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## CONARD LINER AQUITANIA WILL BE LAUNCHED TODAY

Largest Steamer in the World Will Take the Water Today at Clydebank—Built as a Ship Within a Ship and Is Equipped With Motor Lifeboats.

The "Aquitania" to be launched today from the yards of the builders, Messrs. John Brown & Co., Ltd., Clydebank, combines, in her design and construction, the experience and invaluable information deduced from the construction and performance of the "Lusitania" and "Mauretania," and the many other famous ships that have preceded her under the Conard flag.

The principal figures of the "Aquitania" are: Length, 901 feet. Breadth, 97 feet. Depth from keel to boat deck, 92 feet 6 inches. Gross tonnage, 47,000 tons. Speed, 23 knots. Accommodation for 3250 passengers and a crew of nearly 1000.

The unprecedented weight, length and other abnormal features of the great ship involved the consideration of unusual conditions, and, like everything else connected with the construction, demanded the arrangements never before required on the Clyde.

In order to lay down the leviathan the whole face of the yard had to be changed. The ground on which the ship was to be built had to be specially prepared and strengthened, piled and cross-piled. Over the cross piles were placed layers of concrete, in quantities of cement, it being essential that the ground should not yield an inch at any point.

New crane systems had to be installed for lifting the heavier materials on to the wider, longer slip. The same berth was used as that upon which the "Lusitania" was built, but owing to the much greater length of the "Aquitania" the preparation of the ground had to be very considerably extended.

The berth being in line with the River Cart, which flows into the Clyde almost opposite the yard, enabled the builders in launching the ship to avail themselves of this natural advantage.

The new ground was prepared as that for the "Lusitania." The part on which the earlier ship structure had rested required, of course, comparatively little treatment beneath its surface. The blocks were then put down, the keel laid and the frames erected.

In addition to the preparation in the yard, the river had to be deepened and widened, and the builders' fitting-out basin at Clydebank has also had to be dredged in order to accommodate the liner during completion.

## THIS HIGH FLYER MET SAD ENDING

Richard Orkovey Died From an Overdose of Morphine.

## A CHECKERED CAREER Stole From Wife, Deserted Her and Was Arrested.

LONDON, April 20.—(Copyright.)—Richard Orkovey, thirty-three, a Russian cosmopolitan, who called himself "Baron Richard Von Orkovey," and who in 1909 married Miss Elisa Schroeder of New York, granddaughter of Jacob Hoffman, a wealthy brewer, net \$200,000 of her fortune and quit her, is dead at the Carlton Hotel from an overdose of morphine.

He was arrested in March, 1911, at the Hotel Plaza, New York, charged with the larceny of two platinum crucibles from Julio S. Jarron, and he was also accused of carrying brass knuckles. The day he was acquitted of the Jarron charge he was sued for \$1000 by Miss Jeanne Cheron of New York, a teacher of languages, who asserted Orkovey had pawned her jewels. When he got rid of that charge he left for Europe, calling America a "corrupt country."

A High Flyer. When he first settled in New York in 1908 he clerked in a cigar store. One night he tried to smother himself with gas. He was a gambler of the high flying variety, losing \$27,000 in one night at roulette, it was said.

At the inquest over Orkovey's body, held by the Westminster coroner, the dead man's valet, George Wicks, said his employer had written scientific works and also a novel. Orkovey, according to the testimony, had been hanging out of late at a baccarat house on Hallam street. More recently he quit that resort, claiming other friends to have taken him money. He went over to Paris on April 2 and thence to Mount Carlo, returning to London on April 14. Wicks stated that Orkovey was a superior financier.

Orkovey's mother, it is said, lives in Rome. His counsel, a lawyer named Edwards, testified that so far as he knew Orkovey had no financial trouble. The family is an old and distinguished one in Hungary.

MILITANT SPIRIT GROWS IN FRANCE. Open Break With Germany in Near Future Is Predicted.

(Special Cable to The World.)—The tone of the French press in dealing with last Sunday's affair at Nancy, when German visitors were affronted by French students, indicates a growing feeling in France that things are drifting toward an open break with Germany. This is apparently not the view, certainly it is far from the expressed conviction of the highest and more responsible officials of France, who are struggling against a swirling tide of popular anti-German sentiment.

## REFUSE TO BUY KING'S PICTURES

Newspapers Will Not Print Any They Don't Take Themselves.

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G. R. GEARY GIVEN WATCH. A special meeting of the Central Liberal-Conservative Association was held Saturday night at Victoria Hall, with President Mark H. Irish in the chair. G. R. Geary, K.C., the immediate past president of the association, was presented with a gold watch, inscribed with the following words: Presented to G. R. Geary, K.C., by the Central Conservative Association of Toronto in recognition of his valuable services to the Conservative party. The presentation was made by the Hon. A. E. Kemp, M.P.

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## CHARGES OF HIGH TREASON AGAINST GERMAN OFFICIALS

Socialist Member of the Reichstag Forced War Minister to Admit That Secret Agents Bribed Officials to Learn Plans For Armaments in Advance.

Special Cable to The World. BERLIN, April 20.—(Copyright.)—Herr Liebknecht, the socialist who carried Potsdam at the last election, made open accusations in the Reichstag today that are bound to be most seriously considered and investigated by that body and the throne, for Liebknecht has attacked German armaments firms to the degree of charging them as well as officers in the army with high treason. What is equally grave, he forced the war minister to admit that his charges were in part true.

