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# TITANIC RELIEF FUND.

Editor World: I should esteem it a kindness if you would be good enough to give some prominence in your paper to the request for subscriptions to the fund in aid of the sufferers from the Titanic disaster.

There is a general feeling that subscriptions should be taken up, and since you have been so kind as to make an announcement of the intention to receive contributions at the city hall, I think that possibly a little space given to bringing the matter prominently before the people would result in our being able to close the matter up in a very short time.

Thanking you in anticipation, believe me to be,  
Faithfully yours,  
W. R. GEARY, Mayor.

## A Candle Lighted in England Not Extinguished in Our Time

Sir William Ramsay's Proposal to Convert Coal into Gas as it Lies in the Earth Has Awakened Interest of Scientists.

Sir William Ramsay, the famous scientist, whose recent statement on the possibility of converting coal into gas as it lies in the earth evoked much interest, has made arrangements with a large colliery proprietor for carrying out an experiment on these lines on a small scale this summer.

"Supposing that experiment proved successful, a candle, to paraphrase the words of Bishop Ridley, would be lighted in England which would not be extinguished in our time," says Sir William.

Sir William's idea is to raise the gas obtained by burning the coal to the required extent in the pit, to the surface, where it would be used to produce electric power. The electricity thus produced would then be distributed over the country by wires.

The Advantages.  
In an interview with a representative of The Pall Mall Gazette, Sir William claimed the following advantages for his proposal:

Electrical power for railways and industries at one-fifth, and probably one-tenth, the present cost.

The consequent elimination of railways and the supply of electric power instead of coal to factories.

Domestic lighting and heating at a fraction of the present cost.  
Such a saving of fuel as will prolong the life of the coalfields almost indefinitely.

A saving of men; for, in place of miners, the workers who will be most needed will be skilled mechanics.

Underground Fires.  
Sir William is not at present at liberty to say where the experiment will be made with a practically worthless stratum of coal will be carried out. A bore-hole will be made to the stratum of coal.

"The hole would be about a foot and a half wide," said Sir William, "and a tube would be put down to keep it free from water. There would be three concentric tubes—the inside, the middle, and the outside. Air would be forced down the outside tube, the coal would burn and gas would be brought up in the space between the middle and the inside tube. With a blazing fire down below the coal would distil. The gases brought up would be the gases called 'producer' gases. They are used for working gas engines." High tension electric current produced by means of the gas could be distributed to any part of the country cheaply and without difficulty.

## AX IS FALLING ON LICENSED HOTELS

Stratford Has Reduced Its Number of Licensed Premises, and Kingston is Following Suit — Commissioners Are Busy All Over the Province.

Licensed hotels throughout the province are fast decreasing in numbers. Stratford has just had its coterie of licensed premises reduced from 15 to 10 by the action of the North Perth License Commissioners, in bringing into effect the bylaw to make this reduction, which was voted on by the people last January.

Those on whom the ax fell were the Dominion, the G. T. R. Restaurant, the Ontario and Victoria. These four were granted an extension to May 20, to sell out. The G. T. R. Restaurant has been a long time in existence and is a well-known rendezvous for railway men especially. The Albion is practically in the clear, but has not a license at present. The application for license was adjourned for three months, which keeps alive the status of application in the event of some of the others defaulting by not making the necessary improvements during the three months period that is allowed. Shop licenses continue as before.

The City of Kingston is also about to have ten licenses cut off. At present there are 26. A special bylaw was passed here as in Stratford, to make these reductions.

North Oxford License Commissioners have discontinued licenses at the G. T. R. Hotel at the G. T. R. R. Station, Woodstock; at the Commercial Hotel, Embro, and at the Inverkip Hotel.

## FAULT NOT THE CAPTAIN'S

Montrealer Says Titanic's Commander Was Known for Strict Discipline

MONTREAL, April 22.—"Having served under the late Capt. Smith of the ill-fated Titanic as a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve, I can not for one moment conceive that the terrible disaster was due to negligence or any want of foresight on his part," said Capt. H. S. Mathews, late of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Co., and the Royal Naval Reserve, and now a resident of this city.

Capt. Mathews served under Capt. Smith in the Royal Naval Reserve about eight years ago, on H. M. S. Eagle, and found him an officer with the strictest discipline.

"He respected his officers and men and they respected him," said Capt. Mathews.

Welland Canal Opens.  
PORT DALHOUSIE, April 22.—The Welland Canal was opened for the season to-day. No boats have arrived as yet to take advantage of the fact. Probably on account of the ice conditions on Lake Erie.

## TITANIC BABIES ARE HAPPY AND WELL

Two Children Survivors of the Ill-Fated Ship Are Being Well Looked After by Miss Margaret Hays — Parents Have Not Been Located Yet.

NEW YORK, April 22.—(Special.)—"Louis" and "Lola," or as the latter has been called "Lump," the two little mysteries of the Titanic, had another blissful day to-day, unconscious that somewhere a tearful mother may be sorrowing for them. The two boys played to their hearts' content with the toys showered on them by Miss Margaret Hays of 204 West Eighty-Third-street, who has taken charge of them. Louis' playmate is a very happy-go-lucky dog, while Lola's heart's delight just now is a black doll baby.

