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50,000-TON SHIPS TO RIDE ATLANTIC OCEAN

Will be Larger Than Lusitania and Mauretania, But Not So Swift.

London, May 27.—Mr. Booth, chairman of the Cunard Steamship company, said at a recent meeting of shareholders that in his judgment the future of the New York trade lay with the 40,000 or 50,000-ton combined passenger and cargo boat. He spoke from the experience gained from the Lusitania and Mauretania, each of them of nearly 25,000 tons. These two leviathans have proved so successful that a ship still larger is to be built to share the New York service with them. It is believed that the new vessel will not possess the speed of the Lusitania and Mauretania.

In the near future there will be four monster ships exceeding in size the present Cunarders. Two of them are well under way, the Olympic and Titanic, each of which is to be about 45,000 tons. They are for the White Star Line and are to run from Southampton to New York. The launching of the Olympic at the yards of Messrs. Harland and Wolff is fixed for October next, and the Titanic is expected to be ready not long after.

A third vessel of the 40,000-ton order is that which the Hamburg-American Line is to build in Germany. Here Ballin had this steamer in view two or three years ago, but cancelled the order he had given to Messrs. Harland and Wolff owing to the depressing outlook for Atlantic traffic.

Neither the White Star boats nor the German ship will have very high speed. Probably 20 knots will be held to suffice. The Olympic will be fitted with a combination of the reciprocating engine and the turbine. With regard to the cost of building large vessels it is pointed out that the government advanced the Cunard company \$12,000,000 for the building of their triple turbine ships, which suggests an expenditure not less than \$6,500,000 on each vessel. The two White Star boats are expected to cost about the same sum, the more moderate speed aimed at helping to compensate for their superior dimensions.

Mr. Booth remarked at the Cunard meeting that 20 years ago a weekly service to New York would not have represented a greater capital outlay than \$7,500,000.

CANE WAS FULL OF STOLEN SOVEREIGNS

Sir R. Anderson Tells of Goldmaking Fraud That Was Worked in London

London, May 27.—Sir Robt. Anderson, formerly head of the criminal investigation department at Scotland Yard, in his reminiscences tells the following story:

A genius claimed to have discovered the secret of making gold and he offered to sell it to a great city firm—a house whose name is in high repute not only in England, but in all the capitals of Europe. By means of a process which he had discovered the bulk of any quantity of gold could be increased by one-half at trifling expense.

"His dupes accepted his terms, subject to his giving proof of the value of his discovery, and to test it they proposed to supply him with 100 sovereigns and the needed plant. He brought 'seen' of working on such a petty sum as that; it would be waste of time, for the process was a tedious one.

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"Finally it was arranged that he should have \$100,000 in sovereigns and a house was taken in Leman street, Whitechapel, and there a laboratory was fitted up for his use. The gold was piled in tanks provided for the purpose; the needed chemicals were supplied, and the experiment proceeded with elaborate precautions against

larceny and fraud. "The man was emphatic in insisting on two points, no one but himself was to enter the laboratory and he was to be rigorously searched every time he passed out. After many weeks during which his visits were frequent he disappeared and when eventually the door was forced the tanks which

had contained the gold were empty and the bottles which contained the chemicals were full. What had become of the \$100,000? The fullest inquiry only served to elicit proof that the man had been searched with exemplary care at every visit. "The mystery would have remained forever unsolved if the criminal had

not himself supplied the solution of it. In sheer bravado and pride in his achievement he wrote to the firm he had swindled, telling them of his appreciation of the money and of his confidence that they would rather lose twice as much than incur ridicule on every exchange in Europe by a prosecution which would disclose their folly.

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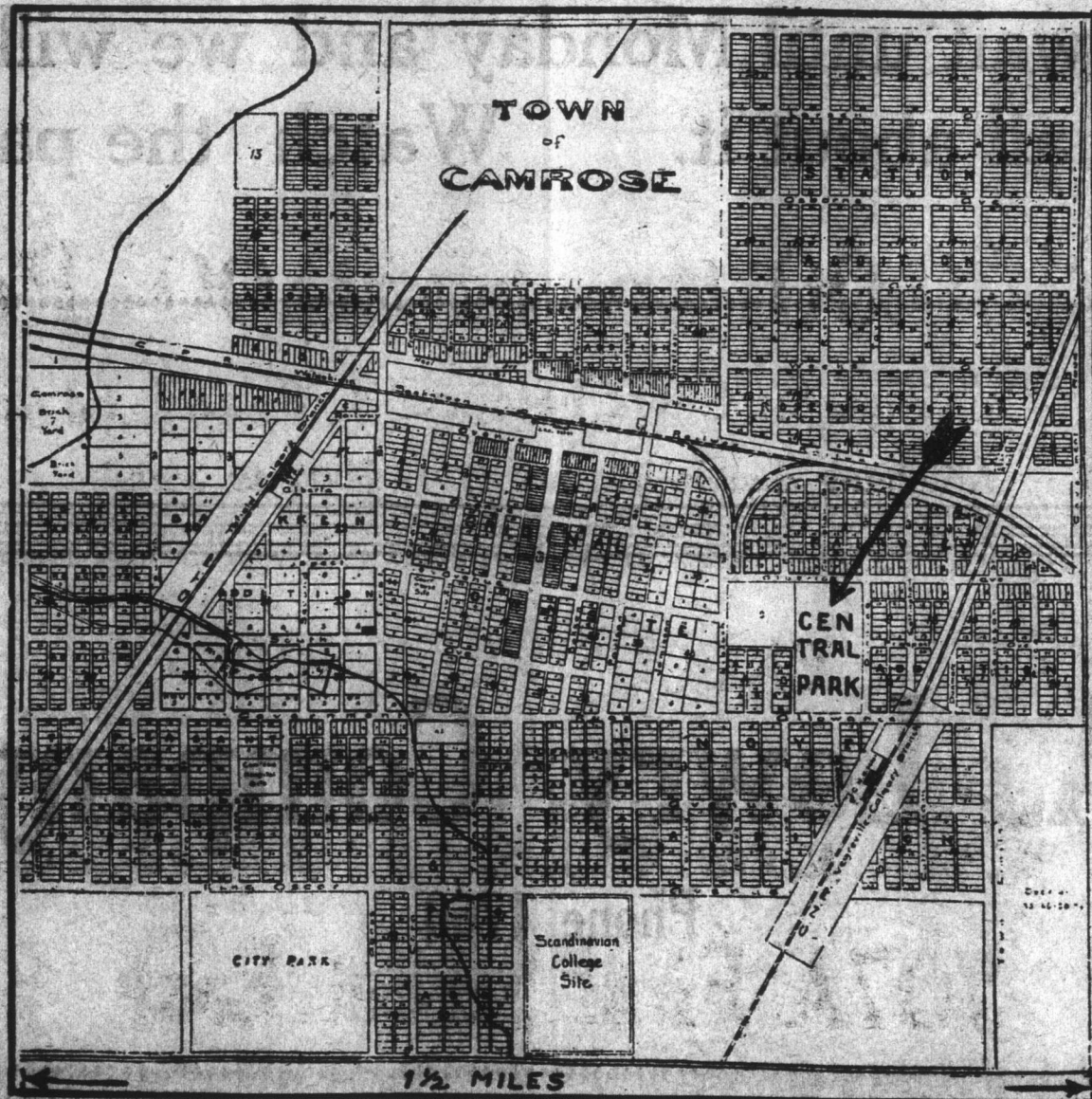
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