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FIVE CENTS

PROBE GOES DEEP

Senate Committee Investigating the Loss of the Titanic.

Questions Wireless Operators Who Were on Carpathia.

ALL KNOWLEDGE IS DENIED

Regarding Message That Sunk- en Steamer Was Safe.

One Witness Was Without Sleep Four Days, He Says.

New York, April 20.—Just before the senate committee investigating the Titanic disaster met an invalid chair was wheeled into the room.

It was Harold Bride, the assistant wireless operator on the Titanic, whose feet were wrenched and badly injured when he was rushed on the life raft that picked him up. He was sallow and hollow checked and lay propped up with pillows awaiting his call to the witness chair.

Immediately behind Bride came Bruce Ismay, president of the Mercantile Marine, and P. A. Franklin, vice president of the organization. Ismay announced before the inquiry began that he had given instructions to all the lines of international mercantile marine which include the White Star, the American, the Red Star, the Leyland, the Atlantic Transport and the Dominion lines, to equip all steamers with sufficient lifeboats and raft boats for every passenger and every member of the crews without regard to government regulations.

The first witness was Thomas Cottam, the wireless operator on the Carpathia, who was recalled to the stand by Senator Smith.

Senator Smith asked questions to discover whether any official had sought to keep back news of the disaster.

Sent No Such Message.

"Did you send any message that all the passengers had been saved or that the Titanic was being towed to Halifax?"

"No, sir."

"Nor anything like it?"

"No, sir."

"Did you know such reports were being published to the world?"

"No, sir."

"If the White Star line sent a message Monday morning, 'Representative J. H. Hughes, Huntington, W. Va., Titanic proceeding to Halifax. Passengers probably all saved. Wednesday morning, All safe.' They did not obtain the information on which that is based from you?"

"No."

"Do you know that it obtained it from any other operator on the Carpathia?"

"No."

Senator Smith asked the witness if he had received any message at the time the Carpathia left the scene of the disaster until it reached New York.

"No, sir," answered Cottam.

"I reported the entire matter myself to the steamship Baltic at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning. I told them we had been to the wreck and had picked up as many of the passengers as we could."

Four Days Without Sleep.

Cottam said he had been without sleep throughout Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and all late Wednesday afternoon. Senator Smith sought to have the witness designate the exact hour when he was relieved by Operator Bride, who had been taken aboard the Carpathia from the Titanic.

"I don't know, sir," said Cottam in extension. "I was up continuously and I lost track of time at five and six days. I had from eight to ten hours sleep from the time we left the wreck until we arrived in New York."

"Did Bride send any message in that time?" Smith asked.

"Yes, sir, he sent the list of the third class passengers to the cruiser Chester."

Any other message?

"Several. I don't remember what they were. The records are on the Carpathia."

"Did you or Bride send any message declaring the Titanic was being towed to Halifax?"

"No, sir," said the witness with emphasis.

Cottam after rehearsing again the final messages exchanged between the Titanic and Carpathia was excused. He is to be recalled.

Bride Is Called.

Senator Smith then called what he evidently expected to be one of the most important witnesses, Harold S. Bride, the sole surviving wireless operator of the Titanic. Crippled as a result of his experiences, he was wheeled in an invalid's chair to the table where the committee sat.

"Contrary to usual procedure," said Senator Smith, "I must place you under oath."

The witness, half uplifted listened while the senator repeated the oath.

Then he bowed assent. Bride said he was a native of London, was 2 years of age and had learned his profession in a British school of telegraphy.

What practical experience have you had?

"I have crossed to the states three times and to Brazil twice," said Bride. "There was so much business Sunday."

He was asked if Captain Smith received or sent any messages Sunday.

"No, sir," was the reply.

"How do you know he did not?"

"Because I see the messages Mr. Phillips takes when he is made up."

"Were those for Sunday made up?"

"No, they never were." After testimony he made no permanent record

of the iceberg warning. Bride insisted he gave the memorandum of the warning to the officer on the watch. The name of the officer he could not tell.

