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## GRAPHIC TALES OF SEA FATALITY TOLD

PASSENGERS  
DISAGREE WITH  
SKIPPER'S TALESome Say They Saw Men  
Alive and Thought They  
Might Have Been SavedABSOLUTION GIVEN  
DROWNING SEAMENPriest Prays for Doomed Men  
as Ship Sinks—Says Res-  
cue Impossible

By Canadian Press.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Pas-  
sengers who arrived on the  
liner *Homeric*, after seeing the  
Japanese freighter *Rafuku Maru*  
sink with its 33 officers and crew,  
expressed widely divergent views  
as to whether every possible effort  
had been made by the *Homeric's*  
officers to save the Japanese sea-  
men. The *Homeric* docked last  
night after its race with death  
failed on Tuesday.

The division among the passengers  
was about equal, some saying that  
everything humanly possible had been  
done, and that it would have been  
suicide to launch the *Homeric's* life-  
boats; others stating that they be-  
lieved some lives might have been  
saved had the boats been launched or  
rafts set adrift towards the sinking  
vessel. Captain Roberts was  
given a testimonial signed by 123 of  
the 238 first-cabin passengers.

**PASSENGERS WEEP.**  
All the persons interviewed spoke  
of the tragedy of the spectacle at which  
men as well as women wept un-  
happily. Captain Roberts said that  
in his 40 years at sea he had never  
seen as terrible a marine disaster, ex-  
cept during the world war.

Paul E. Alberti, grain and marine  
insurance man, said:  
"If rafts had been launched from  
the *Homeric*, even without seamen on  
them, I believe the boats would have  
carried the rafta to the men. There  
certainly was no heroic effort to re-  
scue the Japanese."

Another passenger said Captain  
Roberts "would have been a mur-  
derer if he had sent the boats out."  
Captain Roberts was an officer  
aboard the *Baltic*, which effected the  
rescue of 1,700 persons when the  
steamers *Republic* and *Florida* collided  
off New York harbor in 1909.

## CAPTAIN'S STATEMENT.

Captain Roberts in a statement to  
reporters said:  
"At 10:55 a.m., we sighted the *Rafuku*  
*Maru* ahead, distant about two  
miles, visibility being low with  
fog and driving spray. Speed was reduced,  
and oil pumped outboard, while  
approaching the *Rafuku Maru* close to  
windward. The ship apparently had a  
list to starboard of about 60 degrees.  
Men were seen clinging to the rail."  
"As the *Homeric* got abreast of the  
*Rafuku Maru's* stern, efforts were  
made to turn so as to approach the  
*Rafuku Maru's* lee side. These failed,  
and the ship was backed toward the  
*Rafuku Maru's* stern. When close to  
windward of wreck, her keel could be  
seen when she lurched, and when  
nearing the lee quarter, much small  
wreckage, but no life or boats were  
seen."

**VESSEL CAPSIZES.**  
"At 11:18 a.m., the *Rafuku Maru*  
capsized, or settled, and while on her  
beam ends, the sea entering top of  
funnel, while great seas broke over the  
deck."

## Expected Hostile Demonstration Against Caillaux Fails To Happen

Asks Cut In  
Commons Size

OTTAWA, April 22.—Reduction  
in the membership of the  
House of Commons is sought in a  
petition to His Majesty, of which  
notice was given in the Senate to-  
day by Senator Lynch Staunton.  
He suggests that the representa-  
tion from Quebec, which is a fixed  
factor on which Dominion repre-  
sentation from the rest of the  
country is based, be reduced from  
65 to 50, so that the unit, or repre-  
sentation could be reduced all over  
the country.

end of the ship. The *Homeric* con-  
tinued to pump oil outboard with life-  
boats ready for lowering, and stood  
by without seeing men or boats, until  
the *Rafuku Maru* sank at 11:56 a.m.  
The *Homeric* again closed on the  
floating wreckage, but no life, or any-  
thing to support life, in that terrible  
sea, remained. The gale increased in  
force, and the *Homeric* secured boats  
and proceeded on the voyage.  
All passengers were eager to tell of  
the disaster. Some expressed anger  
while others spoke highly of the man-  
ner in which Captain Roberts handled  
the situation.

