

STR. BRITANNIC, THE LAST WORD IN SHIPS

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(Special to The Telegraph.) London, Dec. 22.—The Britannic, which will be the largest vessel owned by the White Star Line, will be launched from the yards of the builders, Harland & Wolff, of Belfast, on Feb. 26, three and a half years after the first keel-plate was laid.

The original plans for the new liner have been completely altered during the course of construction, owing to the development in shipbuilding which has taken place since then. A chief feature of the vessel will be an inner shell constructed at a distance of three feet from the outer hull and extending for a distance of 700 feet. The Britannic will be ready for her maiden voyage next September.

OLD AGE PENSIONERS SHORT FOR CHRISTMAS. Nearly 900,000 old people will be unable to celebrate Christmas this year, owing to the official decision to hold over the payment of the weekly dole of five shillings, made under the old age pensions act, until next Saturday.

IRISH EMBARGO ON ARMS VALID. The attorney general, Sir John Simon, denies the truth of the statement published in the Times yesterday, that the government has advised that the recent proclamations against the importation of arms into Ireland were ultra vires. A similar denial has also been made by the officials at Dublin Castle.

CLYDE SHIPBUILDERS HAD BANNER YEAR. The shipbuilding returns on the Clyde for the present year show a total output of 767,000 tons exceeding the returns for 1912 by 120,000 tons. The total is also the highest attained by any shipbuilding centre.

WELL-KNOWN CANADIANS WERE IN LONDON. Among the passengers who arrived from New York by the Olympic at the end of last week were: F. C. Salter, manager of the Grand Trunk, who has left his wife and children to winter in California; Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, and J. S. Bisley, of Montreal. The last named is rejoining his family in London.

Millionaire Under the Knife. Paris, Dec. 22.—William Astor, chairman of the New York millionaire, today underwent an operation for a fractured knee. It was successfully performed by Dr. C. W. Bouchet, who removed a clot of blood. The patient was slightly feverish after the operation but there were no other symptoms.

FUR TRADER FINED \$5,500 OR 27 YEARS IN JAIL (Canadian Press.) Toronto, Dec. 22.—Milk and butter stood at \$2 a stone, a high for even Adelaide LeFranc, manager for Revillon Freres at Mississauga, but when the fine amount of \$5,500, or in default twenty-seven years in jail, it is a serious matter.

Two of Militant Arson Squad Caught at Last. Cheltenham, Dec. 22.—Miss Red and Miss Black, two members of a militant arson squad, who had eluded the police on several occasions, were brought up on a charge of setting fire yesterday to a large mansion on the outskirts of this city.

ALL HOLIDAYS IN MEXICO NOW. Huerta Issues Proclamation to Save Banks from Paying Out Funds. BIG BANK SUSPENDS. Closes Doors After Depositors Withdraw \$7,000,000—Other Monetary Institutions Will Not Take Advantage of President's Decree.

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Anglican Sale at Oranmore. Oranmore, N. B., Dec. 19.—The tea sale held at John Gilmour's Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the W. A. of St. John's Anglican church was highly attended and proved a success in every way. Mrs. Charles Gilmour, president of the auxiliary, was in charge assisted by Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Langley and Mrs. with the general arrangements. The fancy table were Miss Bessie Jones, Miss Jeffrey and Mrs. Weld. Henry Wilton had charge of the cream-bowl while the candy table looked after by Misses Parkinson and Miss Nellie Alcorn. Music by Mrs. Gilmour, Mrs. Stanley Clowes and George Clowes, Misses Eliza and Charles Clowes, Charles Clowes and Charles and R. B. Smith.

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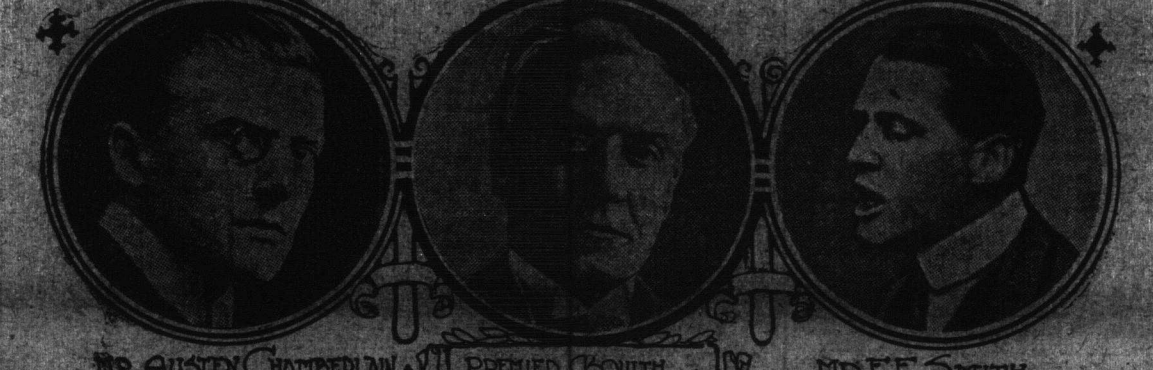
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