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The Hestia Inquiry As Viewed Abroad

What An English Shipping Periodical Has To Say
Concerning Methods of Commissioner Lugar's
Court—Damning Evidence Against Govern-
ment's Aids To Navigation.

(From Syren and Shipping, Liverpool, Dec. 1.)

We have pleasure in giving public-
ity to the subjoined letter from Mr.
Robert H. Kelley, of the Liverpool
agency of the New York Commercial
Underwriters. It will be observed
that Mr. Kelley has had long and
given credence to the evidence of the
third officer of the ill-fated Hestia:

"To the Editor of The Syren and
Shipping:
"Sir.—Referring to the paragraph
in 'Insurance News' of today's issue
re loss of S.S. Hestia off Grand Man-
an, I beg to enclose a St. John, N. B.,
newspaper cutting, giving the other
side of the third officer's story, which
your writer says 'there is no reason
to doubt.'"
"I would also call attention to the
finding of the Marine Court of Inquiry
into the cause of the disaster was the
fault of the master and officers' naviga-
tion (implying error of judgment
rather than negligence). Under these
circumstances it is scarcely just to
the interests concerned to blame
either the Canadian authorities or
the Bay of Fundy for the loss of this
steamer, an accident which happened
there as elsewhere, or to magnify the
dangers of a route which is used by
a great number of high class steamers
throughout the year.—I am, yours
faithfully,

"R. K. KELLEY,
Of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick,
K28a, Exchange Buildings, Liverpool.
"Nov. 24, 1902."

The paper's comment.
The report of the St. John news-
paper (the Weekly Globe) is to the
effect that the government steamer
Lansdowne arrived at St. John on
Nov. 7 with the Old Proprietor buoy,
the whistle of the third officer's
testimony was not heard; the Globe
said a test was made the day after the
buoy was towed to St. John, and al-
though the sound was not so loud as
it might have been under the cir-
cumstances, yet it could be heard in
the vicinity of about three-quarters
of a mile. The buoy, it is said, was in
fair condition when it was towed to
wreck of the Hestia, and could be
heard by men in small craft and fish-
ermen that frequent the waters of
Grand Manan.

As evidence, this is not worth a row
of beans. That the buoy's whistle was
audible a fortnight after the wreck,

when sufficient time had elapsed for
tinkering up to have been effected
proves nothing; the men who al-
leged they heard the whistle on Oct.
25 should be produced. Yet, why worry
about this? Capt. Lugar, the Wreck
Commissioner, said:
"He did not attach much importance
to the fact that the floating buoy in
the Old Proprietor Reef was neither
whistling nor lit up, for, in his
opinion, the master was guilty of an
error of judgment in trying to pick up
this light in the first place."

And quoting from the same report,
that of the Montreal Gazette, Mr.
Boyer, on behalf of the Government,
"protested against the introduction of
this matter, because it had been abun-
dantly proved that on the night of
the wreck the buoy was not showing a
light."

6 Damning Evidence.
The third officer said that if the
light had been seen or the whistle
heard the disaster would not have hap-
pened. It is admitted that the light was
not burning, that the whistle was
so loud as it might have been,"

days after the wreck; and the Globe
report states further what, to the unbi-
ased mind, is damning evidence
against the value of this warning to
navigators in the Bay of Fundy: "The
buoy will be taken apart and repairs
made. Mr. Kelley suggests it is scarce-
ly just to blame either the Canadian
authorities or the Bay of Fundy for the
loss of the steamer. It was distinctly
unfair for the Commissioner to re-
fuse to accept evidence concerning the
course of the vessel was steering,
the abnormal tides in the Bay of Fun-
dy or the presence of magnetic attrac-
tion in certain points. The impression
left on the mind after reading the
reports in the Montreal papers is that
the one dominating desire was to
put the blame anywhere save on the
shoulders of those responsible for the
disaster. The Montreal inquiry is to
be held by the Canadian Govern-
ment concerning some of the allega-
tions and we trust that it will be both
thorough and fair. We have no wish
to wrongly attribute blame, but we
certainly strongly protest against even
the appearance of vilifying dead men
for the sake of the living, whether
that course be pursued in Canada or
in Great Britain. It seems to us that
the entire system of Canadian wreck
inquiries demands a thorough over-
hauling, for this is not the first unsat-
isfactory episode that has come to our
knowledge."

