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TITANIC INVESTIGATION REPORT MADE TO CONGRESS TODAY

Captain of Steamship Californian Censured for Not Responding to Calls.

Carpathia's Captain is Honored by Senate

Officers of Ill-Fated Ship Criticized for Not Heeding Warnings.

HONOR CAPT. ROSTRON (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—The Senate passed a joint resolution extending the thanks of Congress and appropriating \$1000 for a medal for Captain Arthur H. Rostron of the Carpathia. They also gave a vote of thanks to the Carpathia's crew.

Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Just before delivering his speech on the Titanic Senator Smith, chairman of the sub-committee which investigated the wreck, submitted to the committee's report and its conclusions. The report is largely a review of the evidence and contains recommendations for legislation.

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SMITH TALKS ON DISASTER

Michigan Senator In Speech Gives Details of Titanic Investigation.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—Blame for the Titanic disaster is chargeable directly to the failure of the dead Captain Smith to heed repeated warnings of icebergs ahead, but responsibility for unnecessary loss of life must be shared by Capt. Lord of the steamship Californian, through his disregard of distress signals.

This is the finding of the Senate committee which investigated the sinking of the Titanic, as prepared in a comprehensive speech delivered by William Alden Smith, of Michigan, chairman of the committee.

Senator Smith declared that responsibility also rests upon the British Board of Trade, "to whose laxity of regulation, and hasty inspection, the world is largely indebted for the awful fatality." In denouncing Captain Lord, of the Californian, the Senator said the Titanic's distress signals were plainly seen from the deck of his vessel a short distance away.

America will leave to England the chastisement of those guilty, asserted the Senator, and he quoted British law to show that Captain Lord might be prosecuted for a misdemeanor.

Other conclusions presented, in brief, were as follows: 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 24 1/2 miles an hour at time of the accident, although officers of the Titanic had been advised of the presence of icebergs by the steamships Baltic, Amerika and Californian.

Passengers were not advised of danger, although President Ismay of the White Star Line, who was taking the vessel's maiden voyage, was informed. No general alarm was given nor any organized system of safety undertaken.

Of the 1324 passengers and 899 members of the crew on board, there was room in lifeboats for only 1173 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 Monday morning following the accident.

Senator Smith condemned "antiquated shipping laws and obsolete administrative boards" and asked that all nations act together in shipping reforms. "New laws," he said, "will best testify our affection for the dead."

Capt. Rostron, of the rescue ship Carpathia, was praised by Senator Smith and he urged that Congress recognize his valor.

Senator Smith reviewed the testimony of Capt. Lord, showing that the Californian came within four miles of the doomed vessel and that he went to his room to lie down while signal rockets were being fired.

"Failure of Capt. 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, "was almost criminal."

"Contrast, if you will, the conduct of the captain of the Carpathia in this emergency and imagine what must have been the consolation of that thoughtful and sympathetic mariner, who rescued the shipwrecked and left the people of the world his debt as his ship sailed for distant seas a few days ago. By his utter self-effacement and his own indifference to peril by his promptness and his knightly sympathy, he rendered a great service to humanity. He should be made to realize the debt of gratitude this Nation owes to him, while the book of good deeds, which has so often been familiar with his unaffected valor, should henceforth carry the name of Capt. Rostron to the remotest period of time."

"But ten per cent of the men before the mast in our merchant marine are natives or 'Even Eng-Americans,'" he said. "Even Eng-Americans," that 20 years ago had barely 7000 Orientals on her merchant ships, now carries over 70,000 of that alien race. Americans must re-enlist in this service, they must become the

BIG VOTE CAST IN NEW JERSEY

President Taft Continued Campaign Until Polls Opened This Morning—Roosevelt Goes Home.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

NEWARK, N. J., May 28.—More than half a million voters in New Jersey are registering their votes for preference in the presidential nominations at the Chicago and Baltimore conventions today. Roosevelt went home to Oyster Bay last night and will stay there until after the republican convention except for a trip to Gettysburg, Pa., Thursday for a Memorial Day address. Taft, however, remained over to address the voters at Atlantic City, concluding his speech just before the polls opened. He made his last appeal to the voters at Glassboro at noon. Fine weather prevailed. All candidates are "confident."

WILSON WINS MINNESOTA

New Jersey Man Has Big Lead in Democratic Primaries.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 28.—Returns today show that Woodrow Wilson was endorsed at the democratic caucuses held yesterday in a majority of the counties in Minnesota. On the fact of the returns Wilson has 662 instructed delegates, Clark 193 and Bryan 37 and 66 are uninstructed.

