

THE TITANIC DISASTER.

Recent Catastrophe Presents Many Perplexing Questions.

What word has been coined to express its awful horror? I have heard the cannons roar, shells scream, solid shot hum, minnie balls zip, have seen 1,000 lives snuffed out in an hour; but the horror, tragedy, of a scene like this? What word can encompass the fate of so many lives and dollars gone in ten minutes? Will the investigators show who is to blame, whose inefficiency caused the slaughter, unparalleled in merchant marine? The dead are dead. Does that end all? Not there is a time coming for a "dead reckoning." Those recovered have been buried. Is that all? Should there be more? That disaster shook the financial earth, the social earth, and the nations of earth. Were the owners responsible? Who are they, and how did they incur responsibility? Was it the man on the bridge? His pistol closed his mouth. Did he purposely hold his course, and at full speed, to beat time, like a speed maniac? Does England control the corporation, or did all right to control pass to the company when the charter was signed; or does a corporation own the powers that gave it being? Where is he who is to blame for such murderous work?

The calamity was unique and stands like Mt. Shasta, alone, for us to gaze at. The sympathetic heart of earth is wrung with sorrow for the dead and compassion for the living. For weeks, reporters and papers have done their best to give us the details of that awful scene, but have we not a right to know the truth of it? The wires on earth and wireless have been kept hot to tell it, and yet the question is, Did they tell the truth? Did the agent hold back the news for hours? As we look back to this scene of horror we fail to see the why of it all.

What has the committee brought to light, as to cause and responsibility? All the true-hearted of earth are waiting for an answer. Are the powers of earth afraid to let the people know all the truth? Where only one has died by accident or murder, we get all the details from red headlines to "black sticks." What will national law have to say about this stupendous blunder? The owners, maybe, own railroads, news agencies and papers. If the hundreds had died where "war is hell" it would have been glory; but if by club, dagger or poison, we would set the state to work to hunt down the criminal. But who in a corporation is a criminal? That old word murderer, "how it sticks to one on whom it has been thrown!" It is as bad as a cockle burr in a sheep's tail. Can you charge a corporation with that awful crime and make good? Then who is to be judge and executioner? How about those good Christians who own stock in such a murder mill? Can Jesus save them? To say, only manslaughter, is coarse and grates on our tympanum, when we think of these hundreds of water-soaked, shark-eaten bodies and blurred, sightless eyes, giving ghostly, horrible suggestions to corporate owners. Can you say homicide? Why, 'tis but little better than his father, murder. Why not say God was to blame for letting the iceberg get in the way, and say no more about it. We can't bring him into court, convict and hang him. Of the wayfarer killed by lightning a jury says, "Perished by the set of God." It would be nearer the truth to say "Satan," for he is the "prince of the power of the air," the "prince of this world." An hundred years ago the race was not responsible if it let people live. How we try to compel them to live, and put up or slay those who interfere with our "law of life." Get a lesson from this "unsinkable," terrible calamity. God made the law that creates icebergs, and the currents that carry them to mid-Atlantic. Man's toy runs foul of one, and two regiments are gone. Here we are, at the fountain head. Let's see. How about the human side? Man's greed for biggest ship, quick time and dollars ran a berg, and then—millions of tons of power and resistance collide, then a grave two miles deep. Nay, it was not God's act, but man's. Who? The ship owners, crew and quick-time passengers. You, more! All people of all lands who are in a panic, crying "Speed, speed, speed." All these are to blame for the lives gone from earth, till judgment day. Here, in the craze for speed, we got the "contributory negligence" of officers and passengers come in? I have heard old sailors say that an iceberg would echo the sound of fog-horn or whistle three to ten miles. Did the "unsinkable" have a horn or whistle? Were they used? Who knows?

Again I ask for a word, now if you please, to designate corporate collective murder, for which a corporation is guilty as a whole, for the crime can't be made to stick on one poor degenerate, for the company had "tried men of years of experience" to man the monster murderer. In Moses' time they found a scapegoat, and either cut his throat or drove him into the wilderness. Did our senate committee find the proper goat, or did they dare to say "the best of the corporation," who left the ship in a lifeboat while better, nobler men died that a child might live, is he who is guilty of murder, manslaughter, homicide? These are ugly words to fasten onto a 100,000,000 man, or thing in human form. An engine driver after twenty hours of steady running falls asleep, passes the place to switch off for a train, then crash in a head-end collision. He is killed, so are some of the travelers. On his part it was "criminal carelessness." Dares we say as much of the employer who required the time beyond the limit of endurance to flesh and brawn? The hundred lives snuffed out in a mine that could have been made safe for years for \$1,000 to \$5,000. Proprietors, boss and workmen knew it

was not safe. Now, who is to blame for those 100 murders? A jury can say "Neglect of the boss caused it." Dare they say that of the wealthy owner? Nay, verily.

Anyone who kills a baby is a murderer of deepest, blackest dye. But how about the man who owned the fire-trap in New York where 145 women left earth on a fiery chariot? Did lawyers, judge and jurymen say he was a murderer? To ask the question is to raise a smile at least. Gross negligence is malice aforethought. A rioter is a murderer. He who starts a war and sets men to wholesale murder is called a patriot.

Can't might be his brother's keeper while alive, but, "Lord, he is dead. I do not know where he is now. How can I keep him?" Now, we hold someone responsible if others die. Science keeps strict book account. In a home a fair girl sickens and dies. It's no use to say, "The Lord gave and he took away." Science shows the filth of cellar, yard and barn, and says "Murderer." So it comes home to all of us who help make laws that I am a man-slayer if by my carelessness, if no worse, someone or more die.

This out of this latter may come the most of life, and from this strong may come the sweet of a purer, nobler life.

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PREPARATIONS COMPLETE.

Roosevelt Men Ready for Contest Hearings June 6.

Chicago.—Ormsby McHarg, who has charge of the Roosevelt contest delegates, declared that his preparations were practically complete for the contest committee hearings, which are to begin June 6. He asserted that regardless of the outcome of the delegate contest, Col. Roosevelt would be the republican nominee.

"There will be about 260 contests," said McHarg, "and we expect to win at least a majority of them for Colonel Roosevelt, although he can be nominated without winning a contest. President Taft knows this and has known it for weeks. Colonel Roosevelt is the only republican who can be elected."

McHarg declared that he expected to win the contests on the Indiana delegates-at-large, where the attack is aimed at Colonel Harry S. New, chairman of the sub-committee on arrangements for the committee, and also the Missouri delegates-at-large. Credentials from 960 of 1,076 delegates to the republican national convention have been received by Secretary Hayward of the national committee. In the list are the names of two women delegates-at-large elected in the California direct primary—Mrs. Florence Collins Porter and Mrs. Isabella W. Blaney.

Notice of contests were received from the thirteenth congressional district of Indiana and from Florida. The Florida contest is the third received, and includes an entirely new set of delegates-at-large, and others from the first, second and third districts of the state.

BABE HAS THREE BODIES.

Surgeons Sacrifice Two to Save Normal One.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—The birth here of a child with one head and three bodies is said by physicians to be one of the greatest phenomena in the history of medical science. Two of the bodies, males, had arms, but were minus legs. These were joined together and both were attached to a 12-pound normal baby girl. To save the girl, surgeons severed the pipe which attached the males to the females and in so doing were compelled to remove a portion of the female child's tongue. The abnormal child were alive and breathing, taking air through the tube which connected with the normal child's mouth.

To save the normal baby the surgeons sacrificed the others. The operation was performed on the kitchen table in the home of the parents soon after birth. The physicians believe that the rescued child has three brains, in which event, they say, it will die of old age at 15 years. The child, now two days old, is fed by artificial means, but is thriving and the doctors believe that it will live.

The other bodies are to be sent to Johns Hopkins University.

UNION MUSICIANS BALK.

Will Not Appear in Elk Parade in Portland.

Omaha, Neb.—There will be no union musicians in the parade at the annual meeting of the Elks in Portland this year, if any military bands appear in it without escort. The annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians in Omaha passed a resolution that union musicians should not take part in that parade, and President Weber telegraphed the Portland local union in accordance with that action of the convention.

The musicians object to the presence in the Elks' parade of three military bands whose members are not union men, and unless these army bands are withdrawn no members of the musicians' union will be permitted to take part.

The musicians' convention has gone on record in the past as being opposed to competing with any band from an army post, but this is the first occasion upon which their objection has interfered with a parade of this class.

Moses Brinkerhoff, 87 years of age, who died at his home in Spokane May 26, after a sickness of three weeks, was the oldest railroad man in the United States in point of service.

Gray's Harbor, Wash., is due for a longshoremen's strike, according to recent reports.

Woman Suffrage Recruiting Station In a New York Park



Photo by American Press Association.

TAKING a leaf from the practice of the regular army, the New York suffragist leaders established "recruiting stations" in the parks, at which women—and men, too—were invited to register for participation in the "votes for women" demonstration of May 4. Wearing natty white costumes, with the distinguishing sash of the movement, the feminine recruiting sergeants took names and addresses when they could get them, made suffrage speeches and offered suffrage literature to the passersby, who often collected in crowds to view the novel sight. It is said that the regulars in charge of the army recruiting stations in the parks were jealous of the attention which the women campaigners attracted, and it is safe to say that the number of enlistments in the service of Uncle Sam was not greatly increased while Miss Columbia, a short distance away, was calling for volunteers in the fight for the ballot.