Herr Liebknecht said that the famous firm of Krupp have employed secret agents to bribe officials of the war office in order to reap a harvest by prior knowledge of intended extensions of armaments. Also these agents were employed to procure copies of the bids made by competing firms.

Further, Herr Liebknecht asserted that the Deutsche Munitionfabrik of Berlin had engaged agents in France to provide the French Chauvinist press, especially the Figaro, with material affecting the Germans, with the purpose of creating international disputes and stirring up the war fever. He said the object was obvious—to create public opinion in favor of the extraordinary German army bill.

Liebknecht openly declared that he had sent material proofs to the war minister weeks ago, and said that the result had been the arrest of several prominent persons at Essen, the home of the Krupp plant, and that criminal investigation had proved his information to be correct.

He ended his speech in a breathless silence and intensity of interest on the part not only of the members of the Reichstag, but of the crowds in the galleries as well. "I am not merely making assertions," he shouted; "I have documentary proof."

Admitted Charges. The socialist's speech drew the war minister instantly to his feet, seeking to offset the effect of Liebknecht's address by the expressed hope that the Reichstag would suspend judgment until an inquiry had been completed. He said that the situation had been exaggerated. He admitted that one of the Krupp officials succeeded in bribing certain sergeants and other officers of the army. But he admitted that he could not say how far the Krupp firm itself was concerned in this particular affair.

Liebknecht announced that he would repeat publicly the accusations made before the German legislative bodies, if only, he declared, to force the Munitionfabrik to bring libel suits when he says, he will produce complete proofs. It is conceded on all hands that if Liebknecht can make good his charges and assertions, trials will result in the army and civilian ranks with the grave accusation made of high treason to the Empire.

The Portland st. firemen, together with Dundas street firemen, under command of Assistant Chief Noble and District Chief Smith, undoubtedly saved us from a serious loss Thursday," writes Manager W. J. Abbott.

## SAID GOOD-BYE TO AMBASSADOR

Sir Cecil Spring Rice Will Assume Duties at Washington.

Special Cable to The World. LONDON, April 20.—(Copyright.)—The Duke of Devonshire, American Charge d'Affaires Irwin Loughlin, Lady Pauncefoot and other prominent people were at Eaton station today to say good-bye to Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, who succeeds James Bryce as ambassador at Washington.

Sir Cecil sailed for New York on the Carmania from Liverpool. "I am going to assume the duties of my office as ambassador immediately on my arrival in Washington," he said. "My family will come later."

Other passengers aboard the Carmania were Mrs. E. H. Harriman and Miss Harriman.

## JURY WILL FIND FOR PLAINTIFF

Lord Alfred Douglas Will Probably Win His Libel Actions.

Special Cable to The World. LONDON, April 20.—(Copyright.)—Lord Alfred Douglas was severely rebuked by the judge for disrespect to the court during the hearing of his libel suit. Douglas's counsel has requested that the whole of the unpublished part of "De Profundis" be read. Then Douglas left the court. The judge sent for Douglas and warned him if he absented himself again he would enter judgment for the defendant.

Douglas explained that he had "De Profundis" read to show what a friend Oscar Wilde was. He again denied he lived on Wimpole street from 1891 to 1896, and repudiated the assertion that he was Wilde's evil genius.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday, and from the attitude of the jury it is clear that they will give a verdict against Douglas.

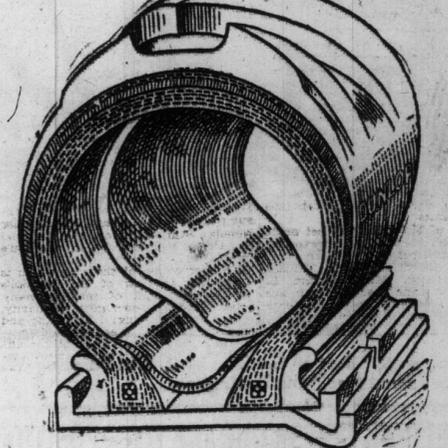
## NO BUTTERFLIES FOR ROTHSCHILD

Hunting Grounds Were Closed Following His Announcement of a Discovery.

Special Cable to The World. BUDAPEST, Hungary, April 20.—(Copyright.)—Having tired of collecting fossils—no butterfly was induced him to fit out a \$50,000 expedition to catch the insect which tickles the particular species of polar bear, Baron Charles de Rothschild recently transferred his energies to acquiring the greatest show of butterflies on earth. He has just been at law here over an extremely rare specimen of a butterfly, only to be found on the imperial domain at Pesser.

It was discovered by Dr. Schmid of the Natural Museum here. Rothschild, however, wishing to impress his fellow-scientists, announced in a lecture in London and Paris that he had discovered the gypsy. This was resented, with the result that he had the best butterfly hunting grounds in Hungary, owned by the baron's wife, a daughter of the largest land-owner in the country, Baron von Wertheimstein, were closed to the museum. The baron also succeeded in influencing the emperor to close the Pesser estate. Then the museum directors took action. After a long and expensive hearing the Vienna supreme court ordered the estate reopened and directed the baron to pay the cost of the action.

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