**PASSENGER SAW LIFE.**  
L. L. Lewis, an attorney of New  
York, a passenger, expressed anger  
over the manner in which the attempt-  
ed rescue was handled.  
"I was not impressed that the *Ho-*  
*meric* upheld the tradition of English  
sailors," he said. "I saw several men  
struggling in the water for some time  
after the Japanese ship capsized."

Mr. Lewis also expressed regret that  
the *Homeric* had not remained in the  
vicinity of the foundered vessel after  
it turned over, and sank. He admitted  
that he refused to sign the testimonial,  
giving his above statement as being a  
"good enough reason for declining to  
do so."

Raymond E. Wolf, a member of the  
University of Pennsylvania relay team,  
returning after a meeting of Cam-  
bridge and Oxford University teams in  
London, said he saw the Japanese boat  
until the last. Its crew were huddled  
on the high side of the bridge, which  
was the highest point out of water.

## COLLISION FEARED.

"The *Homeric* stood between the  
Japanese boat and the wind, but the  
wind blew so hard that the *Homeric*  
was being driven on top of the *Jap-*  
*anese*. I think we were about 200  
yards away at that time."

"A lifeboat was made ready to drop  
over the *Homeric*, but there wasn't a  
chance to launch it," Mr. Wolf said.  
All of the passengers were on the  
deck of the liner, most of them peer-  
ing through binoculars as the vessel  
foundered. Men and women wept as  
the vessel turned over and went down.

## GIVEN ABSOLUTION.

During the hour that the huge liner  
lay alongside the sinking freighter, the  
Rev. James J. Talbot, pastor of the  
Old St. Patrick's Cathedral, in Mul-  
berry street, stood in the stern of the  
*Homeric* with bare head, praying for  
those aboard the freighter. When the  
ship foundered, he gave general abso-  
lution for the drowning seamen.

"Standing in the stern of the *Ho-*  
*meric*, I could see the heads and  
shoulders of the Japanese seamen  
hunkered against the sky," said Father  
Talbot. "They were apparently try-  
ing to climb to the highest point on  
the vessel as their bodies were being  
swept overboard by the 60 degree  
waves. I counted about 20 seamen."

"I have frequently seen death, but  
that was the most tragic disaster I  
have witnessed."

Father Talbot was among those who  
declared that the "loss of the 38 lives  
was unavoidable."

WANTS VOICE IN  
GRAND FALLS  
HYDRO MATTERMaine Governor Asks Cool-  
idge for Representation  
on CommissionIMMEDIATE ACTION  
SOUGHT IN SCHEMEInterest is Keen Over Issue  
in Eastern States, Brew-  
ster Declares

WASHINGTON, April 22.—  
Pending hearing by the In-  
ternational Joint Waterways  
Commission of the New Brun-  
swick Power Company's applica-  
tion for leave to harness Grand  
Falls, on the Saint John River,  
New England interests have  
started a movement to have a  
representative of that section sit  
with the international body.

Governor Brewster of Maine, in con-  
ference with President Coolidge today,  
urged that action be taken immedi-  
ately to have a New England repre-  
sentative appointed to the commission.  
He pointed out that considerable inter-  
est prevails in New England over the  
element of the Grand Falls project and  
declared the choice of a man from that  
section would meet with general ap-  
proval.

GOLDWYN SEEKS  
MARRIAGE PERMITFrances Howard, Intended Se-  
cond Wife, Is But Half Movie  
Magna's Age.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., April 23.—  
Samuel Goldwyn, film producer, who  
has persistently declined to confirm re-  
ports of his engagement to Frances  
Howard, a pretty and talented actress,  
made application for a marriage license  
in the office of City Clerk Edward Hol-  
land here.

Accompanied by his fiancée, Gold-  
wyn in making the application at-  
tempted in vain to keep his marital in-  
terest secret.

## Twice Her Age

In his second venture into matrimo-  
ny the film producer has selected a  
woman half his age, according to fig-  
ures recorded on the application. Gold-  
wyn gave his age as 44 and his address  
as the Hotel Ambassador, New York.  
Frances Howard—her stage name—  
gave her real name as Frances Howard  
McLaughlin, 17½ years of age, and her  
address as 425 West End avenue, New  
York.

