

### STEAMER IGNORED DISTRESS SIGNALS OF SINKING SHIP

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The caucus room was filled when the inquiry was resumed this afternoon. Managing Director Ismay and Vice President Franklin, and others in their party were forced to stand for several minutes before seats could be found for them. Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, chairman of the committee, was barely able to squeeze his way in.

Senator Smith announced that the foreign witnesses would be heard first so they could return to England without delay. This means that the surviving Titanic crew will testify before the other survivors are called.

Senator Smith denied that the foreign witnesses had protested to the British ambassador here because they were being held in America.

Scores of society women attended the Titanic inquiry, and in several instances fought for seats. A number of them brought their lunches so as not to miss a word of the testimony.

J. Bruce Ismay, director of the White Star line, was almost mobbed by curious women who swarmed about him as he was leaving the committee room.

Fourth Officer Boxhall declared that a steamer appeared within sight just as the Titanic was sinking. He said:

"A steamer was just ahead of us. We could see the lights plainly. It seemed to be coming to meet us. It appeared close enough to read the rocket signals I sent. We were using the Morse code. Some said she replied to our signals and rockets, but I could not tell."

Boxhall declared that every device was used to reach the distant vessel but that her lights slowly receded and the Titanic was left to her fate.

He said he and the operators tried to communicate with the vessel.

Boxhall then described the lowering of the lifeboats. He said the Titanic carried 14 lifeboats, two emergency boats and two collapsible boats. The lifeboats, he said, were supposed to carry 63 persons. He said the equipment of each boat included lamps, oil, masts, a sail and bread and water. This contradicts the testimony of survivors who declared there were no lights on the lifeboats.

Vice President Franklin was cross

### RAILROADS ASK FEDERAL AID

NEW YORK, April 22.—At a late hour this afternoon the railroad presidents still were in conference. The railroad heads attending the meeting included Presidents Brown of the New York Central, Underwood of the Erie, McCrea of the Pennsylvania, Thomas of the Lehigh Valley, Truesdale of the Delaware & Lackawanna, Baer of the Philadelphia & Reading, Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio and Mellen of the New York, New Haven & Hartford road.

It is understood that the president favors asking Judge Kapp of the commerce court and Labor Commissioner Neill to mediate concerning the differences.

Asked this afternoon when the strike would become effective, if called, Chief Stone of the engineers said:

"If we do not get action this afternoon our men will start home tonight. You can take it as official that if the men walk out every road east will be absolutely at a standstill by Wednesday at midnight."

"We are not now and have not been bluffing. If a strike is ordered every union engineer will be affected and we will be backed up by other brotherhoods."

### RAILROAD STRIKE WILL COME COME TO HEAD IN 36 HOURS

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pay when held at terminals. The railroads profess to be unable to meet these demands, asserting the public is clamoring for double tracking and the interlocking of switches and other safeguards.

A number of presidents of eastern railroads conferred today in the offices of President Brown of the New York Central road, taking from the tion of the engineers' grievances.

Commissioner of Labor Neill and Presiding Judge Knapp of the commerce court were in attendance.

examined this afternoon. He denied that the company had ever sought to break any speed records, asserting that the Titanic's power of speed was from three to four hours lower than that of the Lusitania, of the Cunard line. Franklin then read rules instructing the captains of the White Star line to take no chances.

### FRANKFURT TOO LATE FOR RESCUE

BREMEN, Germany, April 22.—The North German Lloyd head office here has issued the following statement from the captain of the Frankfurt regarding the charge that their steamer neglected to steam to the Titanic's assistance after she received the wireless call from the sinking liner: "Arrived at scene of Titanic disaster 10:50 Monday morning in response to wireless calls. It was too late. Saw Carpathia, Virginian and Birma. Frankfurt was 140 miles away when Titanic's call for assistance was received. Made all possible speed."

### GIRL OPENS BASEBALL SEASON AT TACOMA

TACOMA, Wn., April 22.—Setting a precedent in history, Miss Margaret Burns, a petite 18 year old girl, yesterday opened the Northwestern league here in the game with Vancouver and Tacoma by pitching the first ball. In fact, she pitched four of them and Demaggio, Vancouver's left fielder was duly called out by Umpire Van Haltren. She was loudly cheered and the applause was thunderous when Manager Mike Lynch presented her with a huge bouquet in the middle of the diamond.

### STEAMER CRETAN IS RAMMED BY IROQUOIS

BALTIMORE, Md., April 22.—The steamer Cretan of the Merchants and Miners line was rammed by the steamer Iroquois and badly damaged off Cape Hatteras today, according to a despatch received here from Norfolk. The passengers and crew escaped unhurt.

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—All the indictments against Richard (Dick) Ferris, charging violation of the neutrality laws between the United States and Mexico during the Mexican revolution of a year ago, were dismissed in the federal court here today on the motion of Assistant United States Attorney Dudley Robinson. Ferris was indicted following his election as president of the republic of Lower California at Tia Juana, Lower, California.

### WOLGAST PLANS TO MEET RVIERS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 22.—Lightweight Champion Ad Wolgast today announced his plans preliminary to his meeting with Mexican Joe Rivers at Vernon July 4.

"We leave tomorrow for Wheeler Springs," said Wolgast, speaking for himself and Manager Tom Jones. "Ten days outdoors will be enough. Then we will go to San Francisco, where I box four rounds with Willie Ritchie May 11. From there we will jump to St. Joseph, Mo., where I will take on some one as yet unnamed, for six rounds, thence to Cadillac, Mich., where I have some personal business to attend to, and return to Los Angeles to begin training for Rivers on June 1, as stated in the articles of agreement."

### SEATTLE IS THREATENED BY CHINESE TONG WAR

SEATTLE, Wash., April 22.—As a result of the arrest of Chin Quong, a Chinese clerk, the police today are investigating the probable outbreak of the tong war in this city which has been renewed in several cities in California.

When searched Quong had in his possession a revolver. He was booked for carrying concealed weapons.

Although the southern tongs are not represented here it is believed that some of the fighters may come up north to increase their activities.

### ITALIANS BUILD FORT DARDANELLES ENTRANCE

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 22.—The Italian fleet is reported today to be mobilizing in the Gulf of Saros. Land fortifications have been ordered erected close to the entrance to the Dardanelles.

### Douglas County Nominees.

For district attorney—George M. Brown, republican.

For state senator—George Neuner, Jr., republican.

For representative—B. F. Nichols, of Riddles, and J. T. Bridges, of Oakland, republicans.

For sheriff—George K. Quine, republican; B. Fenton, democrat.

For assessor—F. L. Calkins, republican.

For commissioner—E. H. Pinkston, of Oakland, democrat.

For constable, Roseburg—Ed. Singleton, democrat.

### RAIL TERMINALS MUST OBEY LAW

WASHINGTON, April 22.—That railroad terminal associations in large cities are amenable to the Sherman anti-trust law was decided here today by the United States supreme court, in its decision in the trust busting suit against the terminal railroad association of St. Louis, in which the court declared that combinations of railroads for the maintenance and operation of union stations are in restraint of commerce.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The students of the high school had the pleasure of listening to two very enjoyable addresses during the last week. The first one was by attorney H. H. De Armond, who took for his subject, "The Progress of Civil and Political Life." Mr. De Armond brought out very clearly some of the social and political problems that are confronting the American people today. The second address was given by Attorney B. R. McCabe, a most interesting and eloquent speaker. Mr. McCabe spoke in the French revolution, setting forth clearly its causes and the lessons to be drawn from it. This address was one of the best bits of oratory that the high school students have had the opportunity to hear.

Thursday morning the high school was dismissed for the purpose of giving the students an opportunity to hear Senator La Follette. The students greeted the senator with the old Wisconsin university yell and succeeded in drawing from him a bow and a very broad smile.

The seniors are at work on their class play, which is to be given some time next month. Mrs. Ralph Webster has the play in charge. Under her able direction the seniors hope to give in first class style "The Merchant of Venice Up to Date."

The exhibit of work this year from the domestic arts, manual training, art and commercial departments promises to be one of the best Medford has ever seen. It will be demonstrated in this exhibit that Medford ranks among the best in these lines of school work.

The class in horticulture made an excursion Friday afternoon into some of the near-by orchards to view the practical application of some of the principles they have been studying. This is one of the most practical subjects that the high school presents.

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