

WAITING FOR THE EVIDENCE

System That Is on Trial, not Any Individual, in Titanic Disaster—British View of Happening

SEVERE CRITICISM FOR U. S. METHODS

Strict Fairness and Dignity Should Characterize Any Investigation to Deduce Lessons of Catastrophe

LONDON, April 24.—England's attention is largely centred at present on the prospects of such results from the home inquiry into the Titanic disaster as will make another catastrophe well-nigh impossible. Incidentally the course and methods of the inquiry at Washington come in for sharp criticism. In an editorial headed "Wait for the evidence," the Daily Mail this morning says:

"Now that the government has appointed a court of inquiry the public will await with calmness its verdict on the fountaining of the Titanic. In the first rush of emotion it is natural that there should be a disposition to anticipate the judgment of experts, and apportion the blame for the devastating calamity. We owe it to ourselves as well as to the men who met death with heroic courage and coolness that the investigation shall not only be thorough but also impartial.

"We feel bound to deprecate the attempt that appears to be made on the other side of the Atlantic to fix the blame on any individual. To adopt a course of this kind is to defeat the real purpose of the inquiry, as has already been pointed out in the United States senate.

"It is not a victim we are seeking, though if the culpability be brought home to any person or corporation, they must bear a responsibility and a punishment, it is a system that is on trial.

With Fairness
The British court of inquiry may be trusted to discharge their important and difficult task with knowledge and fairness. Its president, Lord Mersey, has had a wide experience as judge of the Admiralty division, and will have the assistance of experts, who will not be likely to make the mistake of watertight compartments for safes in the passengers, in danger of shipwreck may seek refuge.

An unpleasant impression has been created by the cabled reports of the methods of the senate investigating committee, and many Englishmen who at first expressed hearty approval of the prompt action taken by the senate, now declare that no useful purpose can be served by the inquiry if it is conducted along the lines indicated by the New York dispatches.

The Pall Mall Gazette said yesterday: "The committee of the United States senate has behaved toward J. Bruce Ismay, as Polyphemus behaved towards Odysseus in the case. These hasty blows struck in wrath and agony will fall of results. Stern inquiry there will be, but it will only be effective in proportion to the absence of either haste or prejudice."

"We know the grievous lesson our American brethren have suffered of their bravest and best, and we realize that the horror of the thing was brought more closely home to them, as witnesses as they were of the arrival of the Carpathia with its diurnal freight, than to us of this side of the Atlantic.

"We take pride and pleasure in repeating what we said before, that the radiant glory of the Titanic's end is shed over east and west alike upon both branches of the Atlantic, and we plead with the American press and people to pay the trust honor in their power to the memory of the dead and not break the holy silence which enshrouds them by any procedure inconsistent with the strictest fairness and dignity."

PLAYED THE PART OF A MAN IN DISASTER

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Harry G. Lowe, fifth officer of the stricken Titanic, told the senate investigating committee today his part in the struggle of the survivors for life following the catastrophe. His testimony developed that with a volunteer crew he rescued four men from the water, saved a sinking collapsible lifeboat by towing it astern of his, and took off 23 men and one woman from the bottom of an overturned boat. Every one of those under his charge, he landed safely on the Carpathia.

From first to last Lowe's story showed that he played the man. Ordered away in charge of lifeboat No. 14, he packed it to the top of the deck and fearing that some might attempt to jump into it while it was descending kept up a fusillade in the air from his revolver.

Competing in interest with the day's testimony was the interchange of telegrams between the Titanic's captain, Smith and the acting premier of Canada, Hon. George E. Foster.

The latter told of the docking of the Mount Temple at St. John, N.B. with

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CROP OUTLOOK

Over Two Million Acres of New Land Will Be Sowed in Saskatchewan This Spring

WINNIPEG, April 24.—Saskatchewan will have 2,300,000 acres of new land under crop this season and 2,188,115 acres of summer fallow, according to J. Bruce Walker, commissioner of immigration, who said yesterday that this big acreage is in ideal condition for seeding and will largely compensate for the lack of fall ploughing. He added that grain threshed from the stack this spring is drier, harder and better grain than that threshed early in November or during the winter. Seeding began general on April 15, the same date as last year and a month earlier than in 1909 or 1907. Frost is out of the ground ten to twelve inches and the seed bed is unusually favorable.