Olympic Sent Misleading Report. London, April 20.—Captain Haddock of the White Star line steamer Olympic on arriving at Plymouth today from New York said the Olympic sent out a wireless report that the Allan liner Virginian was towing the Titanic and all of the latter's passengers were safe. The passengers of the Olympic, which is a sister ship of the ill-fated Titanic, subscribed \$7,000 to the relief fund for the survivors.

MAJOR BUTT'S RECORD

The General Staff of the Army Issues a Statement.

Washington, April 20.—The general staff today published some parts of the military record of the late General Archibald Butt, who lost his life on the Titanic. The official record, dry and brief, discloses the remarkable versatility and ability of the young officer. Here are some of the highlights.

A military student at the University of South Seawane, Tenn., an author of novels, magazine articles and abstract army problems, a quartermaster who earned the highest commendation from Wm. H. Taft who as governor of the Philippines commended him for appointment in the regular army an exceptionally tactful and diplomatic aide de camp and generally efficient officer according to the testimony of Theodore Roosevelt; a commendable and loyal worker in the Philippines according to Lt. General Buis and one of the best volunteer captains and quartermasters ever seen, according to Major General Arthur MacArthur.

The White House made public several telegrams from and to parts of the country relating to the tragic death of Major Butt. One came from Governor Spry, of Utah, which said:

"The people of this state are shocked and horrified at the terrible calamity. To you personally, permit me to express my deep sorrow in the loss of your close personal friend, Major Butt."

W. C. Markham, of Baldwin, Kan., wired that the church where Major Butt attended services with the president last September, holds memorial service Sunday.

George Hoze, of the Courier-Journal, Louisville, sent this inquiry:

"Must I put a wreath on Archie's picture? I reared the boy."

SLAYER STILL AT LARGE

Ike Copeland Said to Have Left Pittsburgh After Crime.

Pittsburg, Kan., April 20.—Ike Copeland, one of the desperate gang which it is said shot Deputy Sheriff Verne Adams Wednesday night, is still at large. His brother John, gave himself up to the authorities late last night and was taken to jail at Columbus. This makes two of the gang now in jail. John stated that after the shooting of Adams Ike left on the Missouri Pacific for the south. This is denied however, by the station agent at Cores, and no passengers boarded the train at that place the night of the shooting. Sheriff Bramlette did not believe the story told by John Copeland, that his brother had gone away with the sheriff. He said that the story has been told to attempt to divert the officers who are searching for Ike from the trial said to have been taken by the Copelands after the shooting.

When John was arrested he was examined closely by the officers and he denied doing the shooting and refused to say whether his brother had done the shooting or not. It is the belief of the officers who are looking for Ike, that he is hiding near the scene of the shooting, or in the vicinity of the Copeland home.

Deputy Sheriff Adams will be buried tomorrow in Columbus. His father is said to have been engaged during the past year in the prosecution of bootleggers and had made enemies among this class of men. It is still uncertain which one of the Copelands did the shooting.

Pittsburg, Kan., April 20.—Loud Somers, brother of the Enoch Somers, found dead in bed a month ago, was locked up in the county jail last night pending an investigation. It is probable that a warrant will be issued for him for charging him with the murder of Enoch and Clara Somers. The inquest is still going on. Nothing of any importance developed at the session.

The jury were taken to the Hardman home where the Somers lived. They were accompanied by Edgar Anthony, father of the dead woman. As he attempted to enter the Hardman home, Mrs. Hardman, aunt of the dead man, told him to not come a step farther.

"Remain where you are! Remain right there where you are!" said Mrs. Hardman as Anthony attempted to advance into the door. Mr. Anthony did not enter the house and soon left the premises. A large crowd was in attendance at the inquest this morning again.

Pittsburg, Kan., April 20.—Tom Reeder, a young man living at Mulberry and Third streets, died here, fell out of a wagon and died this morning at 5 o'clock. It was believed that Reeder received a broken neck from the effect of the fall from his wagon but Dr. F. E. Nippes, who examined the body this morning said that not a bone was broken. Reeder was a well known miner and had lived here a number of years.

