

BRITISH TITANIC PROBE LAYS DISASTER TO EXCESSIVE SPEED

Finds That a Proper Watch Had Not Been Kept and That Arrangements for Manning Boats Were Insufficient—California Censured for Not Going to the Rescue.

[Canadian Press.]
London, July 30.—The judgment of the British board of trade court of inquiry into the disaster to the White Star liner Titanic, which sank in mid-ocean with 1,517 souls after collision with an iceberg on April 14, was pronounced today by Lord Mersey, the presiding judge, before a large audience.

The court finds that the collision of the Titanic with the iceberg was due to the excessive speed at which the ship was navigated, that a proper watch was not kept, that the ship's boats were properly lowered, but that arrangements for manning them were insufficient, that the Leyland liner Californian might have reached the Titanic if she had attempted to do so, that the track followed was reasonably safe with proper vigilance, and that there was no discrimination against third-class passengers in the saving of life.

Ismay Exonerated.
The court of inquiry exonerates J. Bruce Ismay, chairman and managing-director of the White Star line, and

BECKER MAY TELL OF "HIGHER-UPS"

Only Half the Story Told Yet as to Murder of Rosenthal.

ROSE AND VALLON TERROR-STRICKEN

Police-Lieutenant Charged With Plotting Killing Claims That He Is Innocent.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, July 30.—The indictment of Police Lieut. Charles Becker, for the murder of the gambler, Louis Rosenthal, soon after the confessions of "Bald Jack" Rose, "Bridge" Weber and Harry Vallon, revealed today to District Attorney Whitman the "police system" in all its hideousness. The public prosecutor, following the trail of the three confessions, continued his search for evidence that would implicate those higher up than Becker, and more indictments of police officials are expected by the district attorney.

Only Half Told.
The arrest of Becker lays bare a scandal in the police department that threatens to shake it to its foundations, for District Attorney Whitman believes the story of police graft has only been half told.

"Bald Jack" Rose confessed that Becker came to him and, fairly desperate over Rosenthal's intention of killing all he knew of his relations with the police lieutenant, said, "Rosenthal has lived to long. He has got to be put out of the way."

Rose told the public prosecutor and the grand jury how the murder band was hired at the instigation of Becker, and that after the killing, Becker met Weber and himself and promised complete police protection.

\$5,000 for Killing.
The confessions show that the murderers of Rosenthal were "Lefty Louie" or Louis Rosenzweig; Harry Horowitz, or "Gib the Blood"; Frank Muller or "White Jack" Lewis, and "Dago Frank" Cirofici. Only Cirofici has been apprehended. These gunmen, Zelig gave up themselves with liquor and then went out and shot Rosenthal for a price, said to be \$5,000.

Terror-stricken, Rose, Weber, and Vallon spent the night in the public prosecutor's office, fearing that they would be murdered if they were taken to the Tombs prison. District Attorney Whitman told them that his case against Lieut. Becker is without a flaw; that the confessions, taken separately, dovetailed and confirmed each other, and that from the testimony of other witnesses, the case against Becker cannot be broken down. Squads of detectives scoured the city today for witnesses to corroborate each detail of the stories of Rose, Weber and Vallon.

Rose Terrified.
"Bald Jack" Rose, gambler, who says he was Becker's gambling collector, felt the ground slipping from under him day by day. Without money and friends, he realized that he was being made to bear the weight of the crime alone. His counsel advised him to confess. Rose became completely terrified. To his counsel, James M. Sullivan, he said:

"If you see to it that my wife and children are protected I'll come across and tell the truth about this. I'm afraid it will be the end of me. No cell on earth will be strong enough to keep the life in a man who gives up about this killing."

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YOSHIHTE, THE NEW EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

Dies of Starvation With \$2,000 On Her

[Canadian Press.]
New York, July 30.—"I am dying of starvation; I haven't eaten for three days!" said an aged woman to a policeman at the corner of Forty-second street and Sixth avenue just before day-break today. While he was inquiring her name, she dropped unconscious to the curb, and before an ambulance could be summoned she was dead.