COMPETES AT BISLEY

Differences Settled and Canadian Team Will Go To England

OTTAWA, April 24.—The difficulty as to rifle rights which existed between the Dominion Rifle association and the National Rifle association has been settled, following a conference between Col. John Barlow and Col. Crose, representing the latter body. They came across for the purpose of discussing the difficulty and it is satisfactorily settled.

A Canadian Bisley team will proceed to England shortly and the announcement as to the commander of the team will be made in a few days following a conference between the governor-general and the minister of militia and defence. Col. Barlow and Col. Crose will leave for Toronto on Sunday.

ROUNDING UP MALCONTENTS

Provincial Police Have Sixty I.W.W. Men Under Arrest—Some Humors of Strike Situation Along C.N.P. Grade

Reports from Superintendent Colin S. Campbell to Attorney General Gordon indicate that the strike situation along the Canadian Northern Pacific's mainline construction line is now exceedingly well in hand, and undesirable elements are being dealt with firmly and successfully. There are at present about sixty men under arrest, thirty or forty of these being at Kamloops and the remainder charged with intimidation, while quite a number have already been committed for trial.

One of the ringleaders of the I. W. W. organization is supposed to have gathered in the person of the man Collins, arrested at Yale a few minutes after he had been publicly announced from the attitude of an upturned soapbox that any interference with him on the part of the police would mean work for the undertaker.

Mr. Campbell is now rounding up all malcontents in the Yale district, giving them the opportunity to give up work or to quit the scene. They will not be permitted to "hang around," cooing, intimidating or interfering in any way with others who desire to work.

Meanwhile the police force is being brought into effective and strict discipline, and the tracks and grade of the railways are being constantly patrolled by armed officers, who make everyone appearing on the scene give a clear and satisfactory account of his movements and intentions.

Without its humorous features, as witness the action of the strikers in taking upon themselves to arrest recently the proprietor of one of the licensed hotels of the district who, although his bar is among those closed tight until the present tension is relaxed, had managed to himself consume an undue quantity of his own wares.

The strikers gathered him in as inebriated, conveyed him to their camp, tried him and fined him \$5. for such a thing, but the victim is inclined to regard it as a joke himself and consequently the authorities are taking no action upon it.

Another humorous touch is contained in the action of the Ashcroft Board of Trade, which has taken it upon itself to protest against the closing of all bars within the town and district, averring that this action has "demoralized local business."

Hon. Mr. Bower has written them that he is not convinced that this can be the case, generally accepted theory being that when men are unable to spend their money for drink they have more in hand to disburse in patronage of general necessities.

CLEVELAND, O., April 24.—In answer of an offer of the city to pay a reward of a cent for every ten flies delivered dead at the city hall, school children of Cleveland are "waiting the fly" with vigor. The crusade will last for two weeks.

ROYALTY AT THEATRE
LONDON, April 24.—King George and Queen Mary attended the theatre last night for the first time since their return from the Durbar. They witnessed a performance of "Milestones," a play by Arnold Bennett, now running at the Royalty theatre.

AGITATORS NOT TO BE TOLERATED

Organization to Be Known as Marine Association of B. C., Formed in Vancouver to Forestall I.W.W. Tactics

LEAGUE INCLUDES ALL FREIGHT HANDLERS

Widespread Amalgamation of Interests Will Prevent Disruption Among Labor Men at Instance of Foreigners

VANCOUVER, April 24.—In view of the activity of the I. W. W. agitators, who in addition to seeking to stifle railway construction in British Columbia, are attempting to organize the longshoremen of Victoria, an organization was today formed in Vancouver which will in a short time include all the shipping companies, dock owners, stevedoring companies, lumber mills and all concerns in the handling of commodities for shipment by water within the province of British Columbia. The organization will be known as the Marine Association of British Columbia, and will be based along the lines of the Foreign Shipper's association, with headquarters at Seattle.

The I. W. W. agitators being driven from the camps of the C. N. R. construction, have been actively canvassing along the Vancouver waterfront for the last week, and on different occasions longshoremen gangs have declined to work, stating that they had meetings on a one instance, out of ten gangs only two men turned up for work.

The I. W. W. agitators are claiming that if they can call on strike all the unskilled laborers utilized in the movement of either water-borne or railway traffic they can effect the greatest injury to the industry.

