

Britain Is Appalled By Enormous Tragedy

King George Expresses Deepest Sympathy—Entire Nation is Stirred by Terrible Loss of Life—Public is Grief Stricken.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
LONDON, May 30.—The British public which went home last night believing that the greater part of the passengers on board the Empress of Ireland had survived the disaster in the St. Lawrence, was shocked beyond measure this morning when it was learned that the loss of life exceeded 1,000, and that many of the victims were from the United Kingdom.

King George early in the morning sent a messenger to the European manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, expressing his sorrow and regret at the disaster, and the great loss of life.

John Burns, president of the local government board was one of the first callers at the London offices of the company to ask for the latest news.

The Lord Mayor of London, upon learning of the extent of the disaster, decided to open a fund toward the relief of the widows and orphans as well as the dependents of those of the passengers and crew who had been lost.

Great crowds besieged the London and Liverpool offices of the company and anxiously scanned the lists of the rescued.

There were many pitiable scenes when women and men who had waited throughout the night in the hope

of hearing friends or relatives were safe could not find their names on the lists, and turned away in despair when further bulletins were posted.

A number of passengers who had booked their berths on trans-Atlantic steamers sailing to-day, cancelled their trips at the last moment as a result of the accident to the Empress of Ireland.

King George cabled to the Duke of Connaught, governor-general of Canada:

"I am deeply grieved over the awful disaster to the Empress of Ireland in which so many Canadians lost their lives. Queen Mary and I both assure you of our heartfelt sympathy with those who mourn the loss of relatives and friends."

To Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway His Majesty cabled:

"In the appalling disaster which has befallen your company by the loss of the Empress of Ireland in which so many perished, I offer you my sincere sympathy."

The King received this morning the following telegram from Raymond Poincaré, president of the French republic:

"It is with profound emotion that I learn of the terrible catastrophe in connection with the Empress of Ireland, which will plunge so many families into mourning. From my heart I tender to your Majesty the sincere regrets and keen sympathy of the French people."

The Irish Nationalist convention at a meeting to-day in London under the presidency of T. P. O'Connor, passed a resolution of sympathy with the relatives and friends of those who died when the Empress of Ireland sank and it was transmitted to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

The London morning papers in commenting editorially on the disaster, call for a thorough investigation as to whether the bulkheads were closed, and if so, how it was that the most modern system of watertight compartments failed to keep the ship from sinking.

The claim for the Empress of Ireland will be the heaviest sustained by the Lloyds' underwriters since the sinking of the Titanic.

It is expected that the disaster will give a serious check to the scheme of establishing a Canadian Lloyds, with a view to reducing the rates charged in London for insuring vessels navigating the St. Lawrence. Statistics show that the underwriters have con-

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THE RETURN OF TARZAN

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CHAPTER XIV.
Drowned at Sea.

THE next morning at breakfast Tarzan's place was vacant. Miss Strong was mildly curious for Mr. Caldwell had always made it a point to wait that he might breakfast with her and her mother. As she was sitting on deck later M. Thuran passed to exchange a half dozen pleasant words with her. He seemed in most excellent spirits. As he passed on Miss Strong thought what a very delightful man was M. Thuran.

The day dragged heavily. When M. Thuran stopped again to chat with her in the afternoon she welcomed the break in the day's monotony. But she had begun to become seriously concerned about Caldwell's continued absence. Presently she broached the subject to M. Thuran. Had he seen Mr. Caldwell today? He had not. Why? "He was not at breakfast as usual, nor have I seen him once since yesterday," explained the girl.

M. Thuran was extremely solicitous. "It did not seem the pleasure of intimate acquaintance with Mr. Caldwell," he said. "He seemed a most estimable gentleman, however. Can it be that he is indisposed and has remained in his stateroom? It would not be strange."

"No," replied the girl; "it would not be strange, of course, but for some inexplicable reason I have one of those foolish feminine presentiments that all is not right with Mr. Caldwell. It is the strangest feeling. It is as though I knew that he was not on board the ship."

M. Thuran laughed pleasantly. "Mercy, my dear Miss Strong," he said. "Where in the world could he be then? We have not been within sight of land for days."

"Of course it is ridiculous of me," she admitted. And then: "But I am not going to worry about it any longer. I am going to find out where Mr. Caldwell is." And she motioned to a passing steward.

"That may be more difficult than you imagine, my dear girl," thought M. Thuran, but aloud he said, "By all means."

"Find Mr. Caldwell, please," she said to the steward, "and tell him that his friends are much worried by his continued absence."

"You are very fond of Mr. Caldwell?" suggested M. Thuran.

"I think he is splendid," replied the girl. "And mamma is perfectly infatuated with him."

A minute later the steward returned to say that Mr. Caldwell was not in his stateroom. "I cannot find him, Miss Strong," he hesitated—"I have searched his room but he has not occupied last night. I think that I had better report the matter to the captain."

"Most assuredly," exclaimed Miss Strong. "I shall go with you to the captain myself."

It was a very frightened young woman and an excited steward who presented themselves before the captain a few moments later. He listened to their stories in silence, a look of concern marking his expression as the steward assured him that he had sought for the missing passenger in every part of the ship that passengers might be expected to frequent.

The captain ordered an immediate and thorough search of the entire ship from stem to stern—no nook or cranny was to be overlooked. It was a full hour later that the first officer returned to report the outcome of the search.

"Mr. Caldwell is not on board, sir," he said.

"I fear that there is something more serious at hand," said Mr. Brentley, "said the captain. 'I wish that you would make a personal and very careful examination of Mr. Caldwell's effects, to ascertain if there is any clew to a motive either for suicide or murder—sift the thing to the bottom.'"

"Aye, aye, sir," responded Mr. Brentley, and left to commence his investigation.

Hazel Strong was prostrated. For two days she did not leave her cabin, and when she finally ventured on deck she was very wan, and white, with great dark circles beneath her eyes.

Shortly after her first appearance on deck following the tragedy, M. Thuran joined her with many expressions of kindly solicitude.

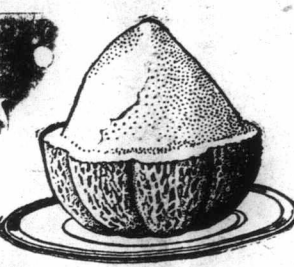
"Oh, but it is terrible, Miss Strong," he said. "I cannot rid my mind of it."

The girl could not help but feel grateful to him for his kind words. He was with her often—almost constantly for the remainder of the voyage—and she grew to like him very much indeed. M. Thuran had learned that the beautiful Miss Strong of Baltimore was an American heiress—a very wealthy girl in her own right, and with future prospects that quite took his breath away.

It had been M. Thuran's intention to leave the ship at the first port they touched after the disappearance of Tarzan. Did he not have in his coat pocket the thing he had taken passage upon this very boat to obtain? There was nothing more to detain him here. He could not return to the continent fast enough that he might board the first express for St. Petersburg.

But Miss Strong had obtruded herself and was rapidly crowding his original intentions into the background. That American fortune was not to be sneezed at, nor was its possessor a whit less attractive.

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[By Special Wire to the COURIER] QUEBEC, June 2.—All death house at the Louise work of identifying the victim of the Empress of Ireland disaster. Despite the fact that experts had played havoc with the bodies, progress was made by last evening in identifying that approximately 110 bodies had been identified, leaving 78 known. During the day were removed from the morgue and shipped to the funeral homes. The bodies of the victims of the Empress of Ireland disaster, which were identified by the work of the funeral homes, are being removed from the morgue in batches of five. The work of identifying the victims of the disaster is proceeding all day long. The bodies are being identified in sections of 20. The work was aided by the fact that the bodies have been preserved for burial, while they were removed from the morgue in decent funeral receptacles. As there is any possibility of immediate identification of the bodies left will be kept at the morgue. Then they will be taken to the city cemetery where they will be held as long as pending identification of the bodies of the victims of the disaster. The bodies of the victims of the disaster were identified yesterday. The bodies of the victims of the disaster were identified by the work of the funeral homes. The bodies of the victims of the disaster were identified by the work of the funeral homes. The bodies of the victims of the disaster were identified by the work of the funeral homes.