WELL KNOWN MEN HERE

Will Read Book of John at First Baptist Church.

The last nine chapters of the book of John will be read at the first Baptist church Sunday night. The stereopticon will be used to illustrate the reading. Those who will read Sunday night are William M. Shaver, John MacDonald, Mrs. W. A. McCarter, Mrs. Lee Monroe, D. E. Hawkins, S. W. Benson, George A. Guild, Justice W. Benson.

The service last week Mr. Gordon said, was about half an hour too long. Tomorrow night the whole program will not exceed an hour and a half. The chapters to be read record the last week of Jesus' life.

THE MEN THEY LEFT BEHIND THEM.

By John T. McCutcheon.

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MAKE RICH HAUL 200 ARE DROWNED PUT ON HIS BEST

Robbers Get \$14,000 From Express Messenger.

Tie Him and Close Office—Posse After Them.

Grand Junction, Col., April 20.—Two masked robbers secured \$14,000 in currency from the depot office of the Globe Express company here early today, and gained two hours start on officers and a posse of men armed with rifles and shot guns.

The money was consigned from the Salt Lake City office of the Globe Express company to the Somerset Mining company at Somerset, Col., the sum being the amount of the mining company's pay roll.

The robbers knocked at the door of the office and told Ben Gilbert, Globe Express messenger, that they had a package they wanted to send. Gilbert opened the sliding door, and the robbers pounced upon him, and at the point of revolvers forced him to unlock the safe containing the money, although Gilbert protested that there was no money in the safe. The robbers told him they knew the money was there because they had traced the package from the Salt Lake City office.

After securing the money, the robbers bound and gagged Gilbert, leaving him on the floor. So tight was the messenger bound that his wrists were badly cut with the cords, and blood flowed from the wounds.

Gilbert was rendered unconscious by a blow on the head, and more than an hour later revived, pulled off the gag and called for help.

Gilbert describes the robbers as both being about 25 years of age and 5 feet 11 inches tall. They were dressed in cowboy fashion.

The body had been dead two hours when found. Coroner Montee, assisted by Dr. Owensby, examined the body and pronounced that the man had undoubtedly committed suicide. It is said that Tannhill has been having trouble for some time and this worried him.

Wednesday, May 1, will be "Seeing Topeka First" day for the women of Topeka. An all-day schedule will be arranged including a "Topeka made" luncheon at the Commercial club. There will be no evening dinner as was the case in connection with the excursion this week.

It is expected that a large number of housewives and members of women's clubs will take advantage of the opportunity to get an insight into the manner in which Topeka goods are turned out by the factories. In fact several clubs have already put their stamp of approval on the excursion by official resolutions. A number of ladies who own automobiles have expressed their willingness to put their machines in use on the eventful day.

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Flood Sweeps Over a Large Section of Mississippi.

The Refugees in One Camp Number 6,000.

Jackson, Miss., April 20.—Reports reached here today that 200 persons have been drowned in Bolivar county, Miss., by the flood that swept through that section when the river dikes broke near Beulah. Bolivar county is covered with water and efforts to verify the reports are meeting with many obstacles.

The reports declare many white persons were swept away by the deluge. Governor Brewer was advised there are 6,000 refugees in camp at Cleveland and that the food supply will last less than 24 hours.

Greenview, Miss., April 20.—Fifteen persons are known to have been drowned last night near Benoit in the flood that came from the levee break between Benoit and Beulah, Miss., the loss of life in the Delta. It is believed will reach 200.

Trouble Caused Tannhill to Hang Himself, Coroner Decides.

Pittsburg, Kan., April 20.—J. E. Tannhill, a farmer living southwest of town, committed suicide by hanging himself with a hitching strap in his own barn. The body was discovered by his wife when she went in search of him when he failed to come to dinner. Tannhill had left the house early in the morning to go to town. However, he did not leave the premises.

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ROOSEVELT LEADS

The Colonel Seems to Have Carried Nebraska

In Presidential Preference Primary by Good Margin.

CLARK LEADS DEMOCRATS

Governors Harmon and Wilson Ran Close Together.

Taft and LaFollette in Neck and Neck Race.

Omaha, April 20.—Colonel Roosevelt seems to have been the overwhelming favorite of the Republicans in the state-wide preference primary held in Nebraska yesterday and indications are that Champ Clark was the choice of the Democrats.

Due to the late closing of the polls only about one-seventh of the vote, it is estimated, has been counted, but the returns received thus far are from so many different sections of the state that they are believed to show the general trend of the voting. Supporters of Harmon practically abandoned hope at daybreak today when returns from Douglas county of the Second district in which Omaha is located showed that the Ohio governor's strength here had been greatly overestimated by them. It had been predicted by many of those connected with his state campaign that his majority in Douglas county would run as high as 5,000. The returns received thus far prove it will be much less than that.

Clark supporters were surprised greatly by his showing in the First district, in which Mr. Bryan resides. That was thought to be a Wilson stronghold.

There remains but little doubt that Clark has carried the First, Fourth, Fifth and probably the Sixth districts and the state at large. As in most precincts the heads of the tickets were counted first there still is doubt as to the winners in the races for nominations to the lower offices.

Early reports gave former Governor Ashton C. Shallenberger a lead over his three opponents for the Democratic nomination for U. S. senator. The two Republican aspirants for the senatorial nomination, Norris Brown and George W. Norris, insurgent leader of the last house, seemed to be running neck and neck.

Meagre returns received on the gubernatorial nominations indicate that Chester H. Aldrich, the present incumbent, is leading Jesse B. Newberry, the Republican nomination, Richard L. Metcalfe and John H. Morehead, rival Democratic candidates, showed about equal strength.

Approximately one-fifth of the vote outside of Douglas county, 25 of the 61 precincts in Omaha, and six of the remaining 33 precincts in Douglas county show the following vote on the presidential choice by congressional districts:

Clark, 2,555; Harmon, 2,970; Wilson, 2,631; LaFollette, 3,439; Roosevelt, 8,755; Taft, 3,533.

Indications are that W. J. Bryan and Senator Hitchcock have been named as two of the four delegates at large to the national Democratic convention.

It is estimated that only about one-half the registered vote was polled. Considering the interest shown in the campaign this result was a surprise.

It was the first presidential preference primary ever held in Nebraska, and the clerks and judges of elections found the totaling of ballots ranging from two to eight feet in length, a trying task. All returns are coming in slowly and the close races will be in doubt for several days.

ATHLETES READY.

Five Hundred Runners Will Take Place in Relay Meet.

Des Moines, April 20.—More than five hundred athletes representing several universities and colleges in the middle west are here today to participate in the Drake university relay meet this afternoon. For the first time a Wisconsin team is competing with the Drake team.

Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota universities have entered teams in addition to Chicago, Drake, Washington of St. Louis, and many colleges in the middle west.

The track is said to be in ideal condition and weather conditions early were favorable.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES.

Western League.
Lincoln at Denver, rain, 3 p. m.
Wichita at Topeka, cloudy, 3:30 p. m.
Sioux City at Omaha, cloudy, 3:45 p. m.
Des Moines at St. Joseph, cloudy, 3:45 p. m.National League.
Brooklyn at New York, clear, 3:30 p. m.
Boston at Philadelphia, clear, 3 p. m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, cloudy, 3 p. m.
Cincinnati at Chicago, cloudy, 3 p. m.American Association.
New York at Boston, clear, 3 p. m.
Philadelphia at Washington, clear, 3:30 p. m.
Cleveland at Detroit, clear, 3 p. m.
Chicago at St. Louis, clear, 3 p. m.Weather Indications.
Chicago, April 20.—Forecast for Kansas: Showers tonight or Sunday; cooler Sunday.

NEVER WILL KNOW

Number of Those Who Perished on the Titanic

Cannot Be Determined With Any Degree of Certainty.

PASSENGER LIST WENT DOWN

Total of Survivors Is Now Fixed at 705.

Complete Story Is Being Gathered by Senate Committee.

