

### TITANIC INQUIRY IS AT FINAL STAGE

Officers and Crew to Be Freed Today—Wireless Methods Probed.

### ISMAY YET TO BE QUIZZED

Legislation to Prevent Operators on Shipboard From Withholding News of Disasters to Be Advocated by Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—After a day of discussion intended to discover the needed reforms in the use of wireless telegraphy at sea, the Senate committee investigating the Titanic disaster entered today on the final stage of its inquiry.

Tomorrow the officers and crew of the sunken ship will be released and will be free to return to their homes in England.

At the same time J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the International Mercantile Marine, will be quizzed as to his ideas of regulations to make a repetition of the disaster impossible.

**Wireless Legislation to Result.**  
It was clear early in the hearing that the committee had made up its mind to advocate legislation preventing wireless operators on shipboard from withholding details of disasters. Mr. Marconi and Mr. Sammis both acknowledged that a mistake had been made in sending to Operators Bride and Cottam, on board the Carpathia, messages not to give out anything until they had seen Marconi ashore.

Edward Sammis took the stand when Mr. Marconi was excused. He resented bitterly the imputation that he had been the cause of suppressing the news from the Carpathia which, he said, had resulted in neighbors "pointing the finger of scorn" at him. He said he told the Carpathia's wireless operators to hold their personal stories for sale, to furnish a reward for them.

**Message Not Direct.**  
"I did not send the messages directly," said Mr. Sammis. "I telephoned to Mr. Davidson in charge of the wireless and instructed him to tell the boys that arrangements were made to care for them. I thought it would brace them up."

Mr. Sammis said the arrangements to "care for" the operators were made by Mr. Marconi and Mr. Bottomly, the general manager, and that he merely carried out the plan as described.

The witness acknowledged that probably a "mistake" had been made in the manner in which the stories were placed.

"I think it would have been much better to have placed them with the Associated Press," he said. "They would have had general circulation and there would have been no sore toes."

**News Not to Have Preference.**  
Sammis said the international telegraph code commission had already gone on record as putting news dispatches last on the list of wireless business as to precedence.

Sammis said that Bride and Cottam, operators on the Carpathia, should not be blamed for not sending news from the ship.

"If there is any blame," said Sammis, "it should be upon the captain of the Carpathia. The captain of a ship is censor of all wireless messages sent from a ship. The operators are there to send and receive. They send nothing that the captain does not pass on."

Sammis said that American wireless operators on board ship receive \$14 a month. The English operators get \$4 a month.

**Franklin Abolishes Wireless Men.**  
P. A. S. Franklin, after a consultation with Mr. Ismay, addressed the committee as follows:

"I want to say on behalf of Mr. Ismay, president of the International Mercantile Marine, owning the White Star Line, and myself personally, that we abhor the wireless and cable companies from withholding from the committee any messages sent or received in connection with the disaster."

Hugh Woliner, of London, a survivor of the Titanic, was next called to the stand.

Mr. Woliner said he inspected the lifeboats and the life apparatus. He said he considered the work of the sailors very slow. "I heard Captain Smith say he wanted all the passengers to go to the 'A' deck to get into the boats there," said Woliner. "I said, 'Captain, haven't you forgotten that all those windows on 'A' deck are closed?' and he said, 'My God, you're right; call those people back.' Only a few had gone down and they came back. Everything went all right after that."

**Straus Heroism Retold.**  
"From your own observation, do you believe all the women and children got away?"

"I do, all except Mrs. Straus. She refused to leave Mr. Straus, although I made two appeals to her. I said to Mr. Straus, 'Surely no one will object to an old gentleman like you getting into the lifeboat,' and he replied, 'I will not go before the other men.'"

Woliner related the incident leading to the flashes of a pistol when the first collapsible boat was being filled.

"I heard Murdoch, the first officer, shouting to a group of men, 'Get back out of here, get back out of here!'"

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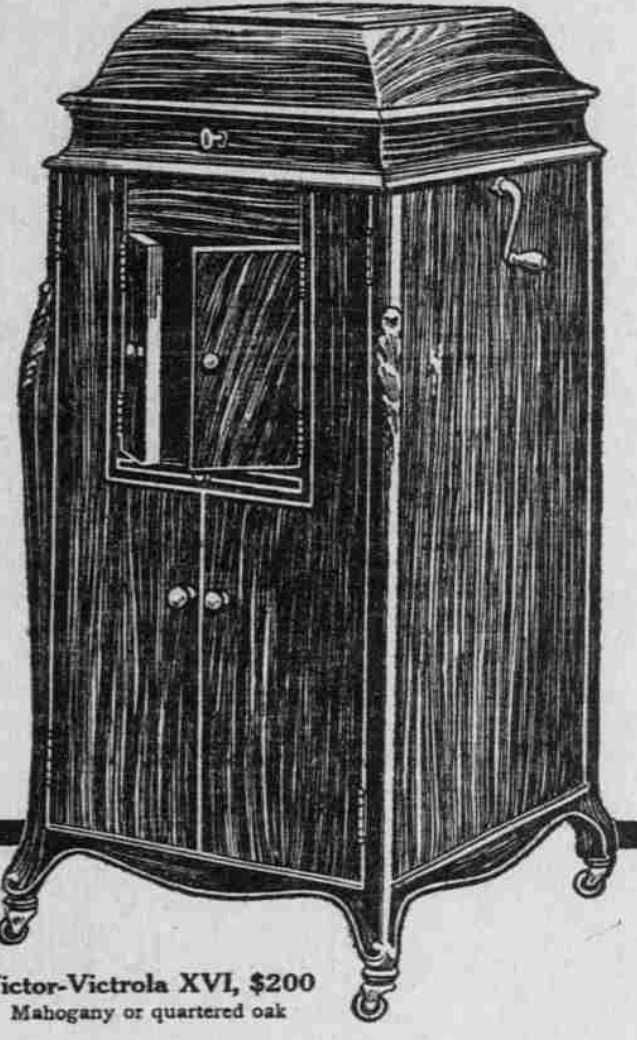
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### NEW CLUB FORMED

