

# Author foretold Titanic disaster 20 years before, says historian

By **BRENDA WEEKS** author wrote of an ocean liner named Titan, whose dimensions approximated those of the Titanic, being sunk in the North Atlantic from a collision with an iceberg.

Fate had doomed the great ship, William Tantom IV told an audience of approximately 100 people in Bearpit 2, Thursday.

"The fictional Titan sunk in the Atlantic one cold April night after striking an iceberg exactly as did the Titanic in real life some years later," he claimed.

Tantum, who is presently marine historian and vice-president of the Titanic Historical Society of Connecticut, stressed in his talk on ESP and Death, that the Titanic had been built to be unsinkable and was thought to be so without reservation.

"With a passenger list of some 2,200, the Titanic had only enough life boats for 1,200", Tantom stated. "And yet, when she hit the iceberg, she didn't have a chance, going down in an hour and a half with only 700 people saved."

"After that great shock, man learned that even with all his new technology, nothing could be unsinkable on the treacherous seas. It was a very sobering act of fate," he said.

Delving into the trivial, Tantom told of the women in the life boats holding on to a lucky toy pig, which played only until the rescue ship finally arrived.

The wife of the captain of the Titanic awoke in a nightmarish fit after dreaming her husband was drowning in a stormy ocean, the very night of the disaster. The captain is supposed to have gone down with his ship, he told the audience.

Tantum also showed a collection of personal interviews in his film The Titanic and her Survivors, of which two characters stood out. A ship's steward got dead drunk the night of the sinking, fell overboard, and yet managed to survive. A wealthy female survivor of the ship went on to eventually sail on the Lusitania on her last voyage, and survive that sinking as well.

## WORD POWER

By **BILL SHERK**

Are you a sesquipedalian?

No, that's not a rare breed of tropical reptile. That's simply a person who is addicted to the use of big words. "Sesquipedalian" literally means "a foot and a half" (from Latin: "sesqui" — one and a half; "ped" — foot).

"Sesqui" as a prefix will be widely used next year when the University of Toronto celebrates its sesquicentennial (one and a half centuries old). For those who like to plan ahead, Canada will celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2017.

And now for "sesquibilingual" — a word that fills a gaping hole in our language between unilingual and bilingual. If you now speak one language and have spent years studying another language but have not yet gained complete fluency in it, then you are sesquibilingual, as are millions of other people around the world.

But how do you measure half a language? It's here that we have to relax the rigid quantity of "one and a half" and apply "sesquilingual" generally to anyone who knows one language and a sizable portion of another. Even the term "bilingual" cannot be nailed down with complete exactitude in every case.

And now this week's test. Underline that choice which comes closest in meaning to the key word. Answers appear at the bottom of this column.

- 1) resilient — a) capable of quick recovery; b) ambiguous; c) vehement; d) quick; e) amenable
- 2) usurp — a) drink hastily; b) eat hastily; c) seize by force; d) hold tenaciously; e) move quickly
- 3) egregious — a) sociable; b) talkative; c) insipid; d) forward; e) glaring
- 4) desultory — a) hot and humid; b) rambling; c) vague; d) agitated; e) processional
- 5) euphonious — a) counterfeit; b) discordant; c) monotonous; d) pleasing to the ear; e) spurious
- 6) etymologist — one who: a) studies words; b) studies insects; c) writes treatises; d) records time; e) coins new words
- 7) plethora — a) network of blood-vessels; b) vote on a specified issue; c) dearth; d) lung disease; e) oversupply
- 8) entomologist — one who studies: a) reptiles; b) insects; c) maps; d) fossils; e) precious stones
- 9) deuterogamy — a) husbands and wives in common; b) one husband, several wives; c) one wife, several husbands; d) second marriage; e) marriage within a tribe
- 10) entasis — a) skin ailment; b) grammatical error; c) architectural device; d) parasite; e) musical interlude.

ANSWERS: 1a), 2c), 3e), 4b), 5d), 6a), 7e), 8b), 9d), 10c).

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