At the morgue a roll of yellow-backed bills—\$2,000 in all—was found in the woman's stocking. Pinned to one of the bills was a slip of paper which said: "I am Rose Connolly, 74 years old, no home."

Examination showed that death was due to starvation and heart failure.

GANGSTERS MURDER HOTELMAN NEAR WHERE GAMBLER FELL

Disorderly New York Roughs Shoot Down Saloon Manager Who Attempts to Quiet Them, and Dangerously Wound an Employee.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, July 30.—James Varall, manager of a saloon on West Thirty-fourth street, near the corner of Broadway, was shot and instantly killed in an altercation with a disorderly crowd of gangsters in front of his bar early this morning. Jacob Pizsa, his cashier, was also shot and dangerously wounded. The police arrested two suspects, one of whom carried a half-emptied revolver.

According to Pizsa, the gangsters became angered at Varall's attempts to quiet them, and started the shooting without warning. A dozen shots were fired, the first one going through Varall's heart.

The scene of the murder is only a few blocks from the corner where the Rosenthal murder occurred.

LIBERAL EXCURSION TO NORTH VISITING THE COBALT MINES

Board of Trade Presents an Address and Public Meeting Will Be Held.

[Canadian Press.]
Cobalt, Ont., July 30.—The special train containing the excursion party under the auspices of the Ontario Railway Association reached Cobalt shortly before noon today. The party was then divided into groups and the mines were visited. This afternoon the board of trade presented an address, and tonight a public meeting will be held in the Empire Theatre.

At North Bay, Hon. Charles Murphy, Edmund Proulx, M. P. for Prescott, and others, joined the party. J. W. Mahon, president of the Temiskaming Liberal Association, and Arthur Roebuck, Liberal candidate for Temiskaming in the last election, are piloting the visitors north to Cochrane, from town to town.

J. F. Whitson, who is in charge of the road construction this year under the Government's million-dollar scheme, will get the train at Matheson, by direction of Hon. W. H. Hearst, minister of lands, forests and mines, and take the party along the Transcontinental.

EVERY VEHICLE MUST COME TO FULL STOP AT BUSY CORNERS

City Council Authorizes Traffic Officer to Have Complete Control at Corners of Dundas and Richmond and Richmond and King Streets Henceforth.

In future traffic at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets will be regulated by a police officer, while traffic at the corner of King and Richmond streets will be regulated by a constable on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The matter was brought up at the meeting of the city council Monday afternoon. No. 2 committee introduced it in their report, and the clause was adopted. It provides that every vehicle will come to a full stop on reaching these corners, and proceed to cross under the direction of the officer in charge. This is the way traffic at the busy corners is regulated in the big cities, and as Mayor Graham remarked, "London is getting more metropolitan every day, and it is needed here."

Ald. Coles suggested that the policemen wear white gloves as in the big cities. By holding up the white-gloved hand, traffic immediately stopped.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Ald. Bennett suggested that an alarm bell be placed at the corner of King and Richmond streets and Dundas and Clarence streets, so as to notify traffic at these corners that the fire department was coming. The alarms would be controlled at the central fire hall, and by pushing a button could be rung as the teams were leaving the hall. This would prevent any serious accidents at these corners, and the firemen would be assured that everything was clear for them, whereas sometimes they have to proceed cautiously at both these corners.

The plan was considered to be a good one, and it will be left in the hands of No. 2 committee to carry out. The scheme was put forth by Water Commissioner Stevenson some years ago, but it was not acted upon.

ALD. BENNETT AGAIN BRINGS UP THE RYMILL DISMISSAL

Mayor Graham and the Alderman Have a Tilt—City Engineer Wright Asks for an Investigation Into the Charge Made by Alderman Bennett.

