

STORSTAD CAPTIONED BY SUPPLY EXPERTS OFFICIAL INQUIRY STARTS TODAY

Owners of Collier Appear Confident That They Will Be Able to Present Strong Case — Eighty Witnesses to Be Called — Legal Battle Will Be Vigorous.

Canadian Press Despatch. QUEBEC, June 15. — With practically all the witnesses in town except the captain and crew of the Storstad, an expected down by the Richelleu an Ontario boat in the morning, the stage is set for the official investigation into the disaster in which the C.P.R. Empress of Ireland was sunk more than a thousand lives were lost. It is open in the courthouse under the presidency of Lord Mersey, the distinguished English jurist, tomorrow morning.

As far as the gathered popular opinion seems to favor the side of the Empress, and the bulk of expert opinion that of the Storstad. Although the representatives of the latter were reticent, it is the general idea that they consider they have a strong case. There are probably two main points on which interest will centre, these being the question of the international rules governing collisions, or rather the prevention of them, and the action taken by the captain of the Storstad subsequent to the calamity.

It is understood that on both these points the representatives of the Storstad owners think that they have a strong case. It is said that their contention will be that when the Empress of Ireland and the Storstad first sighted each other the latter was off the starboard bow of the C.P.R. liner and that therefore, according to the principal rules of the Geneva convention, the Storstad was bound to keep her course, passing port to port and red light to red light. Instead of that, it is said the Storstad struck the Empress on the starboard, or green light, and that theonus of proof is likely to be on the owners of the Empress.

As for the cause of the Storstad's collision with the Empress, the opposing story will in all likelihood be that the Empress was at fault. It is kept her engines going full speed ahead in order to fill the gap, but that the rate of speed at which the Empress was going was the cause of the collision. The Storstad's bow struck the Empress on the starboard side, and the latter was immediately backed down to the wreck to help in the rescue work.

Opposing Counsel. C. A. Ducloux, former Mayor of Montreal, will appear for the Storstad, assisted by J. W. Griffin and C. S. Haigh of New York, both of whom are members of the United States Admiralty, and figured in the Titanic investigations, and Norman Becker, also of New York, and Arthur Fitzpatrick of Quebec. Captain O. Lange will represent the Storstad owners, and R. H. Loines the underwriters.

Lord Mersey and the other commissioners and assessors, except Lord Routhier, who lives in the city, arrived here this afternoon on the Sir Hugh Allan, the Montreal harbor commission boat which reached here between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Accompanying him were the following: Hon. E. Cook, M.C., Judge of the Admiralty Court, New Brunswick, who with Hon. Judge Routhier of Quebec, is a member of the commission; Hon. D. Hanson, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Alexander Johnston, deputy minister; Commander C. P. Howe, consulting engineer for the naval department; and George Vaux, of the British board of trade.

Lord Mersey tonight would say nothing as regards the nature of the inquiry or its scope. Eighty witnesses will appear before the commission. Capt. H. G. Kendall of the Empress, first officer E. J. Jones, Chief Engineer W. Sampson, Lookout J. Carroll and about 25 others of the Empress' crew will be called at witnesses.

Capt. Thomas Anderson, First Officer A. Tuffness, Second Officer Einar Reinert, Third Officer Jacob Sachs, Chief Engineer L. S. McNeil, and Engineer Jacob Lundquist, who was on watch at the time of the accident, and between 30 and 40 others will appear for the Storstad.

EXPERTS' AGREEMENT TO BE READY SOON

Street Railway Purchase Awaiting Consideration of C. N. R. Lawyers

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Received protests from public organizations against establishment of a sewage disposal plant in the Don valley, and against expenditure of city funds for council's new trip to Atlanta, Ga.

By a bylaw empowered the mayor and city treasurer to give notice to the Toronto and York Street Railway Company that it is the city's intention to assume ownership of the southernly 1820 feet of the railway on Yonge street when the franchise expires June 25, 1915.

Decided to have the city's street railway purchase proposal placed before council.

Left action on the provincial commission's Hydro reduction order to the Toronto commission and asked for a report when this was done.

Approved promoting water to properties 600 feet or less outside the city limits.

Decided to expropriate 12 acres in Harcourt known as the Miller property, north of the city east of Dufferin, for playground purposes.

Sat at 2:30; rose at 12:30 this morning.

BASEBALL RESULTS STATE-SIDE

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DELAY IS EXPLAINABLE

Agreement Terms Will Be Laid Before Council for Their Information.

When city council met yesterday the early afternoon sun was beaming; when they rose little stars were twinkling in a cold sky over the city. No chance to launch into formal debate was lost. Everything from grammar to the ferry company's re-election was noted. Several important moves were made, but less time was taken for these than for debate in public sessions.

Some members of council who thought street railway purchase was forgotten because the advocacy had not been cried from the housetops had fast come to change their opinion after the Mayor Hocken's speech in which he had prepared for the city an agreement with Sir William Mackenzie and now was awaiting the leading lawyers were ready to consider.

Two points were in the mayor's statement. First, that the terms of the present Mackenzie and now was awaiting the leading lawyers were ready to consider.

Second, that the city's offer was not a purchase but a lease for a term of years.

Water Outside Limits. Toronto water can now be procured for any property within the feet outside the city limits, but applicants must pay the total cost of laying mains and services. The charges will be set through a bylaw.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL AT SPECIAL MEETING. On Thursday afternoon the city council will meet to consider sewage disposal solely, and at night will attend an illustrated explanation of Street Commissioner Wilson's proposals for garbage collection and disposal.

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Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, June 15. — A thunderstorm of phenomenal violence raged over Paris for three hours this evening. It caused less than an enormous damage to property. The great volume of rain flooded the streets and caused the bursting of sewers. The number of victims is not known. The police estimate the victims at seven at least.

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SIR JAMES WHITNEY'S ADDRESS TO THE ELECTORS OF ONTARIO

To the Electors of the Province of Ontario. It is my privilege to ask you to pronounce once more upon the acts and policies of the present government.

The current legislative term has not expired. The present government has made a record for itself in the past few years. It is my privilege to ask you to pronounce once more upon the acts and policies of the present government.

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Bob Gamay has been nominated for the fifth time for a seat in the legislative assembly by the Conservatives of Manitoulin.

At this point Mr. Wilson entered the hall and Mr. Gamay repeated his statement for the benefit of the reverend opponent, and challenged him to a debate.

Down at Peterboro the Conservative candidate also seems to be having some trouble with his clerical friends. It is not to be wondered at because Mr. Soden out-Rowells Rowells as it were.

The opening meeting in the open house of Mr. Soden's campaign was an enthusiastic one and developments made it particularly interesting.

A letter from Bob Dibble, the Donkey Club sculler, won the English Derby. Dibble has become a sculler of honor in Canada in the Diamond Scull.

DURBAR II. RAN OUTSIDE MONEY IN FRENCH DERBY. PARIS, June 15. — The Prix du Jockey Club, the French Derby, which was run on Sunday, June 14, was won by the favorite, Baron Maurice de Selys Longchamps.

KEW BEACH BY TWENTY SOTS. Kew Beach defeated St. Matthews by 25 sots on Saturday.

LONG BRANCH WIN FIRST GAME. The first game between Port Credit and Long Branch bowlers was played Saturday.

QUEEN CITY QUOTING CLUB. The Queen City Quoting Club held their opening handicap on Saturday afternoon.

ST. MARY'S OF THE TORONTO SENIOR LEAGUE. St. Mary's of the Toronto Senior League will practice on Thursday night.

TWO INTERESTING GAMES OF BASEBALL WERE PLAYED ON THE BROADVIEW FIELD SATURDAY.

The Montreal Herald-Telegraph which becomes officially a Liberal newspaper today, prints the following news item from Ottawa:

It is reported that Hon. Dr. Resume, who failed to secure the approval of his convention in

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Windsor, is to be appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, in succession to Sir John Gibson, whose time is up.

Hon. Dr. Resume is said to be anxious to be the first official Lieutenant of the million-dollar palace he built in Toronto as Government House. He will, if appointed, be the third Roman Catholic governor of Ontario.

The Guelph Mercury objects to the hydro-electric being "dragged into politics," and says: As was expected, The Toronto Telegram has dropped its independent veneer with the near approach of an election, and has run to the Tory camp for a supply of editorial material.

What the voters of South Wellington are interested in just now, is that Sam Carter, a thoroly sincere public ownership advocate, and the man who proposed the resolution that gave birth to the Hydro-Electric Commission, should be asked to come to Ontario to strengthen the hands of the public ownership element in the house.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS SEEK FIVE SEATS

Party Nominates Standard Bearers in Forthcoming Elections.

ONE IS A MINISTER Rev. W. E. S. James Will Run for Seat B, Toronto Northwest.

The following seats will be contested by Toronto Social Democrats: Seat A, Toronto N.W.; J. A. Colombo; Seat B, Toronto N.W.; Rev. W. E. S. James; Seat A, Toronto N.E.; I. Bainbridge; Riverside; T. E. Black; West York, M. D. Armstrong.

J. Colombo is an Italian who has lived in Canada for more than 20 years and has been closely connected with the socialist and labor movement for most of the time.

I. Bainbridge is a member of the Stonecutters' Union and a delegate to the Toronto Trades Council.

T. E. Black is a Methodist minister at Holstein, Ont. Some time ago he started the Methodist world by resigning his post as a protest against the low wages paid to country ministers. He was born in Essex County little more than 30 years ago.

M. D. Armstrong, the organizer of the party, is looked upon as the best debater and speaker of the social democratic movement in Ontario.

The Liberals of Brockville held a convention the other night, according to The Recorder, and, according to the Recorder, they were not enthusiastic.

In view of the general claim of a general victory by our Liberal friends it would be interesting to know just what ridings they expect to carry.

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