Death of Editor
INGERSOLL, Ont., April 24.—T. A. Bellamy, aged 58 years, editor of the Ingersoll Sun, died of blood poisoning today. He was an independent journalist and a strong temperance advocate.

Professor Stunned
BERKELEY, Cal., April 24.—Professor Thomas H. Reed of the University of California, was stoned tonight when he interrupted himself into a mass meeting that was being addressed on a street corner by Mayor J. Stitt Wilson, who was opposing the recall of certain members of the school board of Berkeley. Reed retired to the high school auditorium where a meeting was being held of those favoring the recall and told those assembled that "the mayor had incited a riot."

Victor's Gain
The News says: "Toronto's loss is Victoria's gain. The Vancouver Island city secures one of the ablest municipal engineers on the continent. For years Mr. Rust has refused larger salaries than that paid him by the local council, but moved by a definite civic patriotism, he wished to remain where he was and help Toronto to work out its growing problems. This he was fitted to do because from an experience of 25 years he knew the city, its public works and its streets better than any other man. Unfortunately, however, he has for years been travelled by an elected body composed of the most part of men of minor talents and narrow vision. The citizens of the West appreciate the quality of the men who get their training here."

CRIME IS DUE TO DELUSION

Russian Laborer Kills City Editor of Spokane Chronicle Without Warning—Tragedy Occurs in Newspaper Office

HALLUCINATION OVER STEAMSHIP WRECK

SPOKANE, Wash., April 24.—Edward H. Rothrock, city editor of the Spokane Chronicle, was shot and killed at 10 o'clock this morning by Richard Aleck, a Russian laborer.

Aleck first told the police that he had been on the Titanic and that he had been on the Carpathia, and then mumbled "that there has been too much printed" about the disaster. He could give no other reason for the deed.

Aleck walked quietly into the Chronicle office this morning and asked for the editor. Mr. Rothrock rose from his desk and walked toward the man. As he came within arm's length Aleck drew a revolver and fired. The bullet struck Mr. Rothrock on the breast and he fell to the floor. Before he could be seized by a member of the Chronicle staff, who had rushed toward him, Aleck leaned over the prostrate body and fired another shot, which struck the editor in the arm. He threw the revolver at the body as half a dozen reporters seized him.

Aleck was dragged into the hall muttering "Carpathia" over and over, and refused to give any other reason for the deed. Rothrock was lifted on to a copy-littered desk, but died within five minutes.

An interpreter was obtained this afternoon, and Aleck told a more connected story. He said he had been working as a lumberjack at camp No. 8 at Helmer, Idaho. From his story he seems to have been the butt of the republican nominee, Mr. Bryan would like to take the field against him.

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MUTINY QUELLED

Captain Wilson of Strathgrye Prevents Chinese From Leaving Ship by Aid of Revolver

VANCOUVER, April 24.—Faced to face with the muzzle of a loaded revolver—one shot from which had been fired over their heads to frighten them—twenty-three Chinese who were opposed by Captain Wilson in their attempt to leave the steamer Strathgrye, now loading timber at the Hastings mill, thought discretion the better part of valour and returned to their quarters, where they were locked in while the story of the incident mutiny was communicated to the police. The Chinese hearing that wages were much better ashore determined to go. They took a small boat and three Chinamen got ashore before Captain Wilson would have been liable for the \$500 head tax.

I.W.W. MEETINGS

Washington Judge Holds That Gatherings of Agitators Are Unlawful

HOQUELIAM, Wn., April 24.—Judge Mason Irwin, of the superior court today held that the city of Aberdeen had a right to close halls when I.W.W. meetings were being held, on the grounds that the organization was an "unlawful one." He said he would not at this time authorize the closing of Socialist halls, but he warned the Socialists that "in harboring and encouraging" the I.W.W. they were "trusting into trouble."

TORONTO'S LOSS, VICTORIA'S GAIN

Press of Ontario's Capital Is Unanimous in Regretting Departure of Engineer Rust—Tributes to His Ability

TORONTO, April 24.—City Engineer Rust will not hold in his official designation to the board of control until Mayor Geary returns on Friday morning to have a conference with the resigning city engineer.

"My deferring to the Mayor's request does not mean that I am reconsidering my resignation. I have written Mayor Beckett of Victoria, that I will be on hand on May 22nd to enter upon my new duties," said Mr. Rust.

