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TRAGEDY OF ST. LAWRENCE RIVER.

The sinking of the Empress of Ireland is not so dramatic a disaster nor so costly in human lives and treasure as the foundering of the Titanic, but the horror of the tragedy of the St. Lawrence River scarcely yields to that of the tragedy of the Newfoundland seas, says an exchange.

The terror of this catastrophe is intensified by the fact that the Canadian Pacific boat appears from testimony at hand to have done everything humanly possible to prevent mischief, whereas the White Star ship courted catastrophe, that the Empress of Ireland sank within 15 minutes or less and that an explosion of the boilers, ice waters and almost freezing temperature made it impossible for those who reached the decks to have any fair chance to survive.

The calamity illustrates again the impossibility of absolute prevention of disaster at sea, the necessity of invention and science redoubling their efforts to construct an unsinkable ship the value of wireless telegraphy and the urgency of all maritime nations immediately adopting and enforcing the international code for safety at sea that was promulgated at London last winter.

The question that the world asks about this disaster on the St. Lawrence are these: How is it that three serious marine calamities have happened on this route within the last two months? Should not this one have been impossible? Who was at fault? Ought not watertight bulkheads to be built so that, even if a ship be ripped open amidships, its parts will remain afloat? Have the terrible lessons of the Titanic been lost on the Canadian Pacific company? Had the owners of the ship actually taken every possible precaution to assure safety?

At this writing it appears from all available accounts as if somebody had been guilty of criminal negligence. It looks like the captain of

the collier, inasmuch as the other boat was proceeding slowly, awaiting the thick fog to lift. Nothing but the most thorough investigation will safety the public.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

D. W. Sheahan of Enterprise was registered at the Foley last night.

Kenneth McCormick deputy county clerk was a passenger to the Union stock show this noon.

Howard Miller brother of James Miller traveling passenger agent for the O.-W. left this morning for Union to witness the stock show.

J. T. Langley assistant superintendent of motor power for the O.-W. arrived in the city this noon on business of the company.

F. A. Harmon of Baker, a frequent visitor to La Grande passed through the city this morning on his way to Enterprise where he will transact business.

Dallas Greene, son of Mrs. Chas. Duffy left this morning for Portland, Vancouver and Richfield, Washington. On his return which will be in time for school this fall, he will stop at Bickleton, Wash., where Mrs. Duffy owns a large ranch.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Following are today's La Grande market quotations:

FRUIT. Black Raspberries, 20c and 2@25c. Gooseberries—2 quarts for 25c. Cherries, 2 boxes for 25c. Strawberries—2 boxes at 25c and 3 for 25c. Apples—75c@1.75. Oranges—25@35-50c doz. Bananas—40c per doz. Figs—5c and 10c package. Lemons—35@40c. Grapefruit—15c, 20c, 2@35c.

BUTTER AND EGGS. Butter—Fancy creamery, 30 cents, 1-lb roll; 60 cents, 2-lb roll. Ranch butter—1-lb. roll, 25c; 2-lb. roll 50c. Fresh ranch eggs, 25c.

FLOUR, HAY, FEED, ETC. Blue Stem flour—\$1.40

VEGETABLES AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Wax beans 20c lb. Radishes—5c, 3@10c. Tomatoes—25c per lb. Fresh peas—2 lb.@25c. Cabbage—5c (new). Carrots—5c per bunch, 3 for 10c. Spinach—6lbs.@25c. Beans—White 10c; Lima, 10c. Beets—Beets 3 lbs. for 10c. Green Onions—5c per bunch, 3@10c. Onions—8c@10c, (small lots.) Potatoes—1c. New Potatoes—8c. Asparagus—Walla Walla, 15c 2 for 25c. Lettuce—(Home grown) 25c lb. Chili peppers—40c. Rhubarb—6 lbs@25c. (Home grown.) Turnips, 5c per bunch, 6@25c. Honey—20c. Sugar—Cane or fruit, \$5.40 a sack,

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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