The dismissal of Inspector Rymill was brought before the meeting of the city council Monday afternoon, Mayor Graham and Alderman Bennett taking part in a lively discussion over the matter. Mr. Rymill was inspector on the walks being laid by Contractor James Anthistle, and when Anthistle objected to him Rymill was removed.

Ald. Bennett, at the conclusion of the regular business of the meeting, wanted to know if his worship had investigated the case yet, and what report he had to make on it.

The mayor stated that he had held no investigation further than that which had been conducted at the last meeting of the council when City Engineer Wright gave his reasons for transferring the inspector from the Anthistle job. Mayor Graham thought that all the members of the council had been present at the time and had expressed themselves as satisfied with Engineer Wright's explanation of the affair.

NOT A FAIR DEAL.
Ald. Bennett, however, thought that the council was not giving the inspector a fair deal in the matter.

"I maintain that this council should put this inspector back on the job," he declared. "It is the general opinion among the people," he continued, "that this man was removed from the job because he was doing his duty; that he was seeing that the city got what was coming to it. His removal has affected the other inspectors and is causing a lot of trouble. It has been the means of intimidating the other inspectors. They now believe that if they report to the engineer's department that a contractor is not doing the right thing by the city that they will lose their jobs or be transferred to some other job. I do not think that Inspector Rymill got a square deal, and it is up to this council to conduct an investigation."

FALSE, SAID THE MAYOR.
Mayor Graham took exception to these remarks and stated that Ald. Bennett was making false statements, and if they were in the least correct that there was nothing for the council to do but demand the resignation of the city engineer.

"It's all very well to sit there and say that I am telling an untruth," said Ald. Bennett, "but come down here on the floor and argue it out with me."

The mayor called upon Ald. Coles to take the chair while he took the floor. He reiterated his statement that Ald. Bennett was not putting the matter in the right light, and explained Engineer Wright's side of it.

ENGINEER SPEAKS.
Engineer Wright was present and when called upon he verified the mayor's explanation. He claimed that Inspector Rymill was not removed because the contractor was not giving the city the required amount of cement, but because the inspector had caused some trouble between Contractor Anthistle and his men, and the former had threatened to quit the job. Engineer Wright made a change in inspectors to find out whose fault it really was. Since then he has discovered that Inspector Rymill was at fault.

THE TROUBLE EXPLAINED.
"The trouble that Rymill had with the men," said Ald. Bennett, "was that every time he turned his back the slide was removed. He wanted to know who did it, and the men got mad and wanted to know whether he thought they were dishonest. He replied that somebody was dishonest. This was the cause of the trouble. Engineer Wright did not give him fair play. In this country everyone is entitled to British fair play, and I do not see where this man was given it. He has feeling, and I claim that he has a right to look to us as a higher authority to deal with the matter."

ASKS AN INVESTIGATION.
"I suggest," said City Engineer Wright, "that if conditions are such as Alderman Bennett says, an investigation be made to find out whether these inspectors are intimidated as he claims. If such conditions do exist, I will quit."

Mayor Graham moved that a special committee be appointed to investigate the matter, and Ald. Spittal seconded the motion. The matter will now be left with the committee appointed to settle.

COMPEL AUTOS TO STOP BEFORE PASSING STATIONARY ST. CAR

Alderman Bennett Would Have Passengers Protected in City of London.

Ald. Bennett made a suggestion at the council meeting Monday afternoon that the traffic bylaw be amended so as to compel all automobile drivers and drivers of other fast-moving vehicles, to stop before passing a street car which is discharging passengers at a street crossing.

"This is the law in all the large cities," explained Ald. Bennett, "and there is no reason why it should not be put into force here. I have noticed automobile drivers in this city pass street cars at a fast rate while passengers are getting off, and it is only a question of time before we will hear of a serious accident caused in this manner. I was riding in an automobile in Detroit recently, and although the driver was travelling fast he slowed down and stopped at every corner where passengers were leaving street cars. Some places he had to jam on the emergency brake in order to stop in time, but he always stopped. If this law is put into force here it will not only assure street car passengers protection, but will be the means of preventing serious accidents."

