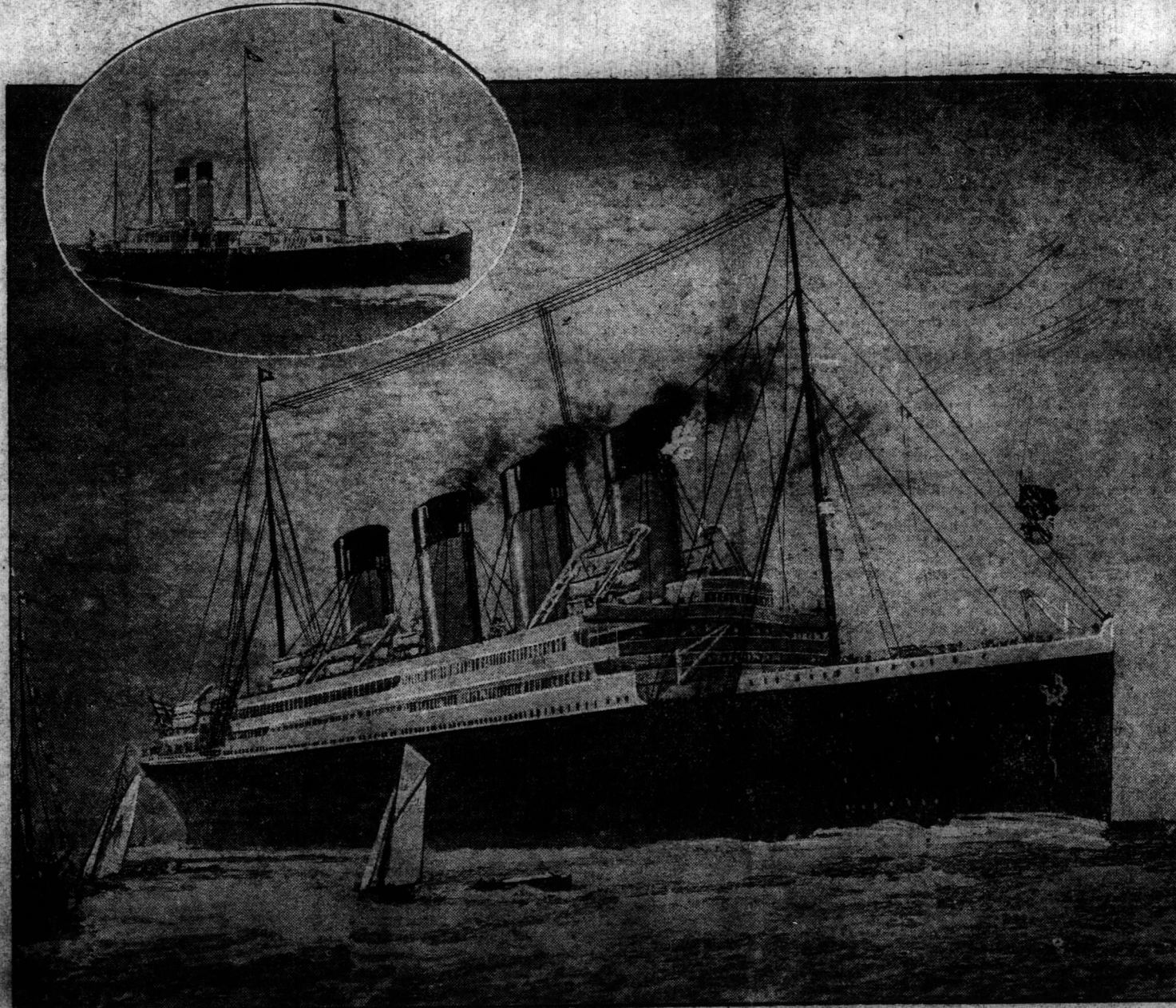


FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

The New Ocean Palace Steamer, The Britannic, Just Launched



This is a picture of the new White Star Line leviathan "Britannic" launched at Belfast on Thursday, February 26th, 1914. The "Britannic" perpetuates the historic name of a pioneer vessel of the famous White Star Line fleet...

DOCTOR HAS GIVEN LIFE FOR SCIENCE

Allowed a Venomous Indian Snake to Bite Him.

Missed Treating the Fifth Wound Inflicted by Reptile.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] CALCUTTA, British India, Feb. 28.—Dr. Frederick Fox, an Australian scientist, who had devoted his life to the treatment of snake bites, died late last night as the result of a bite from a snake, which he was using for experimental purposes.

