

TITANIC DISASTER CAUSED BY LACK OF MARINE GLASSES FOR LOOKOUT

ICEBERGS NOT SEEN FOR LACK OF SPY-GLASS

Lookout Asserts That Had Not White Star Company Flatly Refused His Request, Titanic Might Still Be Afloat—Could Have Seen Danger

Inquiry Into Disaster Brings Forth Graphic Stories From Survivors—No Effort to Rescue Swimmers.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Sworn testimony that neglect on the part of the White Star company to provide marine glasses for the lookout on the Titanic was responsible for the greatest sea disaster of modern times was the sensation this afternoon of the hearing being conducted by a subcommittee of the United States senate into the catastrophe.

Frederick Fleet, who was lookout in the crow's nest of the Titanic when the giant liner smashed into the iceberg which destroyed her, made oath that not a single lookout on the Titanic was provided with marine glasses and declared that had his request for such glasses in Southampton not been refused the Titanic might yet be the pride of the seas and her hundreds of passengers in their homes instead of sunk in the deep.

"I could easily have sighted the iceberg with marine glasses in plenty of time to have had the vessel steered out of the way," said Fleet, and gave in detail the request he made of the White Star line in Southampton for the marine glasses. Although all other liners are so provided Fleet swore his request was flatly refused and he was told there were no glasses for him.

Warned of Danger.

Third Officer Pittman admitted that the Titanic had been warned that icebergs were prevalent but said that he did not see any on the Sunday of the disaster. He declared that in his 14 years experience as a ship's officer, he had only seen one iceberg until the Titanic disaster. Then Pittman went on to describe the difficulty of ascertaining the presence of icebergs, and explained the difference between the northerly or southerly routes.

"I saw no ice until Monday," Pittman said, "when I was in one of the lifeboats, and again when we were taken aboard the Carpathia. There probably were half a dozen icebergs around, most of them being about 150 feet high."

Pittman was certain that at the time of the collision, First Officer Murdoch was on the bridge watching for ice.

Prayer of the Lost.

"The prayers and moans of the passengers arose in a mighty chorus of woe when they learned that hope had vanished," Pittman said. "It was a continual moan for an hour, and it died away gradually. I wish you had not referred to this."

Women spectators wept, and the

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MASONS TO CAST WREATHS IN SEA

CHICAGO, April 23.—Bearing the inscription "At rest—Titanic," a great wreath was sent from this city to New York today to be placed aboard a steamer of the White Star Line and cast into the sea as near as possible on the spot where the giant liner went down. The wreath was sent by 1500 members of Oriental Consistory of Masons, and the members expressed the belief that every Masonic lodge in the country will join in the idea of transporting a shipload of flowers to be cast on the waves.

"This act is not done by Masons for brother Masons," said Charles D. Warner, master of Perfection lodge here. "It is simply a tribute of Oriental Consistory to manhood."

GALLANT SHIP THAT RUSHED TO THE AID OF THE TITANIC AND SOME OF THOSE SHE RESCUED



FIFTEEN MILLIONS INSURANCE PAID AS TITANIC LOSS

NEW YORK, April 23.—Fifteen million dollars is the total amount to be paid by the various life, accident and marine insurance companies as a result of the loss of the Titanic, according to estimates made by adjusters here today. The marine companies will have to pay two-thirds of this. Several American concerns doing all classes of insurance business are said to be hard hit.

All the marine insurance was carried abroad, but the American companies are affected through reinsurance. "Insurance Field," a trade journal published here, says that the Titanic losses are unparalleled in the annals of marine insurance, and estimates the losses as follows: Accident insurance, \$2,133,000. Life insurance, \$2,193,000. Marine insurance (ship), \$5,000,000. Marine insurance (cargo), \$5,000,000. Total, \$14,406,000.

RUSSIAN STEAMER NEAR THE TITANIC

ROTTERDAM, April 23.—The captain of the steamer Birma, a Russian liner, plying between New York and Labau admitted here today that his vessel was only 150 miles distant from the Titanic when the latter struck the iceberg but claims he was unable to go to the rescue because of the icefields.

CONVICT INVENTS SIMPLE CALENDAR

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 23.—A calendar which can be used for 150 years and which is more simple than any yearly calendar now in use has been completed today by James P. West, a prisoner in Folsom state penitentiary, after four years of constant labor. William I. Day, of the prison commission, has been entrusted by West to secure a patent. West was sentenced to seven years for a crime committed in 1907. He worked on his idea nights after a hard day's labor in the rock quarry.

BROTHER TRIED BRUTAL MURDERS NEAR CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 23.—A crowd overflowing the court room gathered today to witness the trial of George and William Humphrey, brothers, on a charge of murdering Mrs. Eliza Griffith, near Philomath, Ore., June 2, 1911. The trial will be heard by Judge Harris.

The brothers are alleged to have murdered three others beside Mrs. Griffith and Charles, the younger and weaker brother, has confessed to these killings, it is alleged. The brutality and cruelty with which the victims were murdered has startled and nauseated the state.

The brothers are alleged to have gone at night to the home of Mrs. Griffith, a neighbor and after choking her with a rope, attacked her. It is alleged they then dragged her body to a millpond, a third of a mile away and disposed of it. Ransacking her house they obtained \$11.

William King, another alleged victim, was the brothers' stepfather.

All three men alleged to have been murdered by the Humphreys were neighbors.

CONBOY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 23.—Former Police Captain Michael J. Conboy was today sentenced to three years in San Quentin penitentiary for the murder of Bernard Lagan. Sentence was imposed by Superior Judge Sargent. Conboy was convicted of manslaughter at his fifth trial, the others having resulted in disagreements.

BOURNE THANKS JACKSON COUNTY FOR ITS SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Mail Tribune, Medford: Kindly express to the republicans of Jackson county my sincere appreciation of their confidence in me as evidenced by primary vote, the same being due to the opportunity you furnished them in setting forth facts in contradiction of malicious statements and misrepresentations contