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WILL AT ONCE INVESTIGATE THE DISASTER

Canadian Government Will Endeavor To Place Responsibility For Collision

TO LEGISLATE TO-DAY FOR A COMMISSION

Which Will Consist of Three Members and Be a Permanent Body.

OTTAWA, May 30.—In order to provide for a wider investigation into the wreck of the Empress of Ireland than is possible under present departmental machinery, the Government will introduce legislation authorizing the appointment of a specially constituted Commission of three members, one of them to be appointed by the Imperial Government, who will be the judge of evidence, and have special experience in Admiralty cases. The Bill will probably be introduced Monday.

While this tribunal is being constituted now to meet this exceptional case, it will be a permanent commission to enquire into cases of extreme gravity. In the present case its duty will be to investigate and report upon the cause or causes of the present disaster and make such presentation as the commission deems advisable for the prevention of similar accidents in the future.

The enquiry will therefore resemble in most respects the investigation held after the loss of the Titanic by Lord Mersey in England.

STORSTAD NOW AT MONTREAL UNDER ARREST

Bows Crumpled In and Badly Twisted and Gaping Rent in Side

WARRANT WAS MAILED TO MAST BY SHERIFF

Having Been Sworn Out By The C. P. R. Owners of The Empress.

MONTREAL, May 31.—With her bows crumpled in and twisted around at an acute angle to port and a gaping rent showing on the port side, but a foot or so above the waterline, in mute evidence of the tragedy in which she had figured, the Norwegian collier Storstad limped into harbor early this p.m.

A few minutes later a warrant of arrest taken out by the C.P.R. was mailed to her mainmast by order of W. Simpson Walker, K.C., registrar of the Quebec Admiralty Court.

"By what authority do you come on board my ship and place it under arrest?" asked Capt. Andresen.

"By the authority of the British Empire," curtly replied the Deputy Sheriff.

No sooner was the vessel moored than the work of unloading her cargo of 11,000 tons of coal was started.

"Storstad" Officers Refuse To Talk

Say They Will Make No Statement, Except to Owners and Investigators.

Montreal, May 30.—The crippled Norwegian collier Storstad arrived at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Capt. Andresen and other officers refused to say anything.

The officers of the Cherbourg Co. said the captain would first tell his story at the inquiry.

Sardinian left Liverpool Saturday for St. John's.

WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Fresh South shifting to W. and N. W. winds; some showers, but partly fair. Tuesday, fair.

LLOYDS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES THRU DISASTER

The Empress of Ireland Was Insured For \$1,400,000; Cargo For \$250,000.

FULL GRAVITY OF NEWS NOT UNDERSTOOD AT FIRST

And Ship Was Reinsured At Low Rate Entailing Very Heavy Losses

MONTREAL, May 30.—Not since the foundering of the Titanic have Lloyds' underwriters sustained such heavy losses.

The Empress of Ireland was insured in the city for \$1,400,000, in addition to which must be considered her cargo, variously estimated to be worth around \$250,000.

At first it was considered very unlikely that the Empress of Ireland should founder in 14 minutes, and re-insurance was effected at two guineas per cent, which shows how wholly Lloyds disbelieved the report at first.

As it became certain news the rate was raised to fifty guineas per cent, and as final confirmation came in the ship became uninsurable.

The closing price for reinsurance on the Storstad was 60 guineas per cent, and re-insurance on the Storstad became impossible early in the afternoon.

300 Passengers From Detroit

Most of Them were Foreigners and Former Employees of the Ford Motor Co.

Detroit, Mich., May 30.—About 300 passengers on the Empress of Ireland were booked from here, most of them foreigners and former employees of the Ford Motor Co., who were recently laid off because of the approaching slack season in the automobile trade.

FROM WHITE BAY

S.S. Earl of Devon, Capt. Carter, arrived from Englee Saturday, where she had been discharging cargo for the Marble Quarry Co.

Capt. Carter reports large quantities of ice in the northern waters.

KING CABLES HIS SYMPATHY

His Majesty and Queen Mary Forward Expressions of Condolence Over the Loss of so Many Lives.—President of France Expresses Sympathy.

LONDON, June 1.—The Lord Mayor of London, upon learning of the extent of the disaster, decided to open a fund toward the relief of the widows and orphans.