Dr. Fox fell a victim while he was trying to prove the efficacy of what he had claimed was a sure antidote to the virus of the snake. He had just finished treating a goat which had been bitten bitten and he had succeeded in saving its life when he was attacked by a deadly krait snake, which is peculiar to British India.

The krait is a very venomous reptile of elapid variety, possessing grooved poison fangs and solid upper teeth behind them. During its attack on the doctor the snake inflicted five punctures.

The doctor, who had often voluntarily submitted to snake bites in order to demonstrate the efficacy of his cure skillfully incised four of the punctures, but the fifth escaped his notice. Later in the day symptoms of poisoning developed. The antidote made by Dr. Fox himself was used, but it was too late and Dr. Fox was added to the roll of martyrs to science.

J. H. FISHER, M. P. IS FIGHTING GAS COMPANY

He Secured Promise at Ottawa for Abatement of Nuisance.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—The situation which has been created in Western Ontario towns and cities by the introduction of unpurified natural gas from the Tilbury fields was brought before Hon. W. B. Nantel, Minister of Inland Revenue yesterday by John H. Fisher of Brant, and W. C. Weichel of North Waterloo, with results that should mean an early relief of the unpleasant conditions that have prevailed since this gas made its advent about the middle of December.

Just what action the department will take, was not announced, but it is understood that the minister has power that will compel the companies to purify the gas or cease to dispose of it. This is the assurance that was received by the two Western Ontario members who waited upon him yesterday.

Paris Patient. Mr. Fisher presented the case for Paris. The people of that town had been exceedingly patient, he said, but the conditions had now gone on so long that the residents' patience had ceased to be a virtue. The town had made protests to the company but without avail.

Mr. Weichel acting on behalf of personal knowledge, being himself a consumer of the gas company in Paris. Mr. Weichel, acting on behalf of Hon. George Clare, who is absent through illness, pointed out that about the middle of December, Tilbury gas was turned into the mains at Galt, and that there was an immediate protest. There were conferences with the gas company but there had never been other than a promise to purify as far as the company was concerned. He had been asked by Mayor Buchanan of Galt, to bring the attention of the minister to the violation of the law, with the request that the department should pass an order setting a date within which the company should provide for the necessary purification of the supply.

Hon. Mr. Nantel promised that the best efforts of the department would be exerted to secure an abatement of the nuisance.

In response to the Duke of Connaught's appeal for funds to employ a Dominion Secretary for the Canadian Boy Scouts, \$35,000 has been contributed, besides the \$10,000 promised by the late Lord Strathcona.

EXCITED SOLDIERS SHOT BENTON, SAYS OFFICER

Story How Scotchman Came to His Death Told By Member of Villa's Staff—Benton Had No Chance to Defend Himself.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 28.—The Sun is in receipt of a special letter from a member of General Villa's staff in Mexico. It throws illuminating light on the death of William Benton. The letter follows: "Judging from the papers all of you Britishers and Canadians in Canada and elsewhere are up in arms over the killing of the Scotch rancher, William S. Benton of Juarez, Meico. Here with I give you Gen. uVilla's side of the story. A special messenger of General Villa told the story last night at a meeting of the Constitutional Junta, of which I am an honorary member. Benton entered Villa's headquarters armed and pushing the guard, who attempted to stop him rudely aside, with boisterous language and oaths he made demands which Villa refused to comply with and when the general leaped to his feet and ordered him out he yelled back: 'I'll stay until he freezes over unless you pay me for my stolen cattle.' Then Villa ordered him thrown out and the soldiers being much excited and fearing a second attempt on the general's life shot the Scotchman to death.

Those of us who know and respect General Villa have always been given a square deal, but like most Mexicans he is not headed and it will not do to bull-doze him. Many Britishers and Americans slight him because of his Indian blood and he is quick to resent insult. Benton's act in forcing his way into the general's private office was a mistake which cost him his life. Everybody regrets the incident. Respectfully, (Signed) GUSTAVE H. SCCOOF, Squadron Sergeant, 23rd Alberta Rangers." Sergt.-Major Scoof of the 23rd Alberta Rangers is a soldier of fortune.

Dr. William M. McGuire, of Waterford to be registrar of deeds for the county of Norfolk. W. F. Schwenger, Hamilton, has been created a notary public.

