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SENATE COMMITTEE PUTS BLAME ON CAPT. SMITH

Commander of The Californian Censured THE TITANIC DISASTER

Chairman Smith Also Criticizes British Board of Trade And Others Defends Holding of Inquiry in States—Suggests New Laws

(Canadian Press) Washington, May 28.—Blame for the Titanic disaster is chargeable directly to the failure of the dead, Captain Smith, to heed repeated warnings of iceberg ahead, but responsibility for unnecessary loss of life must be shared by Captain Lord of the steamship Californian through his disregard of distress signals.

This is the finding of the senate committee, which investigated the sinking of the Titanic, as prepared in a comprehensive speech delivered by William Alden Smith, of Michigan, chairman of the committee.

Senator Smith declared that responsibility also rests upon the British Board of Trade, "to whose laxity of regulation and hasty inspection the world is largely indebted for the awful fatalities."

In denouncing Captain Lord of the Californian, the senator said the Titanic distress signals were plainly seen from the deck of his vessel a short distance away.

Some Conclusions Other conclusions presented in brief were as follows: "Before the Titanic departed on her maiden voyage, there were not sufficient tests of boilers, bulk-heads, equipment or signal devices."

Officers and crew were strangers to each other, and not familiar with the ship's implements or tools, and no drill or discipline was practiced.

The speed of the Titanic was increased four and a half miles an hour, at the time of the accident, although officers of the Titanic had been advised of the presence of icebergs by the steamships Baltic, America and Californian.

Passengers were not advised of danger, although President Ismay of the White Star line, who was taking the vessel's maiden voyage, was informed. No general alarm was given, nor any organized system of safety undertaken.

Of the 1224 passengers and 893 members of crew on board, there was room in life-boats for only 1708 persons, and because of lack of orderly discipline, the boats took off only 704 persons, twelve being rescued from the water.

Officers of the White Star line testified with the truth after receiving information from their Montreal office, Monday morning following the accident.

Senator Smith condemned antiquated shipping laws and over-ripe administrative boards, and asked that all nations set together in shipping reforms.

Suggests New Laws "New laws," he said, "will best test our affection for the dead."

HELD IN CHECK IN LONDON, MAY 28. MAKE IT NATIONAL STRIKE

Blockade Successfully Run With Aid of 2000 Police, But Only Food Stuffs Are Being Moved in Metropolis

(Canadian Press) London, May 28.—The 2000 policemen mobilized in the vicinity of the London dock yards have been thus far able successfully to circumvent the designs of the striking transport workers to inflict a famine on the people of London as the quickest means of securing the concession of their demands.

The men still express themselves as determined to insist on the recognition of the trade unions and demand the exclusion of non-unionists from the port of London, and a uniform rate of wages for all ship work with a minimum of seven shillings and six pence daily.

The big meat supply firms of the metropolis have been successfully running the blockade of the pickets today with long trains of motor-laden with hundreds of tons of chilled and frozen beef and other carcases.

With the exception of the supplies of coal, the general strike has paralyzed all other forms of transport, and a truck wheel is moving in the streets.

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FIGHT ANEW WITH WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

National Council of Women Decide on Taking Aggressive Action

REPORT ON MORALITY

Conditions in Halifax and in British Columbia Cities Come in For Attention—Child Labor in Factories of the Dominion

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LIBERAL SWEEP IN ALBERTA CONTESTS

THIRTY DOLLARS FOR A TON OF HAY

New Brunswick Shipment to Boston, But Look at Cut in Profits Made by the Duty

Boston, May 28.—(Special)—For the first time in years, hay is being shipped here by water from St. John. The schooner Henry H. Chamberlain with 2250 bales is expected here today from up the St. John river.

CONTOUR MAP OF CITY AND VICINITY IS A WORK OF MUCH DETAIL

W. H. Burt, of the Geographical Department, Ottawa, arrived in the city today to visit the surveying parties at work making a topographical survey of the vicinity of St. John for use in preparing a contour map of the city and surrounding country.

