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CHAIRMAN SMITH IS SCORED BY THE TIMES

"Criticism Directed Against His Manner and Amazing Ignorance Displayed"

Relatives of Dead Hold Indignation Meeting in Halifax—Titanic Relief Fund Now $1,350,000—Captain Moore On Stand in Washington Today Tells of Schooner Nearer Titanic

(Canadian Press)

London, April 27—The Times, commenting on the Titanic inquiry in Washington, says:—"We all feel that the circumstances are unprecedented and, although the inquiry by the senate and the compulsory detention of their subjects seem strange, yet the American desire for a prompt and searching investigation is perfectly natural, and the senate is within its rights.

"The criticism here is directed rather to Senator Smith's manner and the amazing ignorance he has displayed. We would have wished for a more judicial mind at the head of the committee, and one more conversant with the matters to be investigated."

Indignation Meeting in Halifax

Halifax, April 27—Citizens of the United States, here representing the families and relatives of the victims of the Titanic disaster have been successful in learning the programme to be carried out by the White Star line's officials, when the death ship Mackay-Bennett arrives.

An indignation meeting followed unsuccessful inquiries. To it were invited: Mayor Chisholm of the city, the coroner, the United States consul, and the White Star officials here, and an announcement of the arrangements made for the receipts of the bodies of the victims was demanded. United States citizens were inclined to be angry, but Mr. Mitchell, assistant manager of the White Star line in Montreal, was able to placate them by a recital of programme to be put in force. In the end, everybody was satisfied but the reporters who, under Mr. Mitchell's scheme, are to be kept off the dock when the steamer arrives.

Only the relatives of the victims of the Titanic wreck, will be allowed on the dock. The newspaper men from New York and Boston took up a protest against the action of the White Star line and wired it to Vice-President Franklin in New York. Others wired Hon. Colonel Sam Hughes, minister of militia, whose department has control of the gun dock, to which the death ship will come, asking him for permission to enter it. The hotels cannot house the mourners here. A committee was appointed to get a list of boarding houses with rooms to let, as by Monday morning, it is expected that more than 1000 relatives and friends will have arrived.

Relief Fund $1,350,000

London, April 27—Including the fund raised in New York, the total amount subscribed to date for the relief of the sufferers by the Titanic disaster is more than $1,350,000. The London Daily Mail fund alone is $171,500. The corporation of the town of Godalming has passed a resolution to open a subscription for the erection of a memorial to J. A. Phillips, chief wireless operator on the Titanic.

The White Star line yesterday issued a strict order to detain the members of the Titanic crew on board the Lapland when they arive at Plymouth dock until they have been seen by the company's officials and lawyers. The Lapland is expected today. The company also has ordered that no passengers be booked for the Lapland from Plymouth to Cherbourg unless they are able to prove they have a friend aboard. Further, all newspaper men are ordered excluded from the Lapland and the tender bringing the Titanic survivors ashore.

quiry into the Titanic disaster. Passengers on the Mount Temple, which was in the vicinity of the Titanic, on the fateful night, of Sunday, April 14, have declared they saw the Titanic's lights and signals. Wireless operator Cottam of the Carpathia testified that he did not believe the Mount Temple got the Titanic's wireless signals of distress, because the operator of the Mount Temple had given him "Good night," a little after ten o'clock that night.

The committee has yet to examine several of the British sailors who survived the Titanic wreck, and contemplates putting some of them on the stand today. A. Crawford, one of the stewards, who was examined in New York, also is awaiting recall. J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star line, who has been waiting in Washington five days, attending the hearings from beginning to ending, each day, still is waiting to testify. He said today that he was not so impatient since the testimony of twenty-five survivors of the crew had been taken in one day by the arrangement, whereby each senator spent nearly a whole night examining them. He expected to take the stand again, certainly, within a few days.

The committee does not wish to recall him until it has cleared up all the points it can through surviving members of the crew and those on ships known to have been in the Titanic's vicinity on the night of the catastrophe.

Chairman Smith reiterated today the statement that no more passenger survivors will be heard until the officials, members of the crew, and crews of other steamers have testified. The four surviving officers of the Titanic, who are anxious to return, are still held. Fifth officer Lowe is contemplating demanding of Senator Smith upon what information he based his interrogation of him as to his sobriety. Senator Smith asked officer Lowe if he was a drinking man, saying that he had been informed he had been drinking the night the Titanic sank. This Lowe indignantly denied, asserting that he was a "teetotaler."