CALL ROOSEVELT MEETING

Central States' Delegates to Unite to Forward his Candidacy.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, May 28.—Illinois delegates instructed for Colonel Roosevelt were invited today to visit Oyster Bay Saturday. The object of the meeting of the Roosevelt leaders is declared to be to discuss plans for concerted action by the central states delegates in advancing the candidacy of Roosevelt.

PLAN FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Decide On Three Days' Celebration of Fourth of July in Marshfield.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last evening, preliminary plans for a three days' celebration of the Fourth of July were made. The celebration will open Tuesday, July 2, and continue until Thursday night, July 4. General plans for features of the celebration were discussed but most of the attractions were left to a general committee to arrange for.

In order to insure the success of the celebration, it was decided that at least \$1,500 would be required. A. J. Mendel and George Rotnor were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions from local business to defray this expense. They will begin the canvass at once and hope to have the entire amount subscribed by next Thursday evening when another general meeting will be called to discuss the celebration.

It was decided to have racing attractions for the first two days of the celebrations, July 2 and 3. F. P. Norton stated that Myrtle Point was arranging for races July 4 and 5 and that it would be difficult to get horses for two race meets in the county at the same time. However, it was the general opinion that there would be sufficient other attractions for the Fourth of July to provide amusements for the crowd and consequently that races on the first two would be ample. Purses amounting to about \$800 will be offered for the two days' racing but of this amount only about \$300 will have to be raised, the balance coming from gate receipts and entry money.

In general, it was decided that last year's celebration, which proved such a big success, will be duplicated as nearly as possible.

A. H. Powers was selected to take charge of the log rolling and tug of war which proved such big features a year ago.

A new feature will be a drill and May-pole dance by several hundred Marshfield children. Prof. Beggs has agreed to drill the children for this feature.

A water parade, boat races and an auto parade were other features suggested. However, these will be determined by the general committee appointed to take charge of it.

The general committee named last evening is composed of D. C. Green, F. E. Hague, E. K. Jones, Warner Ogden, Hugh McLain, A. H. Powers, Dr. J. T. McCormac, Jay B. Tower, F. P. Norton and F. E. Wilson.

M. C. Maloney was selected to take charge of the advertising of the celebration.

The general committee will meet Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce to discuss attractions for the celebration and on Thursday night, a general meeting will be held to discuss the matter.

It was the opinion of those present last evening that fire-works should be dispensed with. The matter of securing a flying machine may be taken up by the committee.

soldiers of the sea, and, whether in the lookout, on the deck or at the wheel, whether able or common seamen they should be better paid for their labor and more highly honored in their calling; their work carefully performed; harsh and severe restraining statutes must be repealed, and a new dignity given this important field of labor."

PROF. RAYMOND is supplying orchestra music in addition to the regular bill at the Royal tonight.

A Good Place to Trade is Haines.

PINHEADS HURT CHRISTIANITY

Former Portland Minister Says Narrow-Mindedness is Worst Drawback.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

DES MOINES, Ia., May 27.—That the churches of today are hindered by little, narrow-minded Christians more than by open wickedness was the declaration of Rev. Dr. James Whitmore Brougher of Los Angeles, formerly of Portland, Oregon, before the Northern Baptist convention today.

Harry Bond, of Brattleboro, Vt., was chosen president of the Northern Baptist convention here. He is director of the largest radiator company in America.

ALL QUIET IN LONDON STRIKE

Large Number of Transport Men Respond to Appeal for Sympathetic Strike.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, May 28.—Everything is quiet in connection with the strike of dockmen. "Peaceful picketing," allowed by law, is proceeding. Large numbers of men employed in transport work are responding to appeals of their striking comrades to join them.

NO NEWS YET OF CONTRACTS

MacArthur, Perks Co. Have Not Made Awards—Terminal Conference.

No news has yet been received concerning the award of sub-contracts on the balance of the Coos Bay-Eugene line by the MacArthur, Perks Co. and the supposition is that the bids were probably higher than were expected and that the MacArthur, Perks Co. is now figuring on doing the bulk of it themselves.

The construction in North Bend which the Southern Pacific started the other day has been discontinued, merely two blocks of track being laid for the purpose of taking possession of the franchise. The construction of the lines within North Bend is included in the general contract which the MacArthur, Perks Co. holds.

