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THE LONDON ENQUIRY

One Sailor Tells How He Used "Tiller" to Knock Down Men who Tried to Crowd Lifeboats.

New York, May 3.—P. A. S. Franklin, vice-president of the International Mercantile Marine, issued a statement this afternoon regarding the sinking of the Titanic, in which he declared emphatically that he had no authentic information that the Titanic had sunk until he received a wireless message at 6 o'clock Monday evening, April 15. Mr. Franklin also said that he joined with the Senate investigating committee to sift the reports to the contrary to the bottom. The statement reads:

"Referring to the statements that have appeared in the press during the last few days based upon Mr. Dunn's testimony in Washington to the effect that we received a telegram between 7:45 and 8 o'clock Monday morning, April 15, officially advising us of the sinking of the Titanic and making some mention of assistance that can only emphatically deny the receipt of such telegram."

"I have requested the Senate investigating committee to sift this matter to the bottom, stating to them that we relieve the wireless and telegraph companies from any obligations which they are under to withhold any information regarding any messages sent or received by us."

"Further than this I most emphatically state that we did not withhold information but had no idea that the Titanic had sunk or would sink until we received Captain Haddock's message from the Olympic about 6:20 p. m. on Monday, April 15, which information was promptly given to the press and I defy anybody to prove to the contrary."

The London Enquiry.

London, May 3.—The evidence of the seaman witnesses heard this afternoon was unimportant. A Jewell stated the first alarm given in the vicinity of the Titanic was received at 9:30 o'clock on the night of the disaster in the crew's stateroom. The officers gave orders that the stateroom watch must be maintained. Jewell did not see any ice up to 2 o'clock. D. Scarratt, able seaman, raised a smile among the spectators on describing how he stopped the rush of foreigners who tried to enter his boat.

"I had to use a bit of persuasion," he said, "and the only thing handy was a boat's tiller which I knocked them down. I told the chief officer of the incident and later fired off his revolver between the boats and the ship's side to warn the men who were crowding about the boats. Scarratt's evidence showed that most of those remaining on the ship when she went down, met death almost instantly."

"After the lifeboat, of which he was one of the crew, had transferred its passengers to other boats, it returned to the scene of the disaster. The crew had to row through a mass of wreckage and dead bodies," unfortunately dead bodies," said the witness—to reach a man who still was alive and clinging to a piece of wreckage. Of three persons picked up out of the water, one died in the boat."

Neither of the witnesses saw any

IMPORTANCE OF CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK

Hon. J. D. Hazen

Washington, May 3.—The Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. J. Douglas Hazen, and Sir Edward Morris, the Newfoundland Premier, on the one side, and Chandler Anderson, solicitor for the department of state on the other, are expected to confer here next week regarding the regulations to be adopted by the two governments to carry out the award of the Hague arbitration regarding the North American fisheries.

The arbitrators left the adjustment of the two governments a few things involving no questions of principle, but of considerable importance to the fishermen, the settlement of which must be determined by the development of facts unknown to the arbitrators at the time they made their decision. It is expected that next week's conference will result in a permanent settlement of the last of the issues connected with the fisheries, which have caused friction between the two countries for the last century.

While the subject is under discussion an effort will be made to avert the threatened withdrawal of Canada from the international agreement, regarding what are known as the inland fisheries. The president has recently appointed Job Hedges, of New York, to succeed David Jordan, as the United States commissioner to deal with that subject, and Mr. Hedges probably will be summoned to Washington to confer directly with Minister Hazen and E. E. Prince, the Canadian inland fisheries commissioner.

The Canadian government has already ratified the agreement reached by the original commissioners and passed an act to put it into effect. It is not disposed to concur in the action of the United States senate in passing at the last session, of an act of similar purpose, because it contains provisions regarding the application of two of the regulations drawn by the commissioners which the Canadians consider of prime importance. These relate to the salmon fisheries of British Columbia and western objectionable to American fishing interests. It is hoped that the conference next week will provide for a satisfactory settlement of this issue.

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Session of Sovereign Grand Lodge Last Week in May—D. F. Maxwell Gets Well Earned Appointment.

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Fredericton, May 3.—Arrangements are now being completed for the reception of visiting delegates of the Sovereign Grand Orange Lodge of British North America, which will meet here the last week of this month.