LOCAL NEWS

THE JUNIORS

On Victoria Square last night the Juniors defeated the Maple Leafs by a score of eight to seven.

FROM FAIRVILLE

Coville Golding, who was one of the essayists in the closing of Mt. Allison academy yesterday, was a member of the intramural class, is a son of Wm. Golding of Fairville.

ALL THE LOGS OUT

John Kilburn says that this spring has been a record for the logging industry on the St. John River and the lumber haul up last year having been brought out safely.

LOG DRIVING MATTER

A meeting of the St. John River Log Driving Association was held this morning in the Board of Trade rooms to discuss an arrangement with the Partridge Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., for driving their logs.

MILLIONAIRE SHOT AS REBEL

Mexicans Put Him to Death Secretly—American Consul Issues Warning to Countrymen

Mazatlan, Mex., May 28.—Consternation reigned here last night when it became generally known that Robert Alameda, millionaire member of one of the prominent families of Sinita, had been secretly executed, for treason, by the federals at midnight on Sunday on the Pacific shore in front of Chovita Britanica.

DOUBLE STEAMSHIP SERVICE ACROSS BAY

Prince Rupert and Yarmouth Put on Route in Experiment Expected to Become Permanency

A double steamship service between St. John and Digby was inaugurated today when the steamer Yarmouth sailed from this port at noon with passengers who had arrived in the city on the Atlantic express from Montreal.

SEVEN NEW ONES FOR MARATHONS

Fredrickton, N. B., May 28.—(Special)—Joe Page and D. B. Donald arrived from Boston at noon today with seven new players for the Marathon team, viz: Larry Connelly, O. Woods, W. Gansel, J. Barry, F. McGovern, Kennedy and Duffy.

MERGER IN CONDENSED MILK BUSINESS

Toronto, May 28.—With the incorporation of the Borden Milk Company, Ltd., under a dominion charter, another merger has taken place.

AT FREDERICTON FOR SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

Fredrickton, N. B., May 28.—(Special)—Delegates to the Sovereign Grand Lodge meeting continue to arrive. Those now here include Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Past Grand Master Munro of western Ontario and Editor Hockin of the Orange Sentinel.

BRIDE HAD PURSE LOST ON WAY HOME FROM ST. JOHN

Sunny Brae Woman Said, When Arrested, That She Had Found It

MARSH ROAD FIRE

The large barn adjoining the property of the Crosby Molasses Company on the Marsh road caught fire at three o'clock this afternoon and at the time of going to press was burning fiercely.

The United States and Cuba

Washington, May 28.—The United States is prepared to send marines and blue-jackets to the interior of Cuba for the protection of American and foreign interests.

For German Aerial Fleet

Berlin, May 28.—The national subscription for a German aerial fleet has reached a million dollars.

NEARLY A SAD END TO DUKE'S GARDEN PARTY

Plucky Work of Officer and Policeman Prevents Loss of Life in Runaway at Toronto Fete

Toronto, May 28.—The garden party given by the Duke of Connaught on the final day of his visit to Toronto, at Benvenuto, yesterday, was marked by an accident that would have terminated fatally but for the heroism of one His Royal Highness's officers and a policeman.

TWO FISHERMEN PICKED UP; FOUR STILL MISSING

Adrift Since Friday Off Nova Scotia Coast—Belonged to The Eva and Mildred

EIGHTY DIE IN FIRE IN PLAY HOUSE

Castellon, Spain, May 28.—Eighty persons were killed last night in a fire in a theatre at Villars. It was caused by the explosion of a cinematograph.

Hail Broke Windows

Guilford, Maine, May 27.—One of the severest electrical storms known for years visited this section on Friday evening about nine o'clock.

TIM HURST DYING

New York, May 28.—Tim Hurst, veteran baseball umpire and boxing referee, who recently suffered a rupture from an attack of pneumonia, was reported today as sinking rapidly.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries...

Table with weather forecast for various locations including Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, and others.

Forecast: Fresh to strong southwest wind; mostly fine and warm today and Wednesday...

Local Weather Report at noon. Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 62. Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 48.