Washington, April 27—Captain James H. Moore, captain of the steamship Mount Temple took the stand in the inquiry today. He said he had been at sea for 32 years, 27 years in the north Atlantic ocean.

"I wish you would tell the committee in your own words just what happened on that Sunday and Monday morning," said the chairman.

Captain Moore's evidence was as before published. He said that: "At 3.25 ship's time, we had to stop. At that time we figured we were about fourteen miles distant from where the Titanic signalled."

Another delay was occasioned to the Mount Temple by a small schooner the Green Light. For a moment the captain got range of the white mast headlights and then they disappeared.

"Was the schooner between you and the Titanic?" asked the senator.

"Yes, sir."

"How much nearer the Titanic was that schooner than you were?"

"Oh the schooner could not have been more than a mile and a half from me. I heard the fog horn of the schooner and then put the Mount Temple's engines full speed astern to avoid her."

Halifax, April 27—The cable ship Mackay Bennett, bearing the bodies of the Titanic victims which have been recovered, will not arrive here until Monday. This was confirmed this morning in a wireless message from the steamship. It was as followe: "Confirm bodies of Astor and Straus on board, due Monday with 189 bodies.

As 205 bodies have been picked up it is assumed that sixteen were so mutilated that burial at sea was necessary.

SCHOONER BETWEEN MOUNT TEMPLE AND THE TITANIC

Washington, April 27—Captain Jas. H. Moore, of the C. P. R. steamship Mount Temple, arrived in Washington today, to testify before the senate committee of in-

THE WEATHER

Maritime forecasts—Strong southwest shifting to northwest winds; showery; Sunday, fresh northwest winds and becoming cooler.

Synopsis—The disturbance which was west of the Great Lakes yesterday is now moving towards the gulf. The weather is colder in Ontario; to the Grand Banks and American ports, strong southwest-shifting to northwest winds.

Saint John Observatory.

The time ball on customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.50 and drops at 1 p. m. Standard time of the 60th Meridian, equivalent to five hours Greenwich mean time.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

Saturday, April 27, 1912.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 48
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 40
Temperature at noon 41
Humidity at noon 98
Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 30.08 inches.
Wind at noon—Direction southwest, velocity twenty-two miles per hour; rain.
Same date last year—Highest temperature 38, lowest 33, cloudy and rain.

D. L. HUTCHINSON,
Director.

THE WESTERN CROPS

Winnipeg, April 27—Despatches from the three prairie provinces show that seeding has been well completed. Winter wheat in Alberta is sprouting well. Heavy rains all over the west on Thursday night will suspend farm operations for several days.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane Chapman took place this afternoon from the home of Captain Ferris in Adelaide street. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. D. Marr and interment was in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Mrs. Robert Wilson took place this morning from her late home in Cliff street. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Doctor McVickar and the body was taken to Yarmouth for burial.

The funeral of George W. Oram took place this morning at eleven o'clock from the home of J. Laskie in Main street. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. R. Nobles, and the body was taken to Holderville for interment.

Mrs. Rebecca Crawford was laid to rest in the Mahogany Road cemetery this afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at her late home in Ready street by Rev. LeB. McKiel.

The funeral of Isaac J. Saunders took place this afternoon from his late home at Hammond River. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Daniel, and interment was in the cemetery at Salmon River.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Taylor and daughter, of Halifax, have returned after a southern trip and are the guests of Mr. Taylor's parents at 24 Pitt street.

GOVERNMENT IS TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Sheriffs Will Be Appointed—Eggs and Butter, Twenty Cents

Fredericton, April 27—(Special)—The government will likely meet here next week to dispose of business which has arisen as a result of the legislation of the session. The appointment of sheriffs will also be made.

Professor C. W. Carlon will speak in praise of the founders at the enceniels of the U. N. B.

Alex Booker, a former resident of this city, is dead in Woodstock.

Potatoes were firm in the local market this morning at $3 a barrel. Eggs sold at twenty cents a dozen and butter at twenty.