TRANSFERS OF REALTY COUNTY COURT REPORT

Deeds That Have Been Filed For Record In Jackson County Since Last Report.

Marrin & Bartley to Delbert Fehl, Delbert Fehl to Cora F. Wilson, 40 acres in twp. 37, range 1 E.—A. E. Reames to Frank Ennis, part of lot 8, block 7, Jacksonville.—Samuel C. Hall to Marie E. Hall, 160 acres in twp. 35, range 4 W.—Wm. Uilrich to S. H. Duffield, land in twp. 27, range 2 E.—W. S. Brann to Elk Lumber Co., 160 acres in twp. 32, 2 E.—Puri R. Bean to James E. Bayer, land in sec. 1, twp. 27, 3 W.—J. J. Fryer to estate of J. A. Jones et al., water right agreement.—Horace Peck to Albert Leonard, assignment of bond for deed.—U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. to Clarence Reames, power of attorney.—A. E. Reames et al. to U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co., revocation.—E. A. Ford to George L. Ford, lots 2, 3 and 4, block 47, Central Point.—George L. Ford to Francis M. Adams, lots 2, 3 and 4, block 46, Central Point.—United States to Cyriacus Combest, 160 acres in sec. 58, twp. 39, range 2 W.—T. C. Norris to A. B. Salling, mining property.—R. E. Dunlap to W. E. Hale, property in Fairview add. to Ashland.—C. W. Root to Laura A. Erb, lot 29, Hunsaker's add. to Ashland.—H. L. White to C. M. White, lots 34 and 35, blk. 2, Eureka add. to Ashland.

Grind of the Jackson County Court Mostly Routine Work for Last Week.

Married—May 27, 1912, at San Francisco, F. L. Larock of San Francisco to Miss Mary Emma Kasshafer of Jacksonville, Ore.

Protote—estate of W. J. D. Anderson, order appointing Amanda E. Anderson administratrix.—Estate of Martha Carter, order discharging administratrix; final account filed and approved.—Estate Edward C. Ireland, order appointing A. C. Abrams, H. C. Stockman and C. C. Pierce appraisers.—Estate M. A. Goff, order appointing A. C. Abrams, J. W. Dressler and C. C. Pierce appraisers.

New Cases—Gold Hill Bank vs. Gold Hill Mining Co., suit to foreclose mortgage.—J. S. McCullough vs. John Budgeon, action for money.

Garden Prizes.

Many of the gardens and ranches in this valley are producing fruit, nuts, vegetables, etc., in such variety that the family table can be supplied almost entirely with food of home production.

With a desire to stimulate interest in the cultivation of the home garden, the Tidings will give to subscribers two prizes of one dollar each for the best meal served from material of their own production.

One prize will be for a purely vegetarian dinner, using no meat. However, milk and eggs can be included in this meal, if desired.

The other prize will be for a regular meal, including meat, and anything home grown.

This prize will apply during the month of July, so all will have an opportunity from now on to do their best along the line of garden cultivation.

We will leave the verdict as to the quality of the meal to yourself and friends, only send us the menu as served.

Anyone desiring to enter this contest, please send us your name on a postcard.

In case other foods than your own growing are used, it should be so stated.

Here is an opportunity for ingenuity in substituting home-grown for outside material.

Carnival Sale!

Beginning Saturday, June 1st, and continuing during Carnival Week, we will make some

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Want Free Wheat.

Kansas City, Mo.—Plans for securing the importation of wheat from Canada without paying duty will be considered at a conference of nearly a thousand millers, under the auspices of the Millers' National Federation, which was commenced in Kansas City Tuesday and will continue three days. The mills believe there is some chance of getting congress to make such a provision, holding that it would be of great benefit to consumers and would materially aid in reducing the cost of living.

At present Canadian wheat can be brought into the United States free from duty under bond, providing that the flour made from it be sold only for export.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, May 21, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that George H. Grover, whose postoffice address is Weldon, Oregon, did, on the 25th day of May, 1911, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application No. 07236, to purchase the SW 1/4 Section 12, Township 38 S., Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the Act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory thereof, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised \$200.00, the timber estimated 620,000 board feet at 35 and 50 cents per M, and the land \$90.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 9th day of August, 1912, before E. D. Briggs, United States Commissioner, at Ashland, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

BENJAMIN F. JONES, Register. 2-101-Mon.

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