The Grand Chapter of the Black Knights and the Ladies' Benevolent Association will be here, and it is expected that altogether, there will be between five and six hundred visiting delegates here.

There will be many prominent visitors here during the week, among them being Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia and defence, and Hon. Dr. Sprague, Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Ladies' Benevolent Association will meet on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The Grand Black Chapter will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Grand Orange Lodge will meet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the provincial executive, D. F. Maxwell, C.E., was formally appointed government engineer of the St. John Valley Railway. Mr. Maxwell is an engineer of extensive experience, well qualified for the important position and a gentleman who enjoys a very large measure of public confidence.

The survey of the St. John Valley accepted by the government, and upon which the contract for construction is passed, was made under his direction and is regarded as an eminently good plan for this important road.

It is said that announcement will be made some day next week of some important sub-contracts, negotiations in which are believed to be now reaching the final stage.

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In answer to questions asked by Senator Smith regarding treatment of steerage passengers, Buckley said that he thought they were given as good an opportunity to escape as the first and second passengers. He said he got into the sixth lifeboat to leave the ship when the order came for men to leave the boats, he was crying. A woman whom he thought was Mrs. John Astor, saw him, and covered him up with a shawl, in order that he might escape. He testified that the officers fired at men in the lifeboats, and made them come back to the ship.

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Mexico City, Mex., May 3.—Advice received from Mazatlan, on the west coast, by the American ambassador describe serious conditions in that city where 6,000 refugees of all nationalities are quartered. Of these 100 are Americans and the remainder Germans, Spaniards, Chinese, Japanese and Mexicans, who fast to the capital from points in all parts of the state where rebels are operating.

These refugees according to the reports, are destitute, many of them having only the clothes they are wearing. They are clamoring to leave the country, but have no means of transportation, as land travel to the eastward is impossible on account of Zapata, rebels and bandits, and there is no vessel available to take them away by water.

The United States army transport, the Buford, which is expected to reach Mazatlan today, has accommodations for only 100, and will be able to remove only a portion of those who will seek passage. As many persons are leaving by small steamships and towboats, there are few of these boats to be had.

Reports from Mazatlan indicate a deplorable condition among wounded federalists, who are too numerous to be accommodated in the military hospital and for whom there are neither medicines nor nurses. The wounded are victims of encounters with the rebels, against whom they appear to be to the present. There is said to be a shortage of food and many die in the open day and night, with out scant attention.

The British war ship Melampus has arrived in Vera Cruz and exchanging salutes with the forts. The detachment of British troops, who were alarmed the people whose fears that a bombardment was proposed were allayed by the British consul. The captain of the vessel probably will pay a visit of courtesy to the local authorities as well as to the commanding officer of the forts.

For two days a battle has been waged at Chiantla, Puebla, between the Zapatista forces, numbering about 2,500, and 500 Federalists. The Federalists are said to have the advantage of position, but the outcome of the engagement is still in doubt. The two Zapata brothers, as well as the "Terrible One-Eyed" Morales and other leaders, are there, having met for a council of war when they were attacked by the Federalists.

Despite the official statement of conditions near Cuernavaca, despatches to Imperial city the city is menaced by a force of rebels, which advanced near the place since the federal garrison was reduced to protect the railroad.

Culiacan officially is reported to have been retaken by the government troops.

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After being in conference for four hours today, the members of three anthracite boards issued a call for a general convention at Kilkisbar, Pa., on May 14, to consider the tentative agreement entered into by the sub-committees and representing the operators and the coal miners, and which was rejected by the full committee of the miners in joint conference with the operators here, yesterday.

The convention also will be urged to empower the committee of ten to enter into a second joint conference with the operators and conclude an agreement subject to ratification by a referendum vote of the mine workers. "Negotiations have not been broken off," said Wm. Green, who is acting for President White, of the United Mine Workers, "and we have arranged for another conference with the operators after the Pittsburgh convention. We are confident that an agreement will be reached."

The operators' committee of ten issued a statement regarding the situation of the mine workers, and advised that the miners of the agreement, signed after discussion and deliberation by all the members of sub-committee, after consultation with the members of the general committee on both sides. Under the circumstances, the operators, they say, cannot be expected to advance any further proposition in view of the great care and thoroughness with which this one was prepared and in view of the authority and standing of the mine workers' representatives who took part in its preparations.