At a meeting of the directors of the St. John Valley Railway Company yesterday the following were elected:—C. Fred Chestnut, president; Henry Wilmot, vice-president; J. W. McCready, secretary-treasurer. A committee was appointed to prepare a statement of liabilities and assets.

POLICE COURT

Fifty Dollar Fine for Obstructing Sidewalk—Several Cases Taken up

In the police court this morning Charles Connors and Walter Godsoe, charged with obstructing the sidewalk at the corner of Union and St. John streets on the West Side on April 21, between five and six p.m., were fined $50 or three months in jail. The fine was allowed to stand. "Under the Dominion Act, you could be sent to jail for six months without a fine," said His Honor, "but the fine will be allowed to stand against you this time pending your good behavior."

Hugh McPhee, charged with absenting himself from the schooner Elma without leave, he being an articled seaman, was allowed to go on condition that he go aboard the schooner immediately. He consented and was taken away by the captain.

Frederick McDowell, arrested in St. Stephen by Detective Killen on charge of stealing seven pounds of butter from Thomas E. Robinson of this city, was brought before the court this morning. He pleaded not guilty, and consented to be tried in the police court. He was remanded until Monday morning. The theft is supposed to have been committed on Tuesday last.

Mary McDonald, who was arrested on Thursday on street walking charge, was sentenced to a fine of $50 or six months in jail.

James Stantop, in jail on remand on the charge of assaulting Thomas Redfern, was fined $20 or two months in jail. The fine was allowed to stand.

One prisoner was fined $4 or ten days jail on the charge of drunkenness, and one other $8 or two months. The latter fine was allowed to stand.

Sophia Oliver, a West India negress, was brought in. The girl, who is about nineteen years of age, has been employed as a servant in a local insurance mail's home, and of late has been acting strangely. Last night at twelve o'clock she left the house and was found walking the streets. She was taken to the police station for protection. In court this morning she said: "Yo' Honah, I had an awful dream last night. I dreamed that I was arrested and locked up. Oh, it was awful." "I guess your dream was pretty near correct, said His Honor. The girl was sent below and Dr. D. E. Berryman will examine her as to her mental condition.

The case against John Chesbrom, charged with selling liquor illegally, was resumed yesterday afternoon. After the evidence of several witnesses was taken, it was further adjourned until Monday afternoon.

YARMOUTH WOMAN GIVES TROWEL AND BIBLE TO CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE

Montreal, April 27—A quaint touch was lent to the convocation services in the Congregational College last night, where two missionaries and one city minister, received degrees, when Rev. W. T. Gunn, bringing with him from Nova Scotia a silver trowel and huge family Bible, presented these to the college as relics having interesting early associations with Congregational life and which had been bestowed by Mrs. Gorham of Yarmouth, N. S.

The principal also formally handed over the Nelson flagship shield, which he had received at the recent distribution in the city hall by Rev. Alfred Hall, agent for Lord Strathcona.

Ross R. Winans Dead

Baltimore, April 27 — Ross Revillon Winans, millionaire capitalist and member of the renowned Winans family is dead aged 62. Mr. Winans was born in Russia in 1850, while his father, Thomas Winans, was engaged in extending and rebuilding the Continental Railway System in Russia, built by the first Ross Winans.

TRAFFIC HEAVY.

Traffic on the river steamers is heavy. The steamer D. J. Purdy left this morning on her first trip to the Washademoak, her first trip up river, in fact, under her present name. She had a large cargo, and in the warehouse is another load. The May Queen also made her first run this morning to Grand Lake and had a large freight.

W. D. Barclay, general manager of the eastern lines of the Canadian Northern Railway, left last evening for Montreal by the C. P. R. express.

ROYAL BANK TO ABSORB THE TRADERS

Toronto Paper Says it is Arranged, Despite Denials — Will Rank Third in Canadian List

Toronto, April 27—The Mail and Empire says "The persistently denied absorption of the Traders Bank of Canada by a larger institution will at last receive official confirmation within the next few days, when it will become necessary for the directors to announce the terms upon which the Traders' Bank shares will be retired in exchange for an issue of the Royal Bank of Canada.

The Mail and Empire learns definitely that the scheme of amalgamation was completed and approved yesterday by both parties. This new combination of the Traders' and the Royal banks will result in a bank which will rank third in the Canadian list, its paid up capital aggregating nearly $12,000,000.