"The Toronto papers are unanimous in regretting Mr. Rust's departure. The Globe says: 'Mr. Charles Rust, the present city engineer who resigns to accept an appointment as city engineer of Victoria, B.C., is a good engineer and a courteous gentleman, who will bring to bear on engineering problems of the B. C. Capital the ripe experience of a lifetime spent in civic service.'"

The Star says: "The city loses a city engineer in Mr. Rust when it could much better have afforded to lose cheap play-to-the-gallery municipal politicians whose misrepresentations and abuse have driven him to take a position elsewhere."

Western Union in Idaho
BOISE, Idaho, April 24.—Because the Western Union Telegraph company refused to pay its tax assessment in the state of Idaho, the assistant Attorney General O. M. Van Dusen, has authorized the seizure of the company's property. The telegraph company claims that the rate of taxes was too high and refused to pay the amount assessed.

RAILWAY TO THE PEACE RIVER

Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., Says Negotiations Are Proceeding for Building a Second Line to Great Hinterland

NEW PROJECT WILL BE INDEPENDENT ONE

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 24.—Negotiations are proceeding, according to Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P. for a second railway to the Peace River country. Seen today in regard to his reference, the previous night at North Vancouver to the possibility of a second line being built he said he did not at present wish to amplify his previous statement.

"Several interests are working towards this end, though, and hope that they will be successful," he declared. "The line will be an independent one, as the one under consideration by the government is proposed to go at present only to Fort George, only I cannot say anything more than that about the proposal."

MR. JUSTICE MCCARTHY

Visited Irish Historian and Novelist Dies at Folkestone

NEW YORK, April 24.—Justin McCarthy, historian and novelist, and for many years a member of parliament, died tonight at Folkestone. He had been ill throughout the winter and spring. His daughter had acted as his nurse and had hopes that he would live to see the fruition of home rule.

Born in 1830, Justin McCarthy was one of the most prolific political and historical writers of the time. He was an ardent Home Ruler and for 23 years was a political writer for a London daily paper. He was vice-chairman of the Irish parliamentary party in the house of commons.

MOTOR BANDITS' REIGN OF TERROR

French Police Engage in Desperate Encounter With the Chief of "Phantom Desperadoes" who Escaped

OFFICERS KILLED IN REVOLVER FIGHT

Twenty Murders and Numerous Robberies Credited to Band Which Operates in Environs of Paris

PARIS, April 24.—In a desperate attempt to arrest Bonnot, the chief of the "phantom bandits," who have been terrorizing Paris and vicinity for months, Assistant Chief of Detectives Jouin was killed today and Officer Collin mortally wounded. Bonnot escaped after a running revolver fight with the officers.

The police surrounded Bonnot, who opened fire with two automatic revolvers. When Jouin and Collin made the bandit chief escaped in the ensuing confusion.

Bonnot has been sought for weeks. Carouy and Callem, members of his "phantom" gang, were captured recently. Twenty murders, besides numerous robberies, are credited to the band.

Another double murder, that of an aged man and his wife, who in January were beaten to death in the village of Thales, on the Seine, has been traced definitely to the same gang of bandits, and this brings the number of victims to more than a score.

Prof. of Police Lemps says Assistant Superintendent Jouin with four detective inspectors went to the refuge of Bonnot, who is known as the "demon chauffeur" and, with Garnier, is a leader of the gang. The detectives were unarmed as the law does not authorize the carrying of arms while they are searching for bandits.

Bonnot, who was at first mistaken for Galot, another bandit, was found in his lair. When the detectives arrived he opened fire on them, shot Jouin and Collin down, floored the rest, and then jumped through a window. Brandishing a large revolver he cleared his way along the streets and escaped to the woods, leaving a trail of blood.

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Andrew Carnegie's money is not desired for San Francisco by Dr. Edward R. Taylor, former mayor of the city, and a member of the municipal library board. At a meeting of the public welfare committee today, protested vigorously against the city accepting Carnegie's offer of \$750,000 for a public library made in 1901.

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U. S. COAL STRIKE

Committee Dealing with Wage Increases Practically Completes Its Work

NEW YORK, April 24.—The subcommittee of coal operators and mine workers which has been at work here for some time in an effort to come to a settlement upon demands for wage increases and for other adjustments, practically completed its work today but gave out no statement regarding the result. Leaders of the committee, that no agreement upon the principal demands had been reached.

