REPORT ON TITANIC IS BEFORE SENATE

Captain of Liner Californian Severely Condemned for Failure to Aid.

NEW LEGISLATION URGED

Committee Declares More Lives Would Have Been Saved Through Better Management of Boats After Launching.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Titanic disaster of April 15, in which 1517 souls went down amid icebergs off the banks of Newfoundland, was the theme of speech, report and proposed legislation in the Senate today.

Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan, submitted the report of the investigation by the Senate commerce committee, a feature of which was the condemnation of the captain of the steamer California for not going to the aid of the sinking vessel, delivered a speech in which he personally took much stronger ground in reviewing the disaster, and introduced measures designed to safeguard life in ocean traffic.

The Senate passed a joint resolution extending the thanks of Congress and appropriating $1000 for a medal to Captain Arthur H. Rostron, of the Carpathia, and also a vote of thanks to the Carpathia's crew. The resolution was introduced by Senator Smith. It was adopted immediately.

The report itself, which was presented by Senator Smith just before he delivered his speech, names no particular person as being responsible for the wreck, but is largely a review of evidence and contains many recommendations.

Attention is called to the fact that on the day of the disaster three distinct warnings of ice were sent to Captain Smith. J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star line, is not held responsible for the ship's high speed. In fact, he is barely mentioned in the report.

Committee Agrees on Conclusions.

The committe is agreed upon these principal conclusions:

The supposedly water-tight compartments of the Titanic were not water-tight, because of the non-water-tight condition of the decks where the transverse bulkheads ended.

The Californian, controlled by the same concern as the Titanic, was nearer the Titanic than the 19 miles reported by her captain and her officers and crew "saw the distress signals of the Titanic and failed to respond in accordance with the dictates of humanity, international usage and the requirements of law."

The committee concludes that the Californian might have saved all the lost passengers and crew of the ship that went down.

The mysterious lights on an unknown ship seen by the passengers on the Titanic undoubtedly were on the Californian, less than 19 miles away.

The full capacity of the Titanic's lifeboats was not utilized, because while only 706 passengers were saved, the ship's boats could have carried 1176.

No Systematic Warning Given.

No general alarm was sounded, no whistle blown and no systematic warning was given to the endangered passengers, and it was 15 or 20 minutes after the collision before Captain Smith ordered the Titanic's wireless operator to send out a distress message.

The Titanic's crew was only meagerly acquainted with its positions and duties in case of accident and only one drill was held before the maiden trip. Many of the crew joined the ship only a few hours before she sailed and were in ignorance of their positions until the following Friday.

Before the Titanic departed on her maiden voyage there were no sufficient tests of boilers, bulkheads, equipment or signal devices.

Officers and crew were strangers to each other and not familiar with the ship's implements or tools, and no drill or station practice took place and no helpful discipline prevailed.

The speed of the Titanic was 24½ miles an hour at the time of the accident, although officers of the Titanic had been advised of the presence of icebergs by the Baltic, Amerika and Californian.

Boats' Full Duty Not Done.

Of the 1324 passengers and 899 members of the crew on board, there was room in lifeboats for only 1176 persons, and because of lack of orderly discipline the boats took off only 704 persons, 12 being rescued from the water.

Officers of the White Star Line "battled with the truth" after receiving information from their Montreal office on the Monday morning following the accident.

"Ice positions so definitely reported to the Titanic," says the report, "just preceding the accident located ice on both sides of the lane in which she was traveling. No discussion took place among the officers; no conference was called to consider these warnings; no heed was given to them. The speed of the vessel was not relaxed, the lookout was not increased."

The committee does not believe the wireless operator on the Carpathia was duly vigilant in handling his messages after the accident and declared the practice of allowing wireless operators to sell their stories should be stopped.

It is recommended that all ships carrying more than 100 passengers have two searchlights; that a revision be made of steamship inspection laws of foreign countries to the standard proposed in the United States; that every ship be required to carry sufficient lifeboats for all passengers and crews; that the use of wireless be regulated to prevent its use by amateurs, and that all ships have a wireless operator on duty constantly.

Californian Is Scored.

The committee concludes that the Titanic's lights were visible to the Californian before she struck the iceberg and the Californian must have seen the distress rockets fired from the bridge of the Titanic. The report says:

"The committee is forced to the inevitable conclusion that the Californian, controlled by the same company, was nearer the Titanic than the 19 miles reported by her captain, and that her officers and crew saw the distress signals of the Titanic and failed to respond to them, in accordance with the dictates of humanity, international usage and the requirements of law. The only reply to the distress signals was a counter signal from a large white light which was flashed for nearly two hours from the mast of the Californian. In our opinion, such conduct, whether arising from indifference or gross carelessness, is most reprehensible, and places on the commander of the Californian a grave responsibility.