Oregon Students at Washington "U" Organize. 60 MEMBERS ENROLLED

Society Promises to Become Big Factor at Seattle; Webfoot State Now Ranks Second in Attendance at Institution.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, April 28.—(Special.)—Oregon men and women attending the university have organized an "Oregon Club," and are planning to make it one of the biggest factors in university life. There are 60 students from the Webfoot state now enrolled, and 24 of these are from the metropolis of the southern neighbor. Oregon ranks second to the Evergreen state in point of attendance at the big institution, and Portland holds the record for cities outside Washington.

To work for railroad rates home, keep up the "Oregon spirit" among the students, put a representative number of men in position of authority and to have a good time, are the objects of the club. George Hutton, of Portland, a Columbia College man, is now a member of the board of control, the ruling body of the organization.

### POLITICS EXPENSE ASKED

Senate Passes Resolution on 1904 and 1908 Presidential Campaigns.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The Senate today adopted the Calhoun resolution calling for a full report on contributions to the National committee of all parties in the Presidential and Congressional campaigns of 1904 and 1908.

### SURGERY IS BY WIRELESS

Ship Surgeon Gives Advice to Lonely Islander 420 Miles Away.

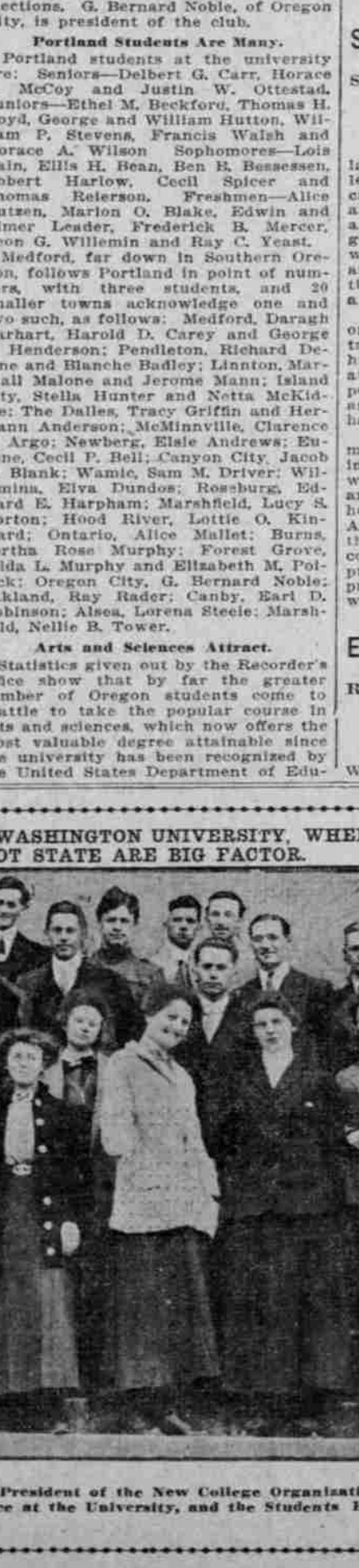
NEW ORLEANS, April 29.—How a laborer on Swan Island, a lonely wireless station in the Gulf, suffered a crushed foot; how the wireless operator on the island communicated with a ship 420 miles away, raised the surgeon and got him to explain the proper way to amputate; then how the operator's assistant performed the operation, is a story told by the manager of a big shipping firm today.

### ELECTRIC LINE IS RUSHED

Rails Laid Five Blocks at Albany. Freight Depot Nearly Done.

ALBANY, Or., April 28.—(Special.)—Work is being rushed on the Oregon

### MEMBERS OF OREGON CLUB AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, WHERE STUDENTS FROM WEBFOOT STATE ARE BIG FACTOR.



G. Bernard Noble, of Oregon City, is President of the New College Organization, Which Has Sixty Members. Oregon Ranks Second in Attendance at the University, and the Students Hold Considerable Influence in the Various College Circles.

### RAILWAY LAWS FOR ALASKA

Commerce Commission Rules They Apply There as in States.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Holding that Alaska is an organized territory and not a mere district, the Supreme Court of the United States today decided that the Interstate Commerce laws extend to it.

### MOTHER! WATCH THE CHILDREN'S BOWELS

If Cross, Sick, Feverish, Bilious or Tongue Is Coated, Give Delicious "Syrup of Figs."

No matter what ails your child, a gentle, thorough laxative physic should always be the first treatment given. If your child isn't feeling well; resting poorly; eating regularly and acting naturally it is a sure sign that its little stomach, liver and 36 feet of bowels are filled with foul, constipated waste matter and need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

### WE GET THE PICK OF A LIMITED CROP

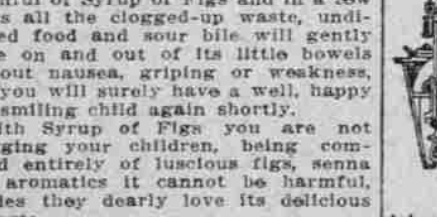
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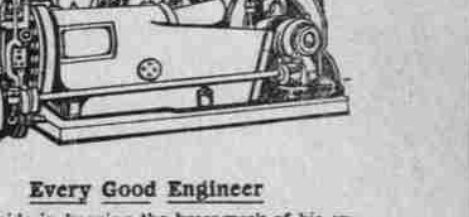
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