The event of the day was in the afternoon, when Frank K. Hays, Miss Hays' father, ordered around his automobile. Saturday the children had been taken down town, where they received a complete new outfit of clothing. Both leaped for joy when they saw the car at the door, clapped their hands and in voluble French demanded their coats and hats. Then the car whizzed them over to Central Park, where they took in the zoo, fed the elephants and rapturously watched the monkey.

The consul-general of France, Mr. M. E. Lanel, spent two hours talking to the children Saturday without being able to decide from their speech whether they were French or Swiss. The only date as their description, the fact that a "Mr. Hoffmann" is the only person unaccounted for in first or second cabin of the Titanic, who was registered as having with him two children, and the names Louis and Lola, by which they call each other. Mr. Lanel has cabled his government to advertise their description broadcast, and has forwarded their pictures, which will also be published. The police department has asked Scotland Yard to investigate the matter, particularly with reference to the point where they boarded the Titanic.

Mr. Hays says he and his family do not now believe Louis to be more than three and a half years old, while they judge that "Lola" is about a year younger. Both are brown-eyed with curly brown hair, regular teeth and long, curling "locks. The "Lola" hair is a shade lighter than that of his brother.

## RECOGNITION OF HEROES

NEW YORK, April 22.—(Can. Press.)—The attention of the Carnegie hero commission will be directed to the gallantly displayed by certain of the men passengers on the Titanic, as well as some of the officers and crew, who went down with the ship, by some of the survivors. Special attention is to be given the heroism of Major Archibald Butt, aide to President Taft. It was reported to-day that the Carnegie commission was already considering detailing investigators to get all the facts for its use.

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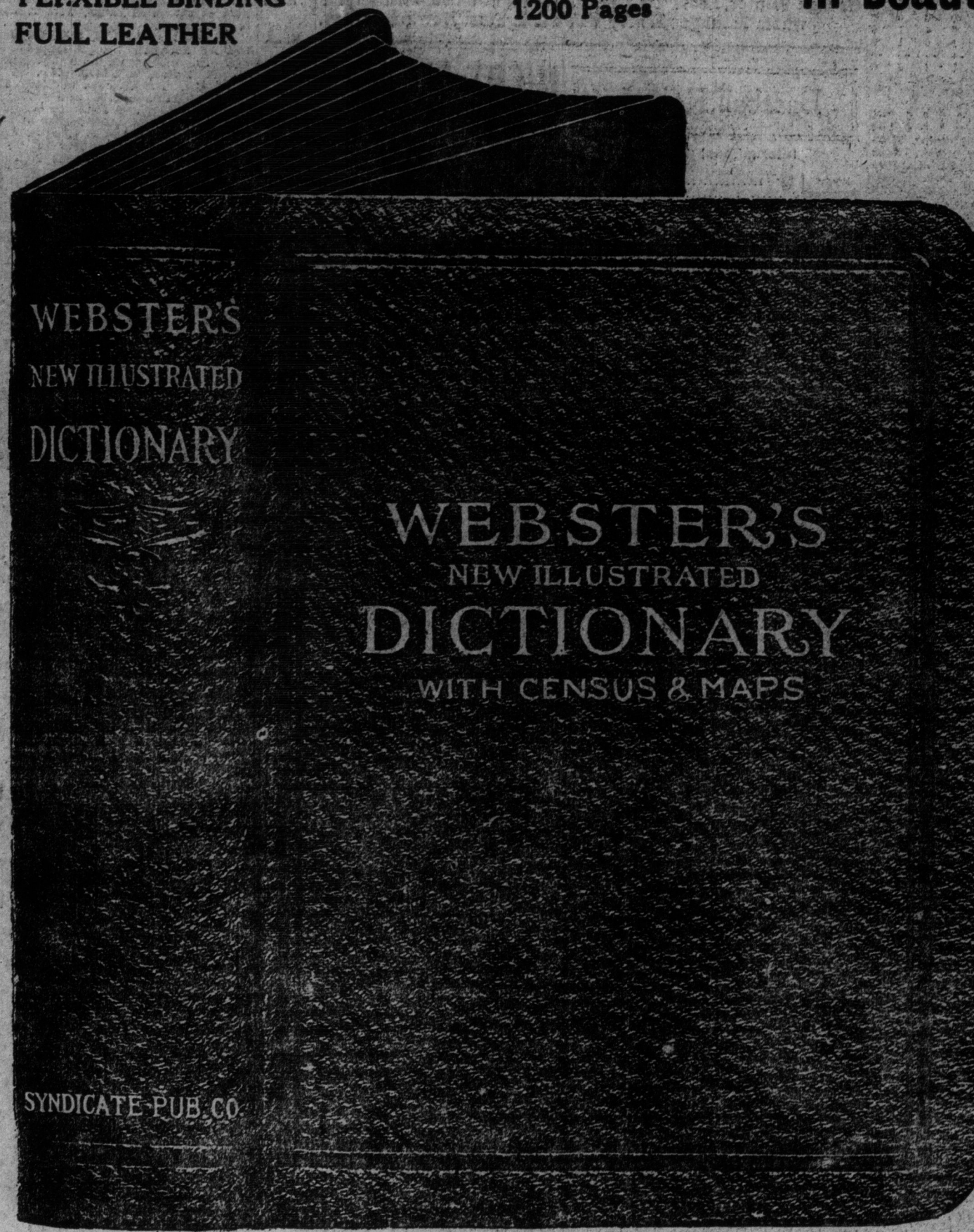
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