

WEATHER FORECAST.

MARITIME PROVINCES. Moderate Westerly to Southerly Winds; Fair, Much the Same Temperature. Temperature at 3 A. M. 42 Degrees Above Zero.

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SMAY SAYS HE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE

Claims He Did Not Interfere With The Captain.

MERELY A PASSENGER

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New York, N. Y., April 22.—In a statement given out tonight J. Bruce Ismay replies to various published statements regarding the Titanic disaster, particularly those in which his name has prominently figured.



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Inquiry was to ascertain the cause of the sinking of the Titanic with a view to determining whether additional legislation was required to prevent the recurrence of so horrible a disaster.

"When I went on board the Titanic at Southampton on April 10, it was my intention to return by her, I had no intention of remaining in the United States at that time. I came merely to observe the new vessel as I had done in the case of other vessels of our line."

"During the voyage I was a passenger and exercised no greater rights or privileges than any other passenger. I was not consulted by the commander about the ship, her course, speed, navigation, or her conduct. At sea I saw passengers only casually as other passengers did; I was never in his room; I was never on the bridge until the accident; I did not sit at his table in the saloon; I had not visited the engine room, nor gone through the ship and did not go, or attempt to go, to any part of the ship to which any other first cabin passenger did not have access."

"I do not remember that I ever said that I wished the Titanic should make a speed record or should increase her daily runs. I deny absolutely having said to any person that we would increase our speed in order to get out of the ice zone, nor any words to that effect."

"As I have already testified, at no time did the Titanic during the voyage, attain her full speed. It was not expected that she would reach New York before Wednesday morning. If she had been pressed, she could not have arrived Tuesday evening."

"The statement that the White Star Line would receive an annual sum of \$500,000 from the British government as a fixed compensation of 70,000 pounds per annum for carrying the mails, without regard to the cost of any of its vessels, and no additional sum is paid on account of an increase in speed."

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MONTREAL THE VICTIMS IN MONTREAL

Special Services Held in Most of the City Churches.

Familiar Faces Missed from Accustomed Pews — Lost More in Titanic Wreck Than Any Other Canadian City.

Montreal, April 20.—In two scores of Montreal churches today memorial services for the Titanic dead were held, and hundreds of Montrealers mourned the loss of ten of their fellow citizens. In several churches the presence of relatives and close friends of the victims, and the sight of the seats which would never again be filled by once familiar figures brought home to the worshippers, more poignantly than any press description could have done, the true horror of the great disaster.

Montreal suffered more heavily than any other Canadian city when the Titanic plunged to the bottom, and the city gave vent to its grief today when in many churches, Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Roman Catholic preachers spoke to grief-stricken congregations of those who had passed away in the terrible catastrophe.

POKER PLAYERS ARE RUDELY DISTURBED

Yesterday afternoon 8 or 10 young men who apparently had no idea of the law, made their way to Rockwood Park and entered a field of Park street, where they formed a table of cards and proceeded to play a small game of poker.

"It happened that there was a small fire in the grass nearby and this was noticed by Mounted Police Officer Crawford, who happened to come to put the fire out. When he nearly reached the place he was seen by one of the Sunday gamblers and he heard the words 'Best I have comes a cop.' The young men made a very quick getaway and the officer was unable to recognize any of them. A cloth cap, three handkerchiefs and a pack of cards were left behind them and these the officer brought in to the central police station with him."

Later Senator Smith issued a statement giving in detail his reasons for the sudden change in his plans. The committee devoted its entire day to an investigation of the conditions of the Carpathia, the operator of the White Star Line, the vessel which was the first witness to the sinking of the Titanic, and the telephone apparatus which was used yesterday and this soon was ended.

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SAINT JOHN, CANADA, MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1912.

FRANKFURT FIRST STEAKER IN COAST GUARDIANIC IN GEE FAMILY

Wireless Operator Bride Says Calls for Help Were Ignored and Vessel was Warned Not to Interfere With Messages.

Mere Boy, Crippled by Trying Experiences Tells of Desperate Calls for Assistance, Checked Just Before Liner's Final Plunge—Saved by Chance, He Saw Captain Smith Leap from Bridge as Waters Closed Over His Ship.

New York, N. Y., April 20.—With dramatic suddenness the scene in the investigation of the Titanic disaster came to an end today, as far as the New York hearing was concerned. It will be resumed, however, in Washington on Monday, when J. Bruce Ismay and P. A. S. Franklin, the chief officers of the White Star Line and more than a score of other witnesses, will be called to the stand. The hearing was adjourned at 10 o'clock, the second and only surviving wireless operator of the Titanic, Mrs. Phillips, having been called to the stand to give her testimony.

The hearing was abandoned without any explanation from the committee as to why it was transferred to Washington. It was intimated, however, that the power of the senate over federal territory would not be used to interfere. Through the White Star Line also, officials of the White Star Line also portrayed the dangers of sailor's boarding houses in New York as a reason why they should be allowed to sail on the Lapland, which left port today.