GAVE AWAY FIVE MILLIONS; DIED COMPARATIVELY POOR

Doctor Pearsons Found More Fun in Distributing Money Than in Any Entertainment

Chicago, April 27—Dr. Daniel Kimball Pearsons, ninety-two years old, who in recent years gave more than $5,000,000 to small colleges, chiefly in the middle west, died of pneumonia early today in a sanitarium, comparatively a poor man. For several days he had been sinking, a patient in an institution where he maintained himself on an income of $5,000 a year, paid him by a college to which he had contributed $250,000 on the condition that he would be given 2 per cent. of that amount for the remainder of his life.

It was Doctor Pearsons, who declared that "giving away money is a greater sport than baseball, and more fun than any other form of entertainment." He often expressed the expectation that he would live to be 100 years old.

THEFT CHARGE SAID TO BE AWAITING BEATTIE NESBITT

Toronto, April 27—A straight charge of theft of $5,000 from the Farmers' Bank, which has been kept quiet, is said to be awaiting Doctor Beattie Nesbitt, in addition to the several charges which have been published and are figuring in the extradition proceedings. The authorities say they have documents to show that the doctor acknowledged receipt of the money in question and that the information upon which the allegation is made, was supplied by the former manager, Travers.

Inspector Duncan said today that if the extradition proceedings now in progress failed, a contingency which he did not anticipate, Doctor Nesbit would, for the time being, remain an exile from the country, but efforts would be instituted to bring him back on other charges.

SUPPORT ONLY THOSE WHO WILL VOTE FOR TEMPERANCE REFORM

Toronto, April 27—To ally itself with no political party but to support those candidates for the legislature who stand for the most advanced temperance reform is the declared policy of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, as announced after prolonged deliberation by the executive committee, which adjourned early this morning after a night session.

INSPECTION OF I.C.R. BY HON. MR. COCHRANE

Ottawa, April 27—The I. C. R. will be thoroughly inspected by the minister of railways and canals, Hon. Frank Cochrane, who will start on his journey next Wednesday. The inspection will last for about a month. He will go to Quebec and inspect the Transcontinental railway east and west of that point. Then he will travel Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and P. E. Island. He will make improvements in the system as he thinks are demanded. On return to Ottawa he will proceed on a trip over the canals.

CANADIAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION FORMED

Toronto, April 27—Doctor Augusta Stowe Gullen, Doctor Margaret Johnson, Doctor Isabella Smithwood, Mrs. Flora McDonald Denison and William Munns of Toronto, have been incorporated as the Canadian Suffrage Association.

It is to supplant the Dominion Woman's Enfranchisement Association, to obtain for women the municipal and parliamentary franchise on the same basis on which it is now or hereafter to be given to men, and to promote the welfare and best interests of women.

BONAR LAW'S COURSE AS LEADER NEARLY RUN

Feeling That he Has Not Measured up to Requirements as Unionist General

Belittling Comparison With Balfour—Main Hope of Home Rule Opponents is Shattered—Titanic Disaster Opens up Question of Organization and Personnel of Mercantile Marine

(Times' Special Saturday Cable).

London, April 27—A. Bonar Law's position as Unionist leader, is now more uncertain than ever. The Times, in an illuminating slip last week, referred to Balfour as the leader of the opposition. Law has proved an admirable chief of the staff, but a poor general. He has improved the Unionist organization, heightened discipline driven parliamentary idlers and invalids into private life, but he has wholly failed as a creator of Unionist policy or to inspire ideals. His petty triumphs have been those of Gobemeouche, his sneers and jibes and trival interruptions of opponents have delighted the younger Unionists, but have utterly failed to justify his selection. There is deep dissatisfaction in the Unionist ranks, which may soon take audible form.

On all sides one hears belittling comparisons of Law against Balfour. The new style is not a success.

IRISH HOME RULE BILL

The unanimous action of the Dublin convention has shattered the main hopes of the Unionist opponents of home rule. They freely said that the Irish would decline to accept so cautiously planned a scheme, and now they attempt to maintain that the unanimity of the convention proves, it does genuinely represent Irish nationalist opinion.

The placid acceptance of the home rule proposal by English, public opinion has seriously perturbed the Unionists, who are making vain efforts to provoke anti-Irish sentiment. The government has undoubtedly strengthened its hold on the electorate during the last month.

Liberals, however, are uneasy over the cool reception given the speech introducing the Welsh disestablishment bill. An uninspired and unstimulating campaign against establishment finds few active friends outside of Wales. In Scotland the Presbyterian reunion proposals have killed disestablishment. In England recent statistics prove that the Anglicans are going ahead in membership in Sunday schools while leading non-conformist churches are declining. Meetings in support of the bill throughout the country have attracted few hearers.

English Liberals, while willing to grant the demands of the Welsh, regard a disestablishment campaign as an inconvenient nuisance. This is significant. Twenty years ago English reformers worked for disestablishment and franchise changes. Today their activity is changed and they seek for better wages, better conditions of labor, and more equitable taxation. Our fathers demanded changes in name and in legal status, we demand changes that directly affect the earnings and conditions of the people.

The London season will open this week and promises exceptionally well. Concentration of gaieties in a short period as last year because of the coronation will be avoided and from now until the middle of June the west end will see one round of pleasure seeking. The grand opera season began splendidly. Covent Garden has many old favorites, and several new stars. An effort in rivalry is being made at Kingsway in the drama with Bennett's Milestones, now the universally recognized play of the year, but almost every theatre is crowded nightly. The presence of the king and queen has a marked effect on social activities.

Business promises well, although the great boom foretold after the coal strike has not been realized yet. Conditions, however, are buoyant and hopeful.

THE SAILORS AND THE SERVICE

The Titanic disaster has opened up the entire question of the organization and personnel of the British mercantile marine. While our shipping tonnage mounts rapidly each year the character our common seamen has declined. Our mercantile officers are admittedly excellent, but our men before the mast are more and more becoming foreigners. Lascars, Italians and Swedes. Forecastle life in most ships is so poor that Englishmen, save of the porest type, refuse to endure it. Poor food, worse cooking, bad accommodation and low wages have turned many thousands of decent seamen to other work.

Sailors' quarters are notoriously in the worst streets in every English port. While we boast a splendid succession of millionaire ship owners, there is a thinning host of poverty stricken sailors. Sentiment is growing, here that British ships shall be made endurable for British sailors, that fair wages, decent quarters and good food shall be guarnteed by the state, that owners who man ships with cheap foreigners shall be taxed extra. Owners declare "British born sailors are so drunken, discontented and lawless that we are driven to employ foreign men."

Shipping experts reply that they are bad because the conditions of the average forecastle are so unendurable that decent Englishmen are driven away.

London deeply resents what we consider a harsh prejudgment and unfair treatment of the Titanic witnesses by the U. S. senate committee of inquiry. Men here scoff at the ignorance betrayed by the senate committee at the foolish questions, at the attitude, and the hectoring manner of the chairman.

WANT TO PURCHASE LAND FROM THE CITY

Several Applications With Which Safety Board Has to Deal

The civic boards and committees will hold their last regular meetings next week. These will be followed on Monday by the last meeting of the present common council and the new members fill take the oath of office and meet in council on the following day.

The first meeting next week will be that of the board of public safety on Monday evening at eight o'clock. Their principal business will be the consideration of applications for city lots. Applications have been received as follows:

R. Max McCarty, two lots on Morris Farm, Green Head road, for $4,000; sale recommended.

Clarence H. Ferguson, Butt house, Lancaster, $1,000; will be sold at public auction.

W. W. Williamson, house and lot, Church avenue, Fairville, $500.

Lawrence Garey, three lots in Union Point road, Lancaster, $400; not recommended.

Charles H. Emery, land in Queen street, Carleton.

F. R. Dearborn, five lots, Beach and Prospect streets, to lease or purchase.

Applications for renewal of leases have been received from Ada Atherson, Prospect street; James Mills, Union Point road; Letitia L. Glasgow, St. James and Watson streets, W. E.; Elizabeth McLean, corner Crown and Union; John McCauley, Queen street, W. E.; Mrs. Marsh, Elliott row; Edith Kenny, corner Union and King streets, W. E.; Mrs. Phoebe H. Budge, corner Mecklenburg and Pitt; Hugh McGill, Brooks ward, and John P. Cougle, St. James street, W. E.