INCORPORATED TO-DAY. TORONTO, Feb. 28.—The Ontario Gazette to-day announced the incorporation of the following limited companies: The Huntsville Woolen Mill Company, Huntsville, \$40,000; the London Investment Company, London, \$50,000; Sterling Supply Company, Ottawa, \$40,000; the Capital Brewing Company, Ottawa, \$100,000; the Hamilton Sand & Gravel Company, Hamilton, \$80,000. The directors of the latter company are W. F. Platt, William Kerr, E. S. Kerr, Harry H. Davis and Walter T. Evans.

Dr. McGuire Is Registrar of Norfolk

He is well known in Winnipeg, Man., having lectured there on one occasion. He passed through Winnipeg about two years ago while on his way home to Alberta from Mexico, where he assisted in overthrowing the Diaz government. Scoof was through the South African war with one of the British regiments, but has been a resident of Alberta for a number of years. He loves the war game so much that as soon as trouble came in Mexico he took his horse and travelled south to the fighting zone.

Might Have Been a Mortal Combat

Grand Trunk sectionmen and Hydro Electric employes at the C. I. borne St. power house clashed yesterday, when picks, spades and shovels came near being the instruments of warfare. The timely arrival of Mayor Spence on the scene, followed subsequently by the arrival of Sergt. Donnelly, stopped what might have been mortal combat. The railway sectionmen noticing that the Tilsonburg track was a great waterway for surface water from the surrounding district, dug a trench from the tracks, said trench drawing the water right down into the Hydro Electric store room. No time the store house resembled a natatorium, and it looked as if serious damage would be occasioned. The Hydro men blocked the dam but the G. T. R. forces nullified their efforts by opening it up again. Then the Mayor arrived. To the boss sectionman he declared: "You are looking for a ride in the patrol wagon and you'll get it mighty quick." His Worship followed it up by a call for the police. Thereupon the Grand Trunk proceeded to make water run up hill, and they got rid of it in some other direction. Thousands of dollars worth of stuff might have been badly damaged.

No Duty on People's Food, A Tariff on Manufactures

Principal of Preference to the Dominions is Policy of Unionists, Says Bonar Law in Pamphlet Issued in London.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, Feb. 28.—Bonar Law, in a pamphlet to-day, gives an outline of the Unionist policy touching the tariff. Following are the main points: "If as a result of the next election we have no new duties on the food of the people, but on the contrary, we hope to take off some food duties which we now have to pay. We shall impose a moderate tariff on foreign manufactured goods, not exceeding an average of 10 per cent.

A VENUS CASE IN MONTREAL

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, Feb. 28.—A grand jury here is to be called upon to decide whether statues of naked venuses and other mythological ladies who depicted clothing are to be allowed to be exhibited for sale in Montreal stores in the future. A test case upon which the grand jury will sit in judgment is that of David Rubin, an art dealer, with a store on St. Catherine street, who is being prosecuted at the instance of Captain Robert of the police force for having exposed for sale a miniature of a celebrated statue of a nude venus. The case was heard yesterday before Judge Lanctot. Counsel for the defense said that several city clergymen had invested in the venus statue, and that copies of it had been ordered and were being prepared for the Montreal art gallery. Judge Lanctot in sending Rubin to trial remarked: "The question must be definitely decided. We must know at once and for all whether merchants can legally be allowed to exhibit and offer these and like statues for sale. It should be left to a jury to decide on this point once and for all. It is a fit question for a test case. Since creation, after the fall of man, it was decided that all should dress."

Dogs Watch The Militants

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A London cable to the Tribune says: Recent activities of the suffragettes in their campaigns of destructive propaganda in Scotland are being met by remarkable precautions. The Mackintosh of Mackintosh has installed a system of dog guards at his home, Moy Hall, Inverness, where some of the finest Jacobite relics are kept.

The large number of sporting dogs usually kept in the Moy Hall kennels have been distributed around the mansion, and they raise the alarm on the approach of any person during day or night. Since the Mackintosh began this system of dog guards, other owners of houses have decided to do the same, and almost every Highland mansion and shooting lodge now has its dog guard.

BILL AIMING TO CANCEL FRANCHISE

Mr. Brewster, M.P.P., Will Introduce Legislation Re Gas. Amendment to Give the Right to Go Into Business.

Mr. W. S. Brewster, M.P.P., announced that he had in preparation, and would introduce at the earliest moment, a bill in the Ontario Legislature to wipe out the sulphur gas nuisance perpetrated not only on Brantford, but several other municipalities in the western part of the province.

"You may say," said Mr. Brewster, "that the object of the bill is to give Brantford, Paris, Galt and all other places the power to cancel the franchise of the Gas Company if a pure and proper supply of gas is not supplied. It will also give the power to the municipalities, if the franchise is cancelled, to go into the gas business themselves. The bill will be in the form of an amendment to the Public Utilities Act passed last year, and Mr. Brewster was hopeful of getting it through. From the present outlook, with Brant's representatives at Ottawa fighting against the Gas Company, and Mr. Brewster acting at Toronto in a direct way, it should not be long before the sulphur nuisance is a matter of history in these parts.

A FAREWELL TO AMERICANS

Hearty Send-off at London to the Touring Ball Players.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, Feb. 28.—An enthusiastic demonstration was made to-day by members of the American colony in London and English athletes and sporting men who had gathered at the station to bid farewell to the New York, and Chicago baseball teams when they departed from London for Liverpool to board the Lusitania on their return home. The players expressed regret that they could not stay longer in London, where they had been extensively entertained at dinners, luncheons and theatre parties given by their admirers. John J. McGraw in a few words spoken from the train, uttered the thanks of the teams to those present for the cordial way in which the tourists had been received here. Among the other passengers on the boat train were the members of a Japanese Government commission headed by Baron Kogoro Takahira, which has been investigating the judicial systems of Europe.

LIBERAL NOMINATED

MANITOBA, Man., Feb. 28.—At the Liberal convention, Dr. I. R. Davidson of Manitoba, was nominated to contest the constituency of Manitoba at the coming provincial election.

CHAMPIONS TROUNCED

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 28.—The Victoria champions were unmercifully trimmed by Vancouver last night the final score being 13 to 6. Some pretty hockey was witnessed, Taylor for Vancouver playing a fine game, and if the champions were off color they were suffering from the reaction of winning six straight games and the championship.

DEPUTATION WAITS UPON MR. ASQUITH

Asks That Compulsory Military Training be Enforced.

Empire is as Well Able to Defend Itself as Ever, Says Premier

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: One of the most notable deputations ever constituted waited on Premier Asquith yesterday to urge the need for the adoption of a system of national military training.

The deputation was entirely non-partisan, and among the members were Lord Roberts and two other distinguished field marshals, Sir Evelyn Wood and Lord Grenfell, as well as two distinguished sailors, Admirals of the Fleet Sir Gerard Noel and Sir Edward Seymour. These five men urged the need for compulsory training from the point of view of the safety of Great Britain and the maintenance of the empire. Mr. Asquith asserted that the fears of the deputation were groundless. He saw no adequate ground for apprehension that the capacity of this country to render a thoroughly good account of itself in case of an invasion was less than at any previous time in Great Britain's history.

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HYDRO UNION HOLDS BANQUET

Will Ask for Subsidy of \$6,400 for Province Owned Radials.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] GUELPH, Feb. 28.—At a largely attended banquet held at Guelph by the Hydro-Electric Railway Union last night, the whole question of the proposed deputation to Ottawa covering three all important co-related measures was fully discussed and unanimously endorsed.

First, that they ask the Dominion government for the usual subsidy of \$6,400 a mile for important lines of railway to be built by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. Private companies have invariably received such aid, and the people's own lines should receive the same treatment resulting in cheaper living and better transportation. Such accommodation wherever supplied has doubled and tripled the value of land.

Second, to ask the assistance of the Dominion government in finding means to greatly increase the amount of the power in the Niagara Peninsula for the use of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission; their power under contract at present being only 100,000 horse power, which will be practically all in use at the end of the year; it being understood there are several methods by which a greatly increased supply of power can be secured, providing the Dominion government is willing to assist in the solution, such power being absolutely necessary to provide for Hydro-electric railways and increased consumption in Western Ontario.

Third, to ask for an ocean waterway of thirty-five feet in depth from Montreal, via the St. Lawrence and the lakes to Port Arthur and Fort William and that international features of the project be taken up with the United States for the earliest possible solution it being understood that the improvement of the St. Lawrence will of itself supply eastern Ontario with millions of horsepower of electrical energy, greatly to the benefit of manufacturers, cities and towns and the farming communities with the view that hydro-electric power becomes universally used for the whole benefit of the people urban and suburban.

It was announced at the meeting that the Hon. Adam Beck had consented to accompany this deputation to Ottawa.