Crippled in Disaster. Throughout the hearing this morning wireless operator Mrs. Phillips, seated in an invalid's chair, told his story of the last moments of the Titanic.

Senator Smith established by Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of the wireless system bearing his name, and both the Titanic and the Carpathia, virtually the same type of instrument. In the opinion of the committee, the two vessels should not have been provided that the weather was favorable, and the Titanic was not to be allowed to proceed.

Under questioning by the committee, Senator Smith directed one question to him, relating to the wireless operator of the Titanic, had been given on the telephone yesterday and this soon was ended.

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SIXTH CHILD DIES

Identical Symptoms of Poison as Detected in Other Children.

MOTHER IS INSANE? Fish Theory Exploded and Thorough Investigation Will Ensure — Bodies of Children Previously Deceased to be Examined.

Special to The Standard. Charlotte, N. C., April 21.—Another chapter in the McGee tragedy was added yesterday by the death of the sixth and last child, Johnny, aged ten. He took ill last Tuesday with the same symptoms of poisoning as those that had carried off his brothers and sisters on the previous Friday and Saturday. Dr. Fraser was called on Thursday. He reported the case to the Attorney General, who ordered the bodies to be brought to the hospital in Charlotte in order that his condition might be closely observed, and in the hope that he might give some evidence which would throw light on the mystery.

Johnny was taken to Montague Friday night by his grandfather, Thomas Cassidy, to be taken here next morning, but he died at 4 a. m. Saturday. An inquest was begun at Cassidy's last evening and a searching investigation will be kept up, and the bodies of the children who died last January will be exhumed and carefully examined.

The air is full of rumors and strange suspicions. The theory that fish caused the death of the five children last week is now well exploded as Johnny had eaten no fish for about a week. The contents of the stomach of some of the children who died on Saturday last show no traces of mineral poisoning.

Barney McGuigan, Sr., was the first witness at the inquest on the body of Johnny McGee at Montague, Saturday. He was a neighbor of McGee on the St. Mary's Road. The evidence was unimportant. He believed Mrs. McGee was mentally affected and not responsible for her actions.

Thomas Cassidy, father of Mrs. McGee testified that there was trouble in the McGee household over the visit of a woman who had been said to have given false evidence when his son, Peter Cassidy, had been tried 2 1/2 years ago for rape.

He said Mrs. McGee was never ill, but always saw to that. The inquest adjourned till Monday, and as yet there is no clue. There are some rumors against the woman but nothing definite. No motive is in sight but insanity is suggested. The evidence today showed that Johnny ate the same food as his mother. The detective Bradley is now working on the case. He is around the scene of the tragedy today.

The inquest an unsuccessful attempt yesterday to pull off the Earl Grey. The cargo and coal must be removed before the ship can be floated. This day, Sybil is taking off the cargo today.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, April 20.—No news has as far come from the cable ship MacKay-Bennett, which sailed from here at noon two days ago for the point where the Titanic was wrecked. A wireless message received yesterday from the cable ship stated that the passage through the ice was being made satisfactorily but that the weather was very cold.

The MacKay-Bennett today, she carries the coffins and ice for use aboard, these were required.

BENTLEY AND GABE-SHIP SEARCHING FOR BODIES

Sacrifices Allegiance to Political Friends and Thinks Extension of Time is Fully Justified.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 20.—The following is a report of the speech of Bentley, of St. John county, regarding the Duran Sugar Refinery Bill in the legislature shortly before adjournment early Saturday morning.

Mr. Bentley said that in taking the stand he proposed to take he could not be charged as endeavoring to make political capital, as he was prepared to go against his own political friends (the McVities) in the matter. He said there had been strong feeling that great development would come to St. John from the establishment of the refinery, and he desired to place himself on record as favoring the extension of time to the company.

The order under which the erection of the refinery would mean a great deal not only to the development of St. John, but to the advancement of the province generally. It would develop trade with the West Indies and would advance the commerce of the city of St. John as no other industry he knew of.

There were many instances where this legislature had granted extension of time which reasonable assurance had been given of the bona fide nature of the company. Hon. members for St. John said that the council was willing to grant an extension of time to the company, but they had done everything under heaven except to grant an extension. Was it possible there could be only one suitable site for an extensive industry? He thought the city council of St. John if they had been sincere would have granted a reasonable extension to the company in consideration of this issue and asking that the original bill be repealed.

WATERS OF SAINT LAWRENCE RISING NEAR MONTREAL

Montreal, April 21.—The river had not overflowed the tops of the high level wharves on the Montreal side of the harbor since Friday night, when a heavy rain fell. The water near the wharves was so high that the water was flooded, and unless it should rise again suddenly there seems no danger of the floods in the harbor. Hundreds of people were on dykes watching the gradual rising of the river this afternoon.