A couple of the other aldermen thought the idea a good one, and it was referred to No. 2 committee to deal with.

At the corner of Dundas and Burwell streets the other night a taxi driver just missed hitting a Bell Telephone girl who got off a car almost in the path of the taxi.

LAMBETH MAN FINED FOR CRUELTY TO HORSE

Henry Hamlin Found Guilty in Local Court by P. M. Judd.

Henry Hamlin, a miller living near Lambeth, was fined \$10 and costs by Police Magistrate Judd this morning. The offence for which the defendant was indicted was for driving horses unfit for work. He is the owner of four horses used in bringing flour to London, and upon examination three of these were discovered to have severe sores about the neck, and lame shoulders.

The police prosecuted Mr. Hamlin on one charge, while the Humane Society used the law on another.

One young man was fined \$3 for riding a motor cycle at night which was not equipped with a light, and a cab driver also donated \$2 for not having a light on his vehicle.

Five drunks appeared before the magistrate, and all with the exception of one were discharged. The exception was remanded. Six citizens donated \$1 each for riding bicycles on the sidewalk.

MILK PRICES IN LONDON ARE LIKELY TO GO UP

A Meeting of Dealers Will Be Held to Consider the Matter.

Will milk increase in price from 6 cents to 7 cents per quart?
The wind blows strong in the direction of raising the prices of the fluid, and has been for some time past. Many of the milk retailers in the city are now deliberating on the problem with the result that a meeting has been called for this week. The price of milk, they say, is too low at present to make any profit on the product, and they would like very much to add the additional cent.

The cause for the raise seemingly comes from the farmers. The tillers of the soil are demanding higher prices for milk, and accordingly it would be necessary for the retailers to follow suit.

An Explanation.
Miss May Haines, of 265 Wellington street, is not the party who figured in the police court yesterday.

Aylmer to London in Six Years

A postcard mailed in Aylmer, Ontario, twenty-eight miles from London, in July, of 1906, reached its destination in London, Ontario, on July 25, 1912.

In other words, it took the postcard six years almost to the day to travel twenty-eight miles. It was addressed to Mr. Manie Charlton, 601 Colborne street, and was mailed by his brother, William.

It appears that the card was stuck somewhere in the bottom of the mail box at Aylmer, and in a place where it could not be seen by those who emptied the receptacle. The card was discarded from its place, and it dropped in with the mail of the day, and was forwarded to London.

TWO LITTLE GIRLS LOST IN LONDON

Tots Wandered Away From Home and Didn't Know Where They Lived.

TAKEN TO ADVERTISER

Police Were Notified After a Long Wait—The Parents Were Finally Able to Locate Little Ones.

Two little girls, Elvie Johnston, aged 6, and her sister, Queenie, aged 4, were lost in London for over three hours this morning. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnston, who only came to this city from Owen Sound Monday afternoon.

This morning the tots wandered away from Maple Terrace, Maple street, and before their mother noticed their absence they were hopelessly lost. On Dundas street an hour or so afterward they suddenly awoke to the fact that they were in a strange city and did not know the way home. The piteous cries of both little girls brought some of the passersby to them, but it was impossible to learn where they lived.

Lost in London.
An Advertiser reporter happened along, and he introduced all the detective Burns methods and Sherlock Holmes wisdom which he had gleaned in years of reporting the police beat, but to no avail.

Every street in the vicinity was named, but the children remembered nothing. All they knew was that they had lived in Hanover, Chesley and Owen Sound, and that they had come to London on the choo-choo yesterday. They didn't know with whom they were stopping or the street they lived on.

The little ones were taken for a walk around the city, and asked frequently if they remembered any of the stores or buildings, but to no avail. The police in the meantime had been notified by The Advertiser, and shortly after noon the father and mother rushed to the station to inquire for their little ones.

