

FLASHED BITS OF WITTICISMS AS SHIP WENT DOWN Grim Humor of Wireless Operator of Grontoft on Radio Log of Esthonia. DEATH AS BUTT OF ALL HIS JOKES Each Detail of Ship's Plight Supplemented by Jesting Comment of Operator.

New York, March 8.—The grim humor of a wireless operator, who laughed at death and flashed striking bits of wit into the ether as his ship, the Norwegian steamer Grontoft, walked and slowly sank during a mid-air collision with the Danish steamer Esthonia, last Thursday, was recorded on the radio log of the Danish steamer Esthonia, arriving today.

Each detail of the ship's plight, each call for aid was supplemented by the jesting comment of the radio man, whose identity still is unknown. He talked as if he were going on a lark to port, instead of to the bottom of the sea. His last message a disjointed one, was a series of witticisms—

with death as the butt of the jokes. The Esthonia herself had hit in the 110 mile gale, made a valiant but unsuccessful effort to reach the Grontoft which first sent out calls for aid at 10 o'clock last Thursday morning, reporting her position as about 700 miles east of Cape Race. The Esthonia at that time was 43 miles off the disabled Norwegian and steaming in an opposite direction.

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Taking the initiative for the administration, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader and a member of the American Arms Conference delegation, told the Senate, in a carefully prepared address, that the Four Power pact had its "main purpose" in abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, and that its ratification was defeated, it meant "failure of the conference."

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BRITISH SOLDIERS RELIEVED OF THEIR ARMS EQUIPMENT Halted by Armed Party in Dublin—Officer in Charge Wounded.

London, March 8.—The Dublin correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company reports that an armed party halted eight British soldiers under the charge of a sergeant at Waterford this evening and ordered them to put up their hands. The sergeant alone did not comply, whereupon he was shot and wounded. The assailants seized the rifles and equipment of the soldiers and despoiled.

U. S. SENATE IN SKIRMISH OVER TREATY Four-Power Pacific Pact Starts Heated Controversy Over Doings of Arms Parley.

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STRONG PARTY FEELING STILL HOLDING SWAY Lord Carson and Lord High Chancellor Birkenhead in Fierce Encounter.

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ANARCHY HAS BROKEN OUT IN SEVERAL CRIMEAN AREAS Mobs of Hunger-Stricken Peasants Have Wrecked Shops in Quest of Food.

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GOVERNMENT TAKEN TO TASK BY HON. MEIGHEN Declares Premier King and Followers Usurped the Functions of Parliament.

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COMPLETE FREE STATE CONSTITUTION Will Not Have Force Until Approved by the Provisional Government.

HARTLAND FLOODED BY EARLY FRESHET Homes and Stores Filled With Water and Much Damage Done.

JURY PRONOUNCES CROMBIE INSANE Charged With the Murder of Twelve Year Old Son Last October.

DE VALERA CONFERS WITH THE FAITHFUL Adopt Resolution Demanding Dail Reimpose the Trade Boycott—Discuss Anarchy Campaign.

ABANDON ATTEMPTS TO SETTLE STRIKE Rhode Island State Board of Mediation Finds Task Impossible to Accomplish.

FINGER PRINTS FOUND ON THE BABY'S THROAT Murder Charge Preferred Against Father of Five Months Old Child.

STMR. SISTO BREAKS FROM ICY PRISON After Struggle Lasting Ten Days Norwegian Craft Reaches Her Dock.

ORANGEMEN FIGHT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RUSSIA MIGHT STEP CONFERENCE Conditions Liable to Arise to Prevent Representation at Genoa Parley.

BURIED IN CAVE IN SPRINGHILL

VOTE FOR STRIKE

PITCHED BATTLES

MONTREAL EXPECTS BUSY PORT SEASON

ST. JOHN'S N.S. Ice weary crew greeted the sight of land with enthusiasm when the Norwegian steamer Sisto arrived here today.