel.

New York, April 18.—Wall Street News Bureau have posted a copy of a message which they say was received from Capt. Rostron of the Carpathia by the Highland Light wireless station.

It purports to say that none were saved from the Titanic excepting those he has on board; that he has not Col. John Jacob Astor's body on board, and that Mrs. Astor is dangerously ill; that 100 survivors are in the hospital and that 200 sailors of the Titanic's crew asleep in their quarters at the time of the smash, were crushed to death. The vessel was in darkness within four minutes after the crash, the message says.

A somewhat similar story was reported from Norfolk early last night but was not confirmed.

THANKS TO PRESIDENT TAFT

Washington, April 18.—The ambassador of Great Britain today received a message from the governor of New Foundland requesting him to express to President Taft "The heartfelt and earnest sympathy of the colony of New Foundland and to all who have lost those dear to them by the terrible disaster to the Titanic. Brice delivered the message.

"I have the honor to request that you will accept on behalf of the government and people of New Foundland this expression of their profound sympathy with the people of the United States in the great and terrible sorrow which has come upon them in this awful shipwreck.

Our low shoes are beauties and pronounced so by good judges. Examine our line before buying elsewhere. Jno. A. Marshall & Bro. advt—

ITALY FORGING DARDANELLES.

Cannon Firing Heard at Entrance of Straits Causes Much Excitement.

ITALIANS ON THE AGGRESSIVE.

International Complications Feared—Efforts of Powers to Mediate, So Far, Futile.

London, April 18.—Floyds received today a cable from their agent at the Dardanelles outlining an unconfirmed report that cannon firing was heard at the entrance to the straits. It was rumored that the Italian fleet was attacking the entrance in an effort to force its way into the sea of Marmora, and thence to Constantinople.

Other messages to the same effect were received from several private sources, and it was generally believed in governmental circles that Italy was at last forcing the fighting.

Constantinople, April 18.—The Italian fleet is reported at the entrance of the Dardanelles and is believed to be about to attempt to force the passage. An unconfirmed report here that one of the Italian warships encountered a submarine mine and went to the bottom is in circulation.

SENTENCED BY BRO. MASON

Protests Innocence Before Grand Master of the Universe.

London, April 18.—Frederick Henry Seddons, the first Mason ever sentenced to death in England by a brother Mason, so far as known, was hanged on the gallows of Pentonville Prison today.

Seddons employed every means in the Masonic ritual to escape death. When he was brought into court for sentence, after an eloquent speech, declaring his innocence, he raised his hand in a secret Masonic sign and exclaimed:

"Before the Grand Architect of the Universe, I solemnly swear my innocence."

Justice Bucknills, a grand master Mason, in pronouncing his sentence was deeply moved, and in concluding he said:

"You and I know we both belong to one brotherhood. But that brotherhood condemns crime. I pray you to make your peace with the great Architect of the Universe."

Seddons and his wife were tried jointly for the murder of Miss Eliza Burrow, who lived with them, and who died of arsenic poisoning. At the time of his death Seddons had in his possession several thousand dollars belonging to the woman. His wife was acquitted.

Russian Workmen Killed.

London, April 18.—A Reuter despatch from St. Petersburg states that 107 workmen were killed and 80 wounded by Russian troops during a riot at Irkutsk in the gold mining district.

AUTOMOBILIST SENTENCED

Newark, N. J., April 18.—A sentence of from five to ten years in state's prison was today imposed on Daniel A. Dugan, son of Judge Dugan, of Orange, N. J., convicted of running down and killing a boy by his automobile on Christmas day, last.

An appeal is likely to be taken.

CARD OF THANKS.

I take this means of expressing my great appreciation to all of my friends who in any way assisted me in the European Trip Contest, as conducted by the Gazette last closed, and while I will not be one of the fortunate ones to cross the bring deep, yet I will derive much pleasure in wearing the beautiful diamond ring, which has been awarded me by the Gazette, for which I am very thankful.

MISS ESTHER T. HEISHLEY.

Suburban For Sale.

BEAUTIFUL RIVER PROPERTY Commanding a beautiful view of river and country. High, and near station, 3 miles from Alexandria. A. C. Slaymaker, With ALEXANDER SUTER,