KING MANUEL'S GERMANY IS VISIT COSTLY ALL FOR PEACE

The Tipping Evil As Found at
Windsor Castle—Demands
For Money On Account of
the Order of the Garter.

London, Dec. 13.—It is not a cheap
experience for a monarch to pay a
visit to the King of England, as young
King Manuel of Portugal has found out.

The habit of tipping servants at the
close of visits in England is often
mentioned as a costly complaint, for
so heavy are the fees expected that
staying at a country house be-
comes more expensive than stopping
at a very high priced hotel. Windsor
Castle is no exception in this respect,
and a royal visitor is supposed to
leave a trail of presents behind him
at the close of his stay. There is not
only the lump sum handed over for
distribution among the lower servants,
but also the diamond pins, jewelled
cigarette cases and watches presented
to every one who ministers to the
safety and luxury of the visitor.

King Manuel seems to have done
all that was expected of him in this
respect, though he will not of course
rank with certain sovereigns who
have left a record for generosity.
The castle, Windsor has its tradi-
tions of munificence, and royal ser-
vants can tell one another the status
of the late Shah, Napoleon III, the
German Emperor and all the rest of
the visitors there by the amounts of
their tips.

Napoleon III left a great impres-
sion of generosity, but even he is out-
ranked by the Emperor Nicholas of
Russia, who excelled all royal guests
in his munificence. When he left the
castle he handed over \$10,000 in tips
to the servants, and he left nearly
as much again to be distributed
among various charities.

Another very expensive affair for
the King of Portugal was becoming
a Knight of the Garter. He had to
purchase all his insignia of course,
with the exception of the ribbon and
the actual garter. The star of the
order is the most costly item, and he
had to spend on this not less than
\$10,000. The star that was worn
by the Earl of Beaconsfield was sold
after his death for \$60,000 and there
are several Knights of the Order to-
day who carry a small fortune on their
breasts when wearing their robes and
insignia.

The collar of the order is another
large expense, and they there are the
disbursements that have to be made
to the various officials of the Garter.
Every one who can pretend even re-
motely to have taken share in the in-
sults seems to look upon the new
year's reception as a business transac-
tion, and a large commercial fashion
soon puts in upon him.

Has No Adventurous Aims
Dangerous to the World,
Says Chancellor—Friendly
to Great Britain.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Addressing the
Reichstag again Chancellor Von Beth-
mann-Hollweg reviewed briefly Ger-
many's foreign relations. English
statesmen, among them Premier As-
quith, in recent speeches had defined
the establishment of good relations
between Great Britain and Germany
as an important task of statesmanship.
The new chancellor said and added
that he could reply sincerely and with
complete conviction and in accord
with these intentions, that the true in-
terests of both countries would be
served to the extent that they ap-
proached each other in a realization
of these aims.

The chancellor referred to the
friendship between the Emperors of
Russia and Germany and the good
terms upon which the two nations
had entered into the Triple Alliance
and to the Moroccan agreement with
France.

Aims Unknown.
In conclusion he said that certain
circles endeavored to make it appear
that Germany had adventurous aims
dangerous to the world's peace and
that Germany was bent upon keep-
ing her way in great tranquility and
steadfastness, free from all nervous-
ness.