New York, April 20.—Nearly a week has passed since the Titanic, greatest marine achievement in the history of the world, sank in midocean. Much of her story still is untold, and many a day will pass before the world will fully comprehend the significance of the disaster. The number of dead probably will never be exactly determined, inasmuch as the complete passenger list went down with the vessel. The number of survivors is fixed at 705 by the report of Captain Rostron of the Carpathia. The White Star line officials believe the death list totaled approximately 1,635.

The narratives gathered piecemeal from the liner's survivors pay tribute, without precedent to the bravery of the men and women of these modern days, a bravery of impulse, unstudied, unassuming and instinctive alike in the courage of the stoker and millionaire. By common consent the churches of the world will set aside their pulpits tomorrow for a reverent consideration of the disaster and for mourning for the lost.

As to the needs of the living, ample provision is rapidly being made. The relief funds being gathered from New York and London already total well up in the hundreds of thousands. Most of the steerage passengers who reached New York, distraught and penniless, have already found a home in the generosity and hospitality of America. Clad, fed and housed, they will be given ample time to recover from the shock of their experience and will start their life in the new world with ample funds and kindly advice of excellent counselors.

The most complete story of the Titanic's fate yet obtained is being rapidly gathered in New York by the members of the senate investigating committee.

The committee has already listened to the testimony of J. Bruce Ismay, the managing director of the White Star line; Captain Rostron, of the Carpathia; Charles G. Lightholder, second officer of the Titanic and others.

Titanic Officers Called.

The witnesses called for today's session included H. J. Pittman, third officer of the Titanic; J. G. Roxhall, fourth officer; R. Lowe, also an official postscript of the Titanic, and fifteen of the crew.

The committee has the assistance of George Uhler, chief of the United States steamship inspection service, and Truman Newberry, who was secretary of the navy under Theodore Roosevelt. The burden of testimony presented emphasized the complete faith of the Titanic officers in her unshakable character, the recklessness of steaming at full speed through a sea where dangerous icebergs were known to be lurking.

The Titanic's fate already has resulted in action by the trans-Atlantic lines to insure liners a course well to the south where the iceberg danger will no longer be present. The lines it is announced have agreed on a new "long" course, which dips far to the south of the Titanic's route. A little disposition to criticize Captain Smith for following the ocean lane in which he met disaster. He showed caution, according to the naval hydrographers, in steering a course well to the south of the regular southern lane.

The northern course, used by vessels from July to January crosses the Grand banks in latitude 40 north, four degrees further north than the southern course, "long course" in which the Titanic met its fate. The Titanic was sixty miles south of the regular southern course and was even in danger of collision with eastbound vessels.

New Eastbound Route.

The new route eastbound provides that steamships shall dip to latitude 38.20 on the first third of their course, making a total distance from New York to Eastport of 3,000 miles, where the distance now is reckoned as 2,850 miles. The loss of time on the new course will be about nine hours for a 24 knot ship. Boats of the Olympic class may be eleven or fourteen hours longer in crossing. They will gain, however, in having clear weather most of the time, avoiding delays from fog.

There was some criticism among the survivors here of the Titanic crew's inability to handle the lifeboats. Albert Major, steward on the Titanic, admitted that there had been no boat drills and that the lifeboats were poorly handled.

"One thing comes to my mind above all else," he said. "We of the crew realized at the start of the trouble that we were unorganized, and although every man did his best, we were hindered in setting the best results because we could not pull together. There had not been a single boat drill in the Titanic."

One story, told by a fireman runs: The engineers stayed by the pumps as the water came down the ship. The firemen and stokers were sent on deck five minutes before the Titanic sank, when it was seen they would inevitably be lost if they stayed longer than the work of trying to keep the fires in the boilers and the pumps at work. The lights burned to the last because the dynamo was run by oil engines.

With the sailing of a majority of the Titanic's crew, the last of the sources of interesting information have been closed until the Red Star line reaches the other side. United States Senator Smith believed certain members of the crew that he held here for examination may reveal just what happened to the Titanic below decks when she struck the berg.

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