"The wireless operator of the Californian was not aroused until 3:30 A. M., New York time, on the morning of the 15th, after considerable coversation between officers and members of the crew had taken place aboard the ship regarding these distress signals or rockets, and was directed by the chief officer to see if there was anything the matter, as a ship had been firing rockets during the night. The inquiry thus set on foot at once disclosed the fact that the Titanic had sunk. Had assistance been promptly proffered or had the wireless operator of the Californian remained a few minutes longer at his post on Sunday evening, that ship might have had the proud distinction of saving the lives of the passengers and crew of the Titanic.

More Might Have Been Saved.

The committee believes many more lives could have been saved had the survivors been concentrated in a few lifeboats and had the boats thus released returned to the wreckage for others.

The committee deems the course followed by Captain Rostron, of the Carpathia, as deserving of the highest praise and worthy of especial recognition. His detailed instructions issued in anticipation of the rescue of the Titanic were a "marvel of systematic preparations and completeness, evincing such solicitude as calls for the highest commendation."

In his speech, presenting the report, Senator Smith had this to say of Captain Smith:

"Captain Smith knew the sea, and his clear eye and steady hand had often guided his ship through dangerous paths; for 40 years storms sought in vain to vex him or menace his craft. His indifference to danger was one of the direct and contributing causes of this unnecessary tragedy, while his own willingness to die was the expiating evidence of his fitness to live. Those of us who knew him well—not in anger, but in sorrow—file one specific charge against him, overconfidence and neglect to heed the oft-repeated warnings of his friends; but in his horrible dismay, when his brain was afire with honest retribution, we can still see, in his manly bearing and his tender solicitude for the safety of women and little children, some traces of his lofty spirit.

"Failure of Captain Lord to arouse the wireless operator on his ship, who easily could have ascertained the name of the vessel in distress and reached her in time to avert loss of life," said Senator Smith, "places a tremendous responsibility upon this officer, from which it will be difficult for him to escape."

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON GRADUATES TO TEACH IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

Above—Miss Emma L. Belat, Miss Birdie Wise. Below—Miss Grace Adams, C. P. Shangle.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 28.—(Special.)—During the past week the appointment committee at the university has secured teaching positions for six additional university students, four of whom are members of the 1912 graduating class.

C. Paine Shangle, '10, of Milton, has been elected principal of the high school at Richland, Or., at a salary of $125 a month. After his graduation at the University of Oregon, Shangle accepted a scholarship at the University of Wisconsin. His master's degree at that institution was granted on the same thesis that he had prepared at this university for his A. B. degree.

Miss Emma L. Belat, '11, of The Dalles, will next year teach English and German in the Bandon High School; Miss Birdie Wise will occupy the chair of mathematics in the high school at Astoria, her home city; Miss Imogene McKown, of Eugene, will be instructor of German in the Eugene High School; Miss Grace Adams, of Eugene, will serve as assistant principal of the high school at Clatskanine, where she will teach German and history, and Roy O. Fitch, of Sherwood, has been engaged as instructor of science at the Portland Y. M. C. A.

LEBANON FOLK GRADUATE

Commencement Address to Be Delivered by Dr. Dyott, of Portland.

LEBANON, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—The commencement exercises of the high school are being held this week, which began with the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night by Rev. F. H. Geselbrecht, of Albany. The senior class exercises were held tonight and the commencement address will be given tomorrow night by Dr. Dyott, of Portland. While the enrollment in the high school this year in the four grades was large there are only six to reach graduation, which is the smallest class for several years.

Nearly all the old teachers have been re-elected. One or two of the women instructors have not applied for a position for next year, and these probably will retire from the profession before the opening of school for another year.

Centralia Ad Club Organized.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 28.—(Special.)—The Centralia Ad Club held a meeting yesterday and perfected a programme for the entertainment of the Tacoma Ad Club in this city Friday. The programme includes a big banquet Friday night, at which the officers of the Centralia Commercial Club, the Chehalis Citizens' Club and the Southwest Washington Development Association, Mayor Thompson, of Centralia; Mayor Coleman, of Chehalis, and others will be the guests of the Tacoma Ad Club.

Newport Boy Saves Youngster.

NEWPORT, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—Alexander Arcson, a 5-year-old youngster, had a close escape from drowning yesterday. He fell off Lee Williams' wharf into the main channel. After he had sunk for the second time, John Kirkpatrick, a 16-year-old boy, jumped in after him. That the youngster is alive today is due to the courage and presence of mind of the Kirkpatrick lad.