Secretary of Foreign Affairs Von
Schoen referred to a speech today to
the recent pan-German criticism of
Count von Bernstorff, the German am-
bassador to the United States. One
of the responsibilities of diplomat,
declared Von Schoen, was to oppose
imputations against the Germany pol-
icy when it was obvious that such
imputations injured German interests.
Such was the case in Count von
Bernstorff's recent Philadelphia speech,
he said, for "it certainly has not es-
caped your notice that public opinion
in America has been incited against
Germany."

"Repeated endeavors," he continued,
"have been made to arouse distrust
of Germany by denouncing her policy
as directed towards a war with En-
gland, and also that we look towards
America, with the aim of founding a
great colonial empire in the south of
Brazil."

"Such reports are used by our en-
emies as arguments for suspecting
Germany of a character to do
violence to the activities of the pan-
German Union as such and individual
pan-Germanistic utterances, for which
I only make this observation that our
ambassador did not speak of the pan-
Germanic Union. His speech was di-
rected against every writer whose
publications are of a character to do
damage to our reputation abroad and
add difficulties to the work of our
diplomacy. When such endeavors are
apparent, must not our representa-
tives take measures to oppose them?"
Herr von Schoen's speech was
greeted with applause.

LOYD GEORGE TO THE FRONT

Overshadows Asquith in Political
England—Radicals Re-
gard Him As Real Leader—
Balfour Would Reform Lords

London, Dec. 13.—Neither Prime
Minister Asquith's speech nor Mr. Bal-
four's manifesto can be said to have
much advanced the political situation
or to have markedly stimulated inter-
est therein. Both men excel in the
House of Commons itself, but neither
possess to any conspicuous degree
the gift of stirring to the depths out-
side popular enthusiasm.

Mr. Asquith of course had a magni-
ficent reception by his great and un-
animous audience, but the top notch
of enthusiasm was only struck twice
during the evening, once when Lloyd-
George entered the hall and again
when he rose to propose a vote of
thanks to the Prime Minister. Judging
from last night the radical enthusi-
asts look upon him as the real leader,
and not Mr. Asquith.

Other Interests.
It is difficult even impossible to con-
fine the issue of a general election to
one question, but Mr. Asquith's speech
made it evident that the Liberal party
will endeavor to keep the attack on
the House of Lords in the forefront.
Other interests must be considered,
and the usual promises are held out
to Wales and Ireland.

But these were not dwelt upon. The
one positive pronouncement of Mr.
Asquith's speech was contained in the
words: "The will of the people as de-
liberately expressed by their elected
representatives must within the limits
of the lifetime of a single Parliament
be made effective."
While saying he favored a second
chamber, Mr. Asquith beyond the
words just quoted and his declaration
that "the absolute veto must go," gave
no indication of how he himself pro-
posed to reform the present second cham-
ber. Oppositionists say that the
Radical policy amounts to a single
chamber, while Mr. Asquith's sup-
porters, in the words of the Daily
News declare that "Campbell-Bann-
erman's classic resolution outlines the
only practicable manner in which the
problem can be solved." This means
what at the time was described as
the "going, going, gone method," viz:
to submit the bill twice to the House
of Lords and then for the House of
Commons to make it a law despite the
Lords' rejection.

The Unionist Attitude.
Though it is generally believed the
Unionists will keep the question of
the House of Lords in the background
as far as possible, Mr. Balfour gives it
first place in his manifesto and ad-
mits that the House is capable of im-
provement. The rest of the manifes-
to shows that the Unionist campaign
will follow the lines suggested by the
posters which are already appearing
on the boarding all over the country,
attributing the poverty, the non-em-
ployment and the distress of the House
of Commons to the Liberal Government
and vice versa.

In the meantime the campaign has
not yet started very far from the
ground. One of the most important facts
in connection with it thus far is the tacit
compact between the Government and
the Liberals to avoid a triangular con-
test where a Unionist might be let in
between. Both parties deny that such an
arrangement has been made, but its ex-
istence is already proved by the with-
drawal of candidates from the House
of both sides in many constituencies.
The chief effect of the impending
fight felt in London thus far is the ruin
of the Christmas season. Hostesses
cannot get the right people together,
the theatres are suffering and until
Christmas is over politics is regarded
as somewhat of a nuisance.