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FAKE "SURVIVORS" TRYING TO GET SOME EASY MONEY

Many Impostors at White Star Line Offices Claiming to be Titanic Survivors—Some want Notoriety More than Cash—Life Insurance Companies Hard Hit.

New York, N. Y., May 3.—Additional "survivors" of the Titanic disaster are turning up daily at the White Star Line offices and at the headquarters of various relief committees, only to be proved to be impostors. Some do not try to get any money, but seem only to have a curious desire to be recorded as among the survivors.

A middle-aged couple from Buffalo appeared at the White Star Line offices today. To money was wanted, in fact the man and his wife refused to take any, but they told credible stories of how they escaped from the vessel, and were picked up by the Carpathia, but their names had not appeared in the lists. Investigation proceeded, according to the steamship officials, that the couple had not been outside of Buffalo for seven years, until the present visit to the city.

There have been a number of impostors seeking aid, but the checking system is so minute, that it is not believed that a single one has succeeded in obtaining money by false stories.

Insurance Companies Hit.

New York, May 3.—In the current

SUICIDE BELIEVED TO BE CAUSE OF THE DEATH OF FRASER

Ottawa, May 3.—John W. Fraser, secretary of Carleton Lodge, I.O.O.F., was found dead in his room at the Medford apartments this morning, shot through the head. All indications point to suicide, though there is no known cause. He was unmarried.

KLause WINS IN TAME FIGHT.

New York, May 3.—In the ten round middleweight bout at Madison Square tonight Klause defeated Dillon, securing the decision on points. It was a somewhat tame affair.

EARL GREY WILL BE WELL FITTED FOR CONNAUGHTS

Special Preparations Will Be Made for Comfort of Vice Regal Party on Trip to Maritime Provinces.

Ottawa, May 3.—For the trip their Royal Highnesses will take to the Maritime Provinces this summer, the government steamer Earl Grey, is to be specially refitted up. Capt. Pelletier, of the Montreal, has been sent to Quebec to bring the vessel up to Quebec for repairs, after her accident, and for the proposed alterations.

In addition to the quarters of the governor general, the officers' rooms on the upper deck, will be converted into a royal saloon. The Earl Grey will be manned by the special crew of naval officers and men, and commanded during the trip by one of the royal navy officers.

MURDERED HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW

Bad Blood Drove Ontario Man to Slay Lewis Porter—Confessed His Guilt to Provincial Police.

Lindsay, Ont., May 3.—Following the investigation, Reburn Alec Ellis, this afternoon confessed to the murder of his brother-in-law Lewis Porter, a trapper.

The body of Porter was found on Sunday lying on the roadside concealed by dense bushes at a spot six miles from Minden. Everyting pointed to a cold blooded murder. Ellis was the last man who claimed to have seen Porter alive after the discovery of the body. Ellis stated that he had seen Porter passing his door and that later he heard a gun report. Porter's gun was never found.

Ellis and the dead man had been enemies for a long time. At the time of the murder a warrant for Porter's arrest was out on a charge of arson in connection with some mysteries in the district.

CAPT. AMUNDSEN TO VISIT BUENOS AYRES

Buenos Ayres, May 3.—Despatches have been received here announcing that Capt. Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole, is leaving Australia for Buenos Ayres. The steamer Fran bearing Capt. Amundsen and his party is expected to reach this city at end of present month. The Danish legation are preparing a banquet for him.

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WHEN LEVE BROKE ON THE MISSISSIPPI

New Orleans, La., May 3.—Eight persons were drowned this afternoon when the Mississippi river levee near Morgan, La., broke, flooding the surrounding country.

A \$15,000 FIRE IN MONTREAL CHURCH.

Montreal, May 3.—Fire originating from an overheated furnace did damage estimated at between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to the west end Methodist church late this afternoon. Fireman Lacroix was hurt by falling debris and was removed to the hospital with a dislocated shoulder. The loss is covered by insurance.

CARL MORRIS KNOCKED OUT.

Springfield, Missouri, May 3.—Luther McCarthy of Springfield, tonight knocked out Carl Morris of Tulsa, Okla., in the sixth round of a ten round bout before the Springfield Athletic Club. Edward W. Cuckran, Sporting Editor of the Kansas City Journal, refereed the bout.