SCRANTON, Pa., April 24.—John F. Denney, president of district No. 1, at midnight said the subcommittee disclosed its work and the next step would be a conference of the main committee of operators and miners representatives to be held on May 22. Further information from New York was that the following terms agreed upon by the subcommittee are substantially correct: "Continuance of the conciliatory board; ten per cent wage increase; abolition of sliding scale; four-year period to be the life of an agreement."

Shakespeare's Birthday
LONDON, April 24.—Shakespeare's three hundred and forty-eighth birthday was celebrated at Stratford-on-Avon yesterday, and at Stratford-on-Avon yesterday, and, although the celebrations were scarcely on so lavish a scale as in some former years, they were eminently successful. The old world town was gaily decorated and thronged with visitors from many lands.

INTERCOLONIAL HAS A SURPLUS

Receipts \$600,000 More Than Expenditure—Large Increase in Passenger and Freight Traffic

OTTAWA, April 24.—Six hundred thousand dollars will be the surplus of the Intercolonial Railway for the year. The surplus will not be ready for a few days, but enough is known to make certain that it will be the handsomest surplus both passenger and freight business has largely increased and in ten years the earnings of the road have doubled. In 1906 the gross earnings were \$4,872,000, in 1908 they were \$7,038,000, while this year they will reach over ten millions. Recently orders were placed for \$10,000,000 worth of new rolling stock. Hon. Frank Cochrane is leaving shortly for a tour of the road.

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FOR PROTECTION OF FISHERIES

Dominion Government Invites Tenders for Vessel Which Will Make Its Headquarters at Esquimaut

OIL MAY BE USED AS MOTIVE POWER

Proposal Is to Build Two Ships of Similar Type to Prevent Poachers Operating in B. C. Waters

OTTAWA, April 24.—The naval service this afternoon is advertising for tenders for a fishery protection vessel for the Pacific Coast, and after giving the usual particulars says: "Alternative tenders may be submitted if so desired using the diesel heavy oil engines as the motive power for propulsion, but such engines would be required of the two-cycle reversible type designed to use Texas or other heavy oils."

The tenderer must state for what price two vessels of the type proposed will be supplied. Delivery must be made at Esquimaut.

DEMENTED HUSBAND

Kills One Woman and Wounds Another in Attempt to Murder His Wife

EVERETT, Wn., April 24.—Charles Seaman, part owner of the Index hotel at Index, a mountain town 30 miles east of here, late today shot and instantly killed a Mrs. Johnson, wife of the cook at the hotel, and shot and probably fatally wounded Mrs. Seaman. The tragedy occurred in a room of women were standing in the kitchen of the hotel. Seaman, pistol in hand, appeared in the doorway and cried to his wife that he intended to kill her. Mrs. Johnson, one of the group, fell dead at the first shot, and Mrs. Seaman was wounded.

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Quadruplets
ALPENA, Mich., April 24.—Four children, two boys and two girls, were born yesterday to Mrs. B. Wenzel, who lives at Posen, a village near here. The four are healthy. The father is a farmer and the couple have one other child.

"Second Degree" Murder
SEATTLE, April 24.—Alex Nison, accused of killing Policeman Judson P. Davis in a battle between two policemen and two highwaymen on the night of February 23, 1911, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury in the superior court last night. This is the second time he has been convicted, the superior court having set aside the findings of the lower court.

School Teacher and Pupil
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 24.—Miss Lydia Thornhill, a school teacher at Menton, near here, was found guilty yesterday of having feloniously assaulted Carl Gibson, a pupil whom she whipped when he wore two pairs of trousers to school. The boy, 12 years old had disobeyed the teacher the day previous and was promised chastisement on the next day. He came prepared for it.

Trust Prosecution
WASHINGTON, April 24.—Hope of dissolving the \$100,000,000 International Harvester company without a fight in the courts practically has been abandoned. A suit against the corporation under the Sherman anti-trust law probably will be filed at Chicago about the middle of next week. President Taft was apprised of the situation. It is understood he agreed that the plans for disintegration so far submitted could not be accepted by the government.

Extrajudicial Railroad Strike
NEW YORK, April 24.—United States Commissioner of Labor Neill and the sub-committee of railroad managers were in conference all today over the proposal of Commissioner Neill and Justice Knapp of the United States supreme court that their "kindly offices be made use of in adjusting the wage contract which has threatened a strike of engineers of practically all the railroads east of Chicago and north of the Potomac river."

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