King George cabled the Duke of Connaught as follows:—"Deeply grieved over the awful disaster to the Empress of Ireland in which so many Canadians lost their lives. Queen Mary and I both assure you of our heartfelt sympathy with those who mourn for the loss of relatives and friends.

To Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, His Majesty cabled:—"In the appalling disaster which has befallen your Company by the loss of the Empress of Ireland, in which so many perished, I offer you my sincerest sympathy."

The King this morning received the following from the President of the French Republic:—"It is with profound emotion I learn of the terrible catastrophe in connection with the Empress of Ireland which will plunge so many families into mourning. From my heart I tender Your Majesty sincere regrets and the keen sympathy of the French people."

EXPRESS AT 8

The express is due at 8 p.m.

Bruce leaves Basques this afternoon.

Invermore leaves North Sydney tonight.

Carthaginian arrived at Halifax at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The Lost and the Saved.

ON BOARD.	SAVED.	LOST.
First Cabin 87	First Cabin 18	First Cabin 69
Second Cabin 153	Second Cabin and Third Class . . . 131	Second Cabin and Third Class . . . 737
Third Class 715	Officers and Crew 206	Officers and Crew 176
Officers and Crew 432		
Total 1,387	Total 358	Total 1,029

Passenger List—"Empress of Ireland."

- FROM OTTAWA.**
J. W. Black and Mrs. Black, Mr. and A. E. Caughey, Staff Captain A. Goodwin, Salvation Army.
- FROM LONDON, ONT.**
Edward Veale.
- FROM PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.**
Miss M. Atkin.
- FROM SILVERTON, B.C.**
Mrs. W. Barber, Miss Florence Barber, Miss Evelyn Barber.
- FROM WINNIPEG.**
Miss A. S. M. Assafay, J. E. Essinger, H. E. Ford, Mrs. J. Hakker, Miss Judith Hakker, J. Lennon, J. Morgan, Wm. Morgan, Mrs. T. Muttall and infant, Miss Muttall, J. Peterson, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Geo. Prior, Adjutant Beckstead, Captain Jas. McGrath, Salvation Army Delegates.
- FROM CALGARY.**
Miss F. Holbome, Mrs. Howatt and two children, Wm. Howarth, E. Law, Mrs. Law, Master Law, John Patterson, Robt. Patterson, Miss E. Patterson, Jas. E. Smith, Mrs. E. Stanner, A. E. Stilman.
- FROM SASKATOON, SASK.**
Alfred Barker.
- FROM PARIS, ONT.**
Miss I. Blackhurst.
- FROM ST. THOMAS, ONT.**
O. Brown, Mrs. J. Dargue.
- FROM REGINA, SASK.**
Coasta Buhler, A. H. Teath, Miss Mary Wood.
- FROM HAMILTON, ONT.**
Mrs. S. Burgess, Miss C. Hope, John Reilly, Miss Alice Voneley, Harry Yates, Mrs. Yates, Adjutant Anna Price, Salvation Army.
- FROM VICTORIA, B.C.**
Mrs. E. Chignell, Miss B. Veitch.
- FROM NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.**
Mrs. J. Whitelaw, Mrs. Geo. White.
- FROM NANAIMO, B.C.**
Mrs. Robt. Hoggan.
- FROM MOOSEJAW, SASK.**
Miss K. Farr, Miss N. Farr, Miss N. Farr, Miss D. Farr, Miss B. Farr.
- FROM PRINCETON, B.C.**
Mrs. A. Cole.
- FROM PIRSON, MAN.**
J. F. Dandy, C. Halliday.
- FROM MOOSEMIN, SASK.**
Mrs. J. E. Linslie.
- FROM CHILLIWACK, B.C.**
Mrs. and Mr. James Gregg.
- FROM CLOVERDALE, B.C.**
Mrs. W. H. Griffin and infant.
- FROM MORTLACH, SASK.**
Wm. Hart, Mrs. Hart, Miss Edith Hart, Master Wm. Hart, John Scott.
- FROM WREYBURN, SASK.**
Ensign F. Peacock, Salvation Army.
- SALLON PASSENGERS—FROM TORONTO.**
F. E. Abbott, C. R. Burt, A. Cullen, Miss Maud Cullen, Master Cullen and maid, H. R. O'Hara, Mrs. O'Hara, Miss O'Hara and maid.
- FROM VANCOUVER.**
J. R. Avercrombie, Mrs. D. T. Hailey, C. B. Lyon.
- FROM HAMILTON.**
J. J. Cailey.
- FROM WINNIPEG.**
R. A. Cunningham.
- FROM KINGSTON.**
E. P. Godson.
- FROM QUEBEC.**
C. H. Holloway.
- FROM HALIFAX.**
Dr. Alex Lindsay.
- FROM ST. CATHERINES.**
Miss Miller.
- FROM SHERBROOKE.**
Mrs. W. E. Paton.
- FROM OTTAWA.**
E. Seybold, Mrs. Seybold, G. Bogue Smart.
- FROM LARDO, B.C.**
Miss C. P. Cay.
- FROM FREDERICTON.**
David Johnson.
- FROM BIRMINGHAM, ENG.**
P. J. Aides, Mrs. Aides, Miss Doris Gaunt, A. Hirst, F. W. Howes.
- FROM LONDON.**
A. P. Anderson, M.D., A. Darling, J. Ferguson Duncan, L. A. Hyamson, Lawrence Irving, Mrs. Irving and maid, Sir Henry Seaton Kerr, A. G. Magginis, A. E. Mullins, Mrs. Mullins and Miss E. Mullins, W. Leonard Lamer, Mrs. Palmer, Rev. J. Wallett.
- FROM MANCHESTER.**
P. C. Averdick, V. Branch, W. Fenton.
- FROM NOTTINGHAM, ENG.**
A. J. Burrows, Hardwood Cash, Mrs. Cash.
- FROM BRADFORD, ENG.**
Charles Goldthorpe.
- FROM LIVERPOOL.**
A. J. Wakefield.
- FROM NASSAU, BAHAMAS.**
Mrs. Hart Bennet, Miss Ainsless.
- FROM AUCKLAND, N.Z.**
Lieut. Col. W. R. Bloomfield, Mrs. Bloomfield, Miss H. I. R. Bloomfield, Mrs. H. W. Price, Miss T. Townsend.
- FROM DENVER, COLO.**
Mrs. F. H. Dunlevy.
- FROM OKKAHAMA.**
Cox. Edwards.
- FROM HONG KONG.**
W. D. Grahames and Mrs. Grahames.
- FROM SUVA, FIJI.**
J. Gabriel Marks and Mrs. Marks.
- SECOND CLASS PASSENGERS—FROM TORONTO.**
Miss A. Bales, Miss Mary Baxter, Mrs. Wm. Clarke, Miss Nellie Clarke, Mrs. M. Dale and infant, Wm. Davies and Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Chas. Moir, J. Patrick, Miss Isabel Stage, Miss A. Swindlehurst, Mrs. Wood, Ernest Aldridge, Thos. Brooks, Miss I. E. Dunn, Miss E. East, E. Evans, Mrs. Evans, Geo. Falstead, E. Ford, Mrs. Ernest Ford, F. F. Godard, Thos. Gray, Ernest Green, Mrs. J. Green, Miss Jessie Green, Thos. Greenway and Mrs. Greenway, Bert Greenway, Wm. Horwood, W. Humphreys, J. Jonson, T. Jones, Robt. Malone, Kenneth McIntyre, G. Mecher, Wm. Measures, Miss Lilly Morgan, E. Reeve, Mrs. Panton, W. Perkins, W. Wakefield.
- FROM CARSTAIRS, ALTA.**
Henry Birkett.
- FROM MERRITT, B.C.**
J. W. Langley.
- FROM PETERBORO, ONT.**
W. H. Perry.
- FROM EDMONTON, ALTA.**
Miss A. Priestly, Miss M. Priestly.
- FROM GUELPH, ONT.**
S. J. Sampson.
- FROM NESBIT, MAN.**
Wm. Shattock.
- FROM KAMLOOPS, B.C.**
Mrs. Elizabeth Taplin.
- FROM CAMPBELLFORD, ONT.**
Miss E. Willmot.
- FROM LETHBRIDGE, ALTA.**
Brigadier J. Hunter, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Hunter, Master Hunter.
- FROM HALIFAX, N.S.**
Adjutant Geo. Edwards.
- SALVATION ARMY DELEGATES FROM TORONTO.**
Com. David Rees and Mrs. Rees, Captain Harding Rees, Captain Ruth Rees, Miss Annie Rees, Colonel Maidment, Mrs. Maidment, Brigadier Potter, Master Willard Potter, Brigadier John Walker, Major W. Geo. Attwell, Mrs. Attwell, Major D. Land, Mrs. Creighton, Major Hugh Findlay, Mrs. Findlay, Major Richard Turpin, Captain A. Hayes, Captain Arthur Morris, Captain Mrs. Morris, Captain D. McAmmond, Adjutant Everet Brow, Mrs. Dow, Adjutant and Mrs. Green, Adjutant Hannagaer, Mrs. Hannagaer, Miss Grace Hannagaer, Adjutant Maisey, Adjutant W. Stitt, Mrs. Stitt, Ensign Geo. Bonyge, Ensign O. Mardall, Ensign B. Pattenda, Ensign E. Pugmire, Captain Giberbest, Captain T. Dodd and Mrs. Dodd, Captain James Myers, Captain Rufus Spooner, Captain Whatmore, Capt. Geo. Wilson, Lt. Stanley Bigland, Lt. Alf. Keith.
- FROM VANCOUVER.**
Miss D. Balcolmn, Miss Eberry, G. D. Bishop, R. B. Bullpitt, Mrs. M. K. Heperburn, Miss B. M. Heperburn, Master P. M. Heperburn, Miss E. D. Hunt, Miss M. E. Langley, Miss W. M. Quarterly, W. J. and Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. H. Axton, Master Axton, Mrs. Geo. Cook, Mrs. F. Counsell, Mrs. C. D. Davidson and Miss Davidson, Mrs. W. Graft.