L. J. Simpson left Sunday on the A. M. Simpson for San Francisco and it is understood that the object of his trip was to attend a conference of C. A. Smith, W. S. Chandler and Southern Pacific officials relative to the negotiations between the Southern Pacific and the Terminal Railway. C. J. Millis reached San Francisco yesterday morning and it is presumed that the conference will be held today or tomorrow.

Until something definite has been done relative to right of way through Marshfield, it is understood that no definite action will be taken relative to the location of the shops and ter-

UNITED STATES PREPARED TO SEND TROOPS TO CUBA NOW

MANY KILLED IN OKLAHOMA

Town of Skiatook Destroyed by Storm Early Today—Particulars Lacking.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TULSA, Ok., May 28.—Telephone advices received here from a point near Skiatook, fifteen miles north, say that town was practically wiped out by a storm early today. Three are known to have been killed and many are reported injured. All the wires are down and details are not obtainable until news is received from a relief party which has gone to the rescue.

EIGHTY KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Many Others Injured in Disaster in Moving Picture Show in Spain.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

CASTELLON de la PLANA, Spain, May 28.—An explosion of a moving picture machine last night caused the death of eighty persons and many others in a theatre fire which followed. Many of the injured will die.

GRAY IS GIVEN HILL'S PLACE

Portland Man Formally Elected President of Great Northern Today.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 28.—Directors of the Great Northern yesterday appointed Carl S. Gray, until recently head of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway and the Hill lines in Oregon, president of the Great Northern and retired L. W. Hill from that position. Gray's duties will begin at once.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 28.—Joseph H. Young, recently appointed to succeed Carl R. Gray as president of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle and Hill lines in Oregon actively assumed his duties last week.

NOTED AVIATOR IS EXPECTED TO DIE

DAYTON, Ohio, May 28.—Willbur Wright is slowly sinking and physicians say he cannot live longer than a few hours. His family has abandoned all hope.

NO NOTED CASES

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, May 28.—None of the anti-trust or interstate commerce cases of note were decided Monday by the United States supreme court.

Mr. Millis has the offer of Major Kinney and others under consideration and probably will take it up with Messrs. Calvin and Spruill at San Francisco this week. Rumors that have been started about a location for these have been current but it is stated on reliable authority that no decision has been reached about these locations.

One of the largest warehouses which the Southern Pacific will build on the Bay will be located near the present railroad docks. General plans for this have already been made, Capt. Magcenn of the Breakwater having been consulted about it some time ago.

\$1.35 gets a good sack of flour at HAINES'. BAND DANCE—EAGLES' HALL, Saturday night, June 1. Don't miss it.

MARINES REACH CUBA

Transport Prairie Reaches Island with Large Force.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

CAIMENERA, Cuba, May 28.—The transport Prairie arrived here early today, bringing 775 men of the United States marine corps.

PLANTATION IS BURNED

Cuban Rebels Destroy Large Amount of Property.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

SANTIAGO, May 28.—A body of insurgents today burned eight thousand tons of sugar cane and many cars and other property on the plantation of Marcos Sanchez in the vicinity of Guantanamo and belonging to the American Fidelity company.

MOB IS FORCED TO WALK HOME

Texans Seeking to Avenge Assault on White Woman Fail in Effort.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASCO, Tex., May 28.—Telephone messages from Axtell, ten miles east of Wasco, say members of the Tyler party who left for Wasco Saturday night to find George Brice, a negro implicated in the attack on Miss Carrie Johnson, are walking home as the St. Louis Southern officials refused to let them ride free. By the time the mob had arrived at Wasco, Brice had been taken to Rusk penitentiary. Dan Davis, a negro who confessed to the attack on Miss Johnson, was burned at the stake by a mob at Tyler Saturday night. Axtell is 103 miles from Tyler.

ALLIANCE OUT THIS MORNING

Steamer Sails for Eureka With Many—Will Return Here Friday.

The Alliance sailed this morning for Eureka. She had quite a list of through passengers from Portland and a big cargo of through freight.

She is scheduled to return here early Friday morning and will sail the same day for Portland.

Among those sailing on her for Eureka from here were the following: A. Syringa, Wm. Laurin, E. Hoski, Alex Saari, Fred Jarvis, Matt Galac, P. J. Varney, Mrs. P. J. Varney, Mrs. Julia McCoy and A. C. Petersou.

See EDGINGTON and take out that OLD LINE POLICY you have been intending to take out for so many years. Get the Do-it-now habit. Others are taking them each day. Remember Edgington with I. B. Kaufman & Co., 177 Front street Marshfield.

An unfiled want causes unhappiness—Times Want Ads bring results.

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