Parents to the Rescue.
Officers on north end beats had been asked to look out for the little ones, but the parents had been under the impression that the children had gone north, and did not come south to the heart of the city for some time.

Once at the station the father and mother were told that the kiddies were safe, and they came to The Advertiser office and took the little wanderers home.

JURY STARTS ITS INVESTIGATION

The Inquiry Into the Death of Joseph Abell at Labatt's Brewery Is Begun.

JURY VISIT THE SCENE

Adjournment Was Made Until Friday Evening Next, When Evidence Will Be Heard.

The jury which is investigating the accident which resulted in the death of Joseph Abell, by suffocation at Labatt's brewery on Monday morning, and in which three other men—Hugh Clare, John Clare and Wm. Jackson—had a narrow escape, met at the brewery after being shown the shaft in which Abell met his death, the jury were taken through the fermenting room, where the carbonic acid gas is formed.

This room is the only place in the brewery where the gas is to be found, and as it is closed all the time, the only possible way for the gas to escape is through the pipes which lead to the large chimney, nearly one hundred feet high.

The Theory.
The most probable theory as to the cause of the accident is that the gas (which is heavier than air) settled, and owing to the state of the atmosphere at the time, it was forced into the neighborhood of the shaft in which the fumes finally collected. A peculiar feature of the case is that although the shaft has been in use for over two years, the presence of the gas has never been noticed before.

The Jury.
The jury adjourned until 8 o'clock on the evening of Friday, Aug. 9, when it will meet in the police court. The members of the jury are Messrs. Herbert Thorne, foreman; Walter Mansfield, Fred Grayson, Frank McLachlin, T. I. Fraleigh, Harry Switzer, Theodore Thomas, E. Lortie and Cecil Mann.

TURK GOVT. READY TO TALK OF A PEACE

But Negotiations Must Be Conducted in Way Compatible With Dignity.

[Canadian Press.]
Constantinople, July 30.—The Turkish Government is willing to enter into peace negotiations with Italy, if they are conducted in a manner compatible with Turkey's honor and dignity, and her rights are adequately safeguarded.

This was announced in the Chamber of Deputies here today during the reading of the new ministerial program.

START CAMPAIGN FOR MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

Ontario Evangelical Alliance to Discuss Decision of the Privy Council.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, July 30.—A meeting of the executive of the Evangelical Alliance of Ontario has been called for Thursday afternoon next for the purpose of discussing the action that the alliance should take with reference to the new temperance decree in view of the decision of the Privy Council on the marriage law reference.

It is predicted that the action to be taken will be the inauguration of a campaign for the amendment of the British North America act, with the ultimate object of securing a Dominion marriage law.

TOMORROW—COOL AND SHOWERS.

Forecast.
Toronto, July 30.—8 a.m.
Today—Moderate to fresh northerly winds; fair.
Wednesday—Variable winds; cool, with local showers.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today.

| Stations | High | Low | Weather |
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| LONDON | 71.5 | 60 | Cloudy |
| Victoria | 72 | 50 | Clear |
| Calgary | 78 | 46 | Clear |
| Winnipeg | 78 | 54 | Clear |
| Port Arthur | 70 | 52 | Rain |
| Perry Sound | 78 | 58 | Fair |
| Toronto | 78 | 56 | Cloudy |
| Ottawa | 74 | 54 | Fair |
| Quebec | 74 | 60 | Clear |
| Montreal | 76 | 52 | Cloudy |
| Quebec | 76 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Father Point | 64 | 50 | Cloudy |

Weather Notes.
The barometer remains low over the Maritime Provinces and Atlantic States, and high in the West, with some indication of disturbance near Lakes Michigan and Superior.

The weather continues fine and warm throughout the Western Provinces, with a probability of still higher temperature.

U. S. PIONEER DEAD.
Minneapolis, July 30.—Former United States Senator Wm. D. Washburn, for many years prominent in the political life of the United States, and one of the leaders in the upbuilding of the northwest, died here last night. He was 71 years of age.