MONETARY LOSS IN THE EMPRESS WAS \$3,349,000

The Ship Carried Silver Bullion Valued at One Million Dollars

COMPANY ESTIMATES SHIP WAS WORTH \$2,000,000

Cargo Valued at \$250,000, Besides Which Passengers Had Many Valuables

MONTREAL, May 30.—When the steamer Empress of Ireland was rammed off Father Point yesterday, she carried to the bottom of the Gulf with her, not only the hopes of many bereaved families, but also a fortune amounting to over \$1,000,000 in silver bullion bars, from the Cobalt mines, which were being shipped to London.

The bullion was contained in 163 bars, and was in two packages, aggregating \$275,000 and \$824,000 respectively.

There is but little doubt that efforts will be made to recover it.

The C.P.R. values the Empress at \$2,000,000, her cargo \$250,000, and with the bullion the total loss is \$3,349,000, this exclusive of personal valuables carried by passengers.

Narrow Escape Of 'Royal Edward'

Struck a Big Iceberg Head On and Was Somewhat Badly Damaged

LONDON, June 1.—The Royal Edward arrived at Avonmouth yesterday morning. The passengers and crew were thrown into a state of consternation when they learned the fate of the Empress.

Last Saturday in the fog a large berg was sighted four hundred yards long lying in the water. The Royal Edward's engines were reversed but an impact being unavoidable, the captain decided to take the shock head on and the liner escaped with a twisted stem and buckled plates, instead of disaster.

130 OF VICTIMS WERE MEMBERS OF THE S. ARMY

Dead Includes Forty-One of the Best of Its Canadian Officers.

COMMISSIONER REES GONE; HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.

Toronto Cables List of Salvationist Dead Found and Identified.

The Salvation Army in Canada suffered fearful losses through the sinking of the Empress of Ireland. The passenger list of the big liner included one hundred of the Army's rank and file and of these only twenty-eight survive. Included in the list are Commissioner Rees and his wife, and forty others of the best of the Salvation Army officers in the Dominion.

Saturday night, Staff-Captain Cave, S.A., of this city, received the following message from Toronto, giving a list of the Salvationist dead identified so far:

The following Salvationist dead have been identified and are being brought to Toronto—

Mrs. Commissioner Rees, Colonel and Mrs. Maidment, Brigadier W. Scott Potter, Major Pindley, Major and Mrs. Simcoe, Adjutant Harry Green and daughter Jessie, Adjutant Hanagan, Adjutant and Mrs. DeBow, Captain Guido Whatmore, son of Commissioner Whatmore, Mrs. Staff-Captain Morris.

Fifteen living survivors arrived at Toronto Saturday evening; none saved above the rank of Major; balance of living rescued coming to Toronto Sunday or Monday. Staff and officers working at identification of bodies at Quebec. Three hundred bodies await identification. Suggest arrange memorial services throughout your division for Sunday, June 6th; this date arranged for whole territory. Bereaved graciously sustained.

COLONEL REES.