"We did not feel the shock when the ship struck, in fact I was asleep at the time, and was not even awakened by the impact. When the engines stopped Mr. Phillips called me and I put on the telephone apparatus while he went out to see what was the trouble. He later he came back and 'queer' suppose he meant that everything was not as it should be."

"At this time, however, neither of us was on the deck. When he heard confusion on the deck I went out to investigate, and when I returned I found Mr. Phillips sending out a C. Q. D. call giving our position. We raised the Frankfurt first and then the Carpathia and the Baltic. As I had said I did not try for the Frankfurt for any length of time but concentrated our messages on the Carpathia, which had answered that she was rushing to our aid."

"The captain came into the wireless cabin from the deck when the Carpathia advised us of her position and figured out the time when that vessel probably would arrive, and proceeded to the bridge. Then we began unofficially to keep in communication with the Carpathia."

"From time to time either Mr. Phillips or I would go on deck to observe the situation. The last time I was on deck I found passengers running around in confusion and there was almost a panic. They were seeking life belts; all of the large life boats were gone, but there was one left on the top of the quarters on the boat deck, a number of men were striving to launch it."

"I went back to the wireless cabin to see what was going on. I found Mr. Phillips was striving to send out a final 'C. Q. D.' call. The power was so low that we could not send out a call whether it was being carried or not, for we were in a closed cabin and we could not hear the signals sent by the wireless at the mast. Phillips kept on sending, however, while I buckled on his life belt and put on my own. Then we both came for a woman who had fainted and who had been brought into our cabin."

"Then, about ten minutes before the ship sank, Captain Smith gave word for every one to look to his own safety. I sprang to aid the men struggling

GABE-SHIP SEARCHING FOR BODIES

MacKay-Bennett is Now in Vicinity of Titanic Disaster.

McGill Professor Has Device Which He Claims Will Detect Proximity of Icebergs—Practical Experiment.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, April 21.—The searching steamship MacKay-Bennett which left here was due to arrive in the neighborhood of the Titanic tragedy on Saturday evening, the distance from Halifax being about 600 miles. She therefore has had all of today to cruise in seeking for bodies from the foundered liner. No word from the MacKay-Bennett has yet been received, and the Halifax agents of the White Star Line informed your correspondent tonight there have been reports that bodies were found, but when traced up it was shown that these all were without foundation.

At 11 o'clock it was learned definitely that a steamship proceeding westward had reported to MacKay-Bennett that she passed some bodies in the direction indicated. The order under which the MacKay-Bennett sailed, were to report the duration of her cruise being left unlimited. The cable ship's instructions were to report first to New York and then to Halifax. The range of the MacKay-Bennett's wireless is 150 miles to this house and asking that the original bill be repealed.

The Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of Ireland sailed from Halifax at 7 o'clock Saturday evening and will pass not far from the ground where the cable ship is cruising. It is probable there will be communication between the two ships and the MacKay-Bennett may relay wire messages to this house in a few days. The Empress of Ireland which should be within close speaking distance tomorrow morning.

The youngest alumnus of the science department of McGill University, Montreal, will sail by the Royal George from here in a few days. It will instantly show any changes in the temperature of the water on the coast of the Atlantic. Prof. Barnes indicated a pyrometer, and says that by means of it the presence of an iceberg would be revealed by a lowering of temperature in the water. The mechanism consists of a coil of platinum connected by wire with the ship. The changes in temperature are indicated by the resistance shown in the platinum to an electric current passing through it. The slight alteration in temperature affects this resistance and is shown on the indicator under the eye of the observer in charge of the navigation of the ship.

FIREMEN RESPOND TO SEVERAL CALLS

Saturday evening about 8.30 o'clock the North End department were called out by an alarm from box 143 and found a slight fire in the house of a Hebrew on Acadia street. The man had been lying on a sofa smoking a cigarette and a spark set fire to the sofa. The fire was quickly extinguished and the damage done was trifling.

While responding to the alarm a wheel was broken from the hose cart that is taking the place of chemical No. 2 which is undergoing repairs. About 10 o'clock the department were given another run, this time to Indian town to respond to an alarm from box 121. It was a false alarm, a large brush fire in a field off the Red Head Road, Saturday night, caused quite a reflection and it was rumored about the city that a building was burning. The fire, however, was in a soap brush that was being cleared away.

A fire in a field off Park street, Rockwood Park, was extinguished yesterday afternoon by Mounted Police Officer Crawford. The fire was near the gun club's house and had it not been stopped by the officer in time serious damage might have resulted.

No. 1 chemical and No. 2 hose responded yesterday afternoon to a still alarm for a fire in the dump at the foot of Princess street. A line of hose was stretched and the firemen worked for over an hour before the fire was put out.

STROLLERS WIN TROPHY. Ottawa, April 20.—With a lead of nearly four points on the best team, the Strollers Dramatic Club, Winnipeg, won first place in the Earl Grey Dramatic Competitions held here last week.