FREDERICTON SOLDIER AMUCK WITH WIFE

Fredericton, Dec. 13.—The police
ran into a disagreeable case on Sat-
urday night when they were summoned
to the home of a soldier and his wife.
The man had come home drunk and
was into a wrangle with his wife. Fi-
nally, the woman says that her hus-
band grabbed her by the hair of the
head and became violent in his abuse.
The woman called for help and her
son responded. Together they put the
man on the floor and tied him with
ropes. There he remained until the
police were summoned. Then he was
taken to the police station. This
morning Col. Marsh remanded the pris-
oner to jail.

The Gibson cotton mill at Marys-
ville, which was to have resumed op-
erations today, after a shutdown of
three or four weeks, for extensive im-
provements, will not be running until
later in the week, probably Wednes-
day. Owing to steam piling it has
been necessary to have a new cast-
ing made.

Janitor James Higgins has made
good progress during the past day or
two with ice-making at the curling
rink and he expects to have one or
more rinks ready for play by Saturday
if conditions are favorable.

DR. GOLDWIN SMITH ON CANADA'S FUTURE

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 13.—Dr. Gold-
win Smith, Toronto, in a letter to the
Standard thus replies to Judge Riddell's
declaration in a recent speech
before the Canadian Club, New York,
that only one man in Canada was in
favor of annexation, the reference
being clearly to Dr. Smith. "Sir,"
it seems that I have been reported as ad-
vocating annexation. Let me assure
you that I have studiously avoided
the use of the term which implies sub-
mission on the part of Canada to the
United States. That which I think
seems a dictate of nature and likely
as such to come to pass is a volun-
tary union of the two great English
speaking communities on this contin-
ent for their mutual benefit and secur-
ity. Social fusion seems to be already
pretty complete. Yours faithfully,
Goldwin Smith.

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Comfort Shoes \$1.50 to \$2.50 Rubbers 70c to \$1.10
FOR BROTHER
Polishing Outfit 50c Hockey Boots \$1.75 to \$3.50
Ankle Supporters 25c Shoe Laces \$1.45 to \$1.75
FOR SISTER
Snowshoes \$2.00 Leggings 85c to \$1.50
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11 CANADIANS ON BOARD
'ILL-FATED CAR FERRY
Port Stanley, Ont., Dec. 13.—There
were 11 Canadians on board the car
ferry Bessemer, all doubts of the fate
of which has been removed by finding
of a lifeboat of the vessel containing
nine dead men. They were Robert Mc-
Leod, captain, formerly of Kincardine,
now of Conneaut; J. P. McLeod, first
mate, Courtwright; F. Walker, watch-
man, Waterford; R. W. Higgins, Worth,
fireman, Aylmer; H. Thomas, second
cook, Port Stanley; E. Harvey, Ayl-
mer; J. King, coal passer, London; R.
Hines, coal passer, Port Stanley; Tho-
mas Bell, Norfolk county; H. R. Rich-
ardson, Norfolk county; O. Hagan,
London, one of the crew, Michael Star-
uch, lies in the hospital here suffering
from a fractured skull, having been
valued at \$250,000, and was built of
steel was 350 feet long and was owned
by Bessemer and Marquette Dock
and Navigation Co.

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MONTREAL MAN IS DEAD IN CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Thomas
Fisher, of Montreal, sixth vice-pres-
ident of the International Brotherhood
of Painters, Paper Hangers and Dec-
orators, was found dead in his room at
a hotel today. Fisher came a week ago
to attend the biennial convention of
the Painters' Brotherhood. The cor-
oner pronounced death due to natu-
ral causes.
Grand Master Black, of Amherst,
made an official visit to Annapolis
Royal Lodge, A. F. and A. M. last
Wednesday evening.