## JUGO-SLAVS OBJECT

Belgrade Ministry Issues Note  
Protesting Yarns By  
Bulgarians.

BELGRADE, April 22.—The Jugo-  
Slav government has issued a note  
protesting against reports regarding  
Jugo Slavia which, it claims, have  
been disseminated from Bulgarian  
centres.

The note says these reports are to  
the effect that a terrorist campaign  
is being carried on in Bulgaria, with  
a view to provoking disorders and  
civil war, "so as to permit the army  
of our western neighbor, that is, Ger-  
many, to pass the frontier and occupy  
Bulgaria."

The note affirms that Jugo Slavia  
always has maintained the best re-  
lations with Bulgaria.

## HAVANA WELL BUILT

Fire Risk Avoided; Wooden  
Buildings Are Ordered  
Torn Down.

HAVANA, April 22.—Carrying  
out an established policy of the city of  
Havana, orders have been issued by  
the mayor for demolition of many  
wooden buildings within the city limits.  
Doors, window frames and furniture  
are generally the only wood to be seen  
in the majority of Havana's homes and  
office buildings. Floors are tile.

Visiting firemen have said that  
Havana is the best constructed city  
they have ever seen, when fire risk is  
considered. The Spanish style of  
architecture is generally pleasing to the  
eye and residences with ceilings 15 or  
more feet from the floor are the rule.

Sought Since  
1915, Is Jailed

BOSTON, April 23.—Sought  
since 1915, Harry J. Marshall,  
alias Elwyn T. Jackson and  
known as "The Denver Hop,"  
stepped off a train at the Lexing-  
ton depot and walked into the  
arms of inspectors who were on  
the watch for pickpockets.  
Marshall with his two com-  
panions were arrested at Revere  
Beach for attempted larceny from  
the person and after pleading  
guilty were held in \$1,000 for sen-  
tence. All three jumped their  
bail.

SEEK RECOMPENSE  
FOR HIS INVENTIONSWidow of Cousin of King in Re-  
duced Circumstances—Claim  
Before Commission.

LONDON, April 23.—An inven-  
tion by the late Admiral of the Fleet,  
the Marquis of Milford Haven, a cousin  
of the King, and formerly Prince Louis  
of Battenberg, was the subject of a  
claim before the Royal Commission on  
Awards to Inventors recently.  
The claim was made by Rear-Admiral  
Mark Kerr, an executor to the  
marquis. He explained that owing to  
the war most of the marquis' money  
was lost. It was only owing to the  
very reduced circumstances in which  
the widow was left that he felt it his  
duty to put forward a claim.

The marionettes, formerly Princess  
Victoria of Hesse, is a grand-daughter  
of Queen Victoria, being the daughter  
of Princess Alice.

Admiral Mark Kerr claimed that by  
the invention—which was perfected in  
the nineties—the country had been  
saved many hundreds of thousands of  
pounds. The number of collisions  
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Mr. Justice Tomlin, who presided,  
said that, while the commission were  
in sympathy with much that Admiral  
Kerr had said, he did not think the  
commission ought to entertain anything  
in the nature of what he called  
without effect a "state" claim.

Mr. Justice Tomlin said that the  
admiral's reasons for the application, but they  
were governed by certain principles,  
those principles, they could not act.  
The commission would consider the  
matter.

## YANKS BUY BONDS

Two New York Firms Pay  
98.65 For \$200,000,000 On-  
tario Loan Issue.

TORONTO, Ont., April 22.—Blair  
Trust Company of New York, syndi-  
cate, were the successful bidders at  
a public sale of \$200,000,000 Ontario  
three half per cent one and two  
year treasury bonds for sale at noon  
today.

The price will give the province an  
interest rate of 4.50.