The board will also deal with the order in council that appraisers be appointed to value the buildings on the lot in Lancaster under lease to Ernest Fair, the recommendation that the city purchase from Mr. O'Neill the building on the McSorley lot and the report of appraisers on Mrs. Budge's lot.

NEW BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED TODAY

Dansig, Germany, April 27—The battleship Koenig Albert, named for a former king of Saxony, was launched today. The present Saxon King Frederick August was present and made a speech and his sister, Princess Mathilda, christened the vessel.

The new battleship is practically identical with the battleships Kaiser, Kaiserin, and Frederich Der Grosse. It has a tonnage of 24,500 and is armed with ten 12-inch and fourteen 6-inch guns. The specifications demand a speed of twenty-one knots. The warship's turbines are adapted for the consumption of either coal or oil. The cost of construction is nearly $12,000,000.

MR. HAZEN SAYS NO

A. P. Hazen, manager of the local office of the Bank of British North America, who has been promoted to the managership of the bank's office in Montreal returned today from Montreal where he was in connection with the change.

When asked about a report that he would accept the position of general manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, Mr. Hazen said that the report was incorrect.

James Manchester, president of the Bank of New Brunswick, said this morning that no appointment has been made in place of Mr. Kessen, who has offered his resignation.

CRIME TO WEAR TIGHT SKIRTS, SAYS SCIENTIST

New York, April 27—The sheath skirt and similar fashions of recent date are discussed in an article which Doctor Francke, an eminent German scientist, has contributed to a municipal publication. The sheath skirt, he says, is ruining female figures stunting development and producing a race of knock-kneed women. The doctor says the limbs cannot be straight-unless the muscles are allowed regular, unrestricted exercise, which is possible only with wide skirts. "The time has come," says Doctor Francke, "when it will be a crime to wear tight skirts."

TO BE MARRIED IN WEST.

A wedding of much interest to many West End people will take place in Pasadena, California, on Tuesday next, when Miss Mary Florence Coyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Coyle of West St. John, will be united in marriage with John O'Connor, formerly of Sherbrooke, Quebec. Miss Coyle left for Pasadena on the 19th instant. Before leaving for the west she was waited upon by the Assumption Dramatic Club, of which she was an active member, and they presented a silver scallop dish.

CAPTAIN MATSON

It has been definitely learned that the Halifax man whose death in New Haven, Conn., was referred to in a press despatch on Thursday was Captain Joseph Matson, who was well known in St. John. He died in a hospital in New Haven on Wednesday, and his body, it was said, would be taken to Halifax for burial. Captain Matson left a wife and family residing in Carleton. His wife was formerly Miss Emma Flinn, a sister of Mrs. Wm. Knodell of this city.

THE FRESHET.

The rise in the water at Indiantown has not been as great as was expected for the end of the week, but with today's steady rain it is thought that early next week will note a decided rise in the water.

TRY AGAIN TO SECURE LIBERTY FOR THAW

Court Proceedings Opened Today in Behalf of Slayer of Stanford White

New Rochelle, April 27—A fourth attempt through the agency of the law to liberate Harry K. Thaw from the Mattewan state hospital, where he has been imprisoned for the slaying of Stanford White six years ago, "because of insanity," was made today before Justice Keogh of the supreme court in New Rochelle.

Thaw was brought down from Mattewan this morning and taken to New Rochelle where the hearing was scheduled to be held in the home of Justice Keogh. The hearing today on a writ of habeas corpus was expected to be preliminary in character and it was understood that no witnesses would be examined or exhibits produced. An adjournment for several weeks, in order that counsel for the state might go over the voluminous records in previous habeas corpus proceedings, was predicted.

MIGHTIER POWER THAN NIAGARA

Cataract Reduced to Trickling Stream By Ice—People Walk From Goat Island to Mainland

(Canadian Press)

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 27—Ice jams in the Niagara river have stilled the mighty cataract. The American channel of the upper river today, is nothing more than a respectable trout stream while but three little streams trickle over the brink. The flow of the Canadian channel too, has been considerably lessened. The rapids below the falls, are subdued and many rocks bared.

The upper river is filled with ice from the head of the rapids to Lake Erie, and the pack reaches as far as the range of vision down the lake. It was possible to walk almost across the river from Goat Island to the American mainland, and the more venturesome equipped with high boots and a staff, made the trip.