KILLING IS PROBED

Gebhardt Fires Shot After He Is Attacked, Says Wife.

VICTIM MAKES STATEMENT

Robert Lindley Just Before His Death Admits He Started Altercation Which Led to Fatal Shooting.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—The evidence secured today at Coroner Wilson's inquiry into the killing of Robert Lindley by August Gebhardt, indicated that the prisoner shot in self-defense. The jury returned a verdict that "deceased came to his death from the effect of a gunshot wound inflicted upon him by one August Gebhardt."

The evidence showed that the scuffle in which Lindley was shot took place Sunday night at the home of Gebhardt. Lindley was employed by his slayer as a farmhand. Several neighbors were at the home in the afternoon and beer from a keg was served. The shooting was after the departure of the guests.

Revolver Causes Quarrel.

Mrs. Gebhardt said her husband went to the front gate with the last guest to leave. She and Lindley were standing in the front door. As Gebhardt approached them Lindley said something about Gebhardt having a revolver in his hip pocket. Gebhardt replied that he had a right to the gun and a quarrel ensued. The witness said that Lindley knocked her husband down and kicked him and afterward struck her several times in the face. She called attention to several bruises on her face to sustain her contention. Gebhardt also has bruises on the face. The witness said that when her husband regained his feet the shot was fired and Lindley fell.

Dr. H. S. Mount testified that the bullet pierced the man's heart, but that he lived 19 hours after being wounded. The physician said Lindley, just before his death, admitted that he started the trouble.

Lindley Young Man.

Other witnesses were: Ryan De Neul, road supervisor, and Harry Gebhardt, the 17-year-old son of the defendant. Gilbert L. Hedges transcribed the testimony and examined witnesses for the Coroner, and George C. Brownell and Gordon E. Hayes represented the defendant. Deputy District Attorney Stipp appeared for the state.

The Gebhardt home is eight miles west of Oregon City in the Stafford neighborhood. Lindley was 24 years old and had worked for his slayer since April 1. James Tracey, E. P. Elliott, T. J. Myers, H. W. Trembath, M. E. Dunn and F. W. Greenman composed the jury.

OFFICERS ARE INDICTED

SECOND CHARGES AGAINST TWO CREAMERYMEN MADE.

Defendants Who Escaped First Because of Defective Bill May Plead Previous Jeopardy.

L. Mikkelsen and Otto Eberle, officers of the Crescent Creamery Company who escaped prosecution in Judge Gatens' court last week because of a defective indictment, again were indicted yesterday. They are accused of taking out of the county and selling eight horses and a wagon on which they had given a mortgage. The case was resubmitted to the grand jury by Judge Gatens after a trial jury had been empanelled and one witness called. It is anticipated that the defendants may now seek to escape by pleading previous jeopardy.

W. E. Filley and E. P. Moore, the two young men who are charged with having held up and robbed Mrs. M. J. Walker, proprietress of the Occidental Hotel, were indicted for assault, being armed with dangerous weapons. They are alleged to have taken $12.37 and a gold ring from the woman.

Hansen L. Morse, aged 21, who twice was arrested for questionable relations with Irene Walker, aged 17, was indicted on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The girl has been sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd by Judge Gatens of the Juvenile Court.

BAR TEST TAKEN BY 77

Chamber of Representatives Crowded With Law Students.

SALEM, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—Seventy-seven law students took the bar examinations today. In order to accommodate the large number, extra chairs and tables had to be added to the Chamber of Representatives, where the students assembled.

Those taking the examinations were the following:

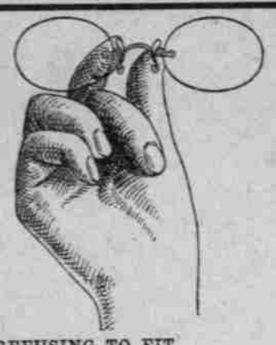
Joseph A. Benjamin, Arthur Berridge, A. H. Burton, James R. Bain, John H. Barbour, Daniel D. Bump, F. L. Brown, J. J. Brownson, Jr., G. A. Cobb, E. J. Chapman, G. A. Cedding, Herbert Alfred Cooke, Harry E. Coleman, Eugene A. Dueber, Merton R. DeLong, William Alexander Ekwall, Paul C. Fischer, Valentine A. Fryer, Jr., Ross Farnham, J. V. A. Farnell, Joseph L. Gould, T. Walter Gillard, Karl Herbring, Cicero F. Hogan, C. J. Hayes, John A. Hadallen, Ray Aubrey Hall, George F. Hopkins, Jr., F. C. Hunt, George A. Johnston, J. Burton Killough, Frank A. Keefover, Frank H. Layman, George M. McBride, M. John McNulty, Paul Mahoney, Mario G. Montreszal, David Nicoll Mackay, A. E. Mackenzie, Albert N. Minton, Edgar L. Martin, Bert W. Macy, W. A. Morey, Edward L. Moses, Peter Herbert Murdoch, Robert N. Munly, Adam J. Miehler, P. E. Newell, C. W. Nayres, Earl Ashby Nott, H. F. Ong, F. N. O'Connor, Everett S. Pechin, C. W. Platt, Elmer E. Pettingill, F. M. Phelps, J. J. Roberts, W. W. Robbins, Harold DeWitt Roberts, George M. Schaefer, William J. Staples, Ward Lee Smith, Joseph Oren Stearns, Jr., Dora W. Stone, Reginald H. Stone, J. N. Sievers, John R. Turner, Don H. Upjohn, Frank Van Hoomissen, William H. Witt, Ben F. Wagner, Glenn Y. Wells, Robert C. Wygant, George Thayer Wilson, Erskine Wood, Carl J. Wangerien, Ralph Christian Zimmerman.

LIQUOR DEALERS' MEETING

Officers of Association Re-elected at Astoria Convention.

ASTORIA, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—The Oregon State Liquor Dealers' Association held its annual convention today, and the principal portion of the session was devoted to hearing the reports of the various committees and the re-election of all the officers as follows: Frank Hoffman, of Portland, president; Frank J. Schneidnagel, of Astoria, vice-president; C. D. Elder, of Portland, secretary; A. G. Magers, of Salem, treasurer.

This afternoon the visiting delegates were taken on a trip to the lower harbor to witness the seining operations at Desdemona sands and to view the work at the jetty.



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ROSEBURG MAN IN TOILS

Robert Connor, Former Court Bailiff, Accused of Selling Liquor.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—Robert Connor, once bailiff of the Circuit Court here, and for the past two years proprietor of a soft drink emporium, was arrested here late today, accused of violating the local option laws. Connor's arrest was brought about through the efforts of two Portland detectives who are alleged to have purchased a pint flask of whisky in his establishment.

Jesse Tapp, accused of burglarizing Bridges Bros.' store at Oakland, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to a term of one year in the penitentiary. Sentence was suspended by Judge Hamilton during the prisoner's good bhavior. Tapp is but 19 years old and resides at Oakland.

Others arraigned in the Circuit Court today were Bert Wigham, accused of gambling, and W. E. Davis, accused of burglary. The grand jury is said to be investigating a number of local option violations and indictments are expected shortly.

STATE RIGHTS OF RIVER UP

Idaho and Nevada Companies "War" Over Use of Waters.

BOISE, Idaho, May 28.—(Special.)—The right to the water of the Salmon River, which has its source on the Idaho-Nevada divide, but which flows north in Idaho, is involved in a suit instituted in the Federal Court here today by the Twin Falls Land & Water Company, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and the Vineyard Land & Stock Company, of Nevada.

The Twin Falls company has its irrigation project surrounding Twin Falls. The Vineyard company's project is at Elko, Nev. The former company diverts the water into Idaho, and the latter takes water from the same river into Nevada.

The Twin Falls company asks for an injunction restraining the Nevada company from using the water of the stream.

Fish Warden Arrests Astoria Boy.

ASTORIA, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—Robert Johnson, of Uppertown, was arrested last night by Deputy Fish Warden Gor on a charge of fishing for salmon without a state license. He was arraigned in the Justice Court this morning and held to await the action of the Circuit Court grand jury. Johnson admitted his guilt and in explanation said that he had no money to pay for a license.

Road Asks Change of Courts.

SALEM, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—The Oregon Short Line has filed a petition and bond in the Circuit Court here, asking for the removal of its case from the Circuit Court of Marion County to the Federal Court at Portland. The company wishes its case tried in the Federal Court on the ground that it is a Utah corporation. The suit was brought in behalf of the Railroad Commission to recover $22,000. This sum is claimed on the grounds that the company refused to file its reports at the request of the Railroad Commission, and a penalty of $100 a day is asked for every day the company failed to file such reports.

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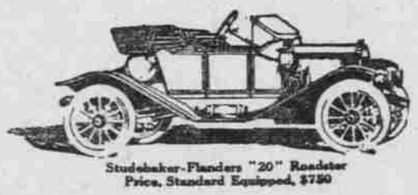
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