Are Homeless in Fire-swept  
Mexican City; One Dead,  
200 Homes Burned.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 22.—Rel-  
ief measures for more than 2,000 per-  
sons made homeless and destitute by  
the fire which yesterday destroyed a  
large part of the mining town of Cani-  
moria, fifty miles south of the Inter-  
national border, were under way today  
under the direction of the Red Cross.  
More than 200 homes were wiped  
out by the flames, which destroyed  
the business district. A Chinese mer-  
chant lost his life. The property dam-  
age is estimated at \$200,000.

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## TOWN TOPICS

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Beautiful  
Buenos Ayres

This queen city of South America  
attracted attention to itself  
years ago by offering counter at-  
tractions to the States for the  
world's greatest singers. Show-

I.O.O.F. CHAPTER  
NAMES OFFICERS  
IN FREDERICTONCouncillors Chosen by Pro-  
vincial Body at Annual  
Meeting YesterdayONE MEMBER TO GET  
LIFE CERTIFICATEAddresses Given and Ban-  
quet Served—Twenty-  
fifth Anniversary

FREDERICTON, April 22.—The  
Provincial Chapter of New Brunswick  
Imperial Order of Daughters of the  
Empire, in twenty-fifth annual session  
here elected councillors this evening as  
follows: Mrs. K. I. Campbell, Miss Al-  
ward, Mrs. Robert Fitzrandolph, Mrs.  
Havelock Coy, Mrs. M. G. Siddall, Mrs.  
E. Allison MacKay, Mrs. H. F. Mc-  
Leod, Mrs. Wilma Hart, Mrs. Cor-  
lanti Robinson, Mrs. G. C. Vanwert,  
Miss Jean Hodge, Mrs. Heber Vroom,  
Mrs. A. J. Gregory, Mrs. W. D. Ran-  
kine, Mrs. Hugh Cannell, Miss Jean  
Miller, Mrs. H. B. McDonald, Mrs. P.  
R. Taylor, Mrs. D. V. White, Mrs. J.  
E. G. Armstrong, Mrs. Irvine Mal-  
colm, Mrs. W. J. Glen, Mrs. Walter  
Allison and Mrs. W. L. Caldwell.

A feature of the proceedings was the  
application of a life membership in the  
Provincial Chapter on behalf of Mrs.  
G. W. Hodge, of Fredericton, who is a  
member of the Provincial Chapter work  
after 25 years' experience. The ap-  
plication is made by the Governor Car-  
leton Chapter, of which she is a mem-  
ber. The presentation will be made  
next autumn.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session Mrs. H. P.  
McLeod, provincial president, ad-  
dressed the gathering, speaking on  
the finance of the order and present con-  
ditions. She stressed the necessity for  
true patriotism and law observance.  
Rev. G. C. Warren, of Fredericton,  
spoke in a patriotic vein, referring par-  
ticularly to the Loyalist origin of the  
province.

Rev. J. Dunlop, of Saint John, spoke  
on "The Loyalist as part of the  
"save the forest week campaign."  
Mrs. H. B. McDonald, of Chatham,  
reported on a national tour of the  
League of Nations and Mrs. John Black  
on the work of the League.

## DINNER SERVED.

Tonight a dinner was served in the  
vestry of the Brunswick street Baptist  
church, 160 persons sitting down. The  
dinner was followed by toasts. Mrs.  
G. C. Vanwert gave an interesting his-  
torical sketch of the order. Every  
chapter in the province responded, ex-  
tending greetings to the Provincial  
Chapter, and many gave the reason for  
the selection of the particular names  
of their chapters.

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## Spain's Classic Beauty



Senorita Catalina Barco, carried off the honors in a recent contest  
in Madrid to select the girl with the most beautiful features typical  
of Spain.

MENTAL SPECIALIST  
ADMITS GHOSTSExplains His Belief in Activities  
of Visitors From The Spirit  
World.

LONDON, April 23.—Dr. Bernard  
Hollander, the mental specialist, at a  
meeting in the London College of  
Physiology, admitted his belief in  
ghosts.

"The emotions attending a death by  
violence are intense. The desire to  
acquaint the world with the circum-  
stances attending the tragedy is over-  
whelming. A ghost does not travel,  
but confines its operations to the loca-  
lity, and generally to the room, in  
which the death occurred. A ghost  
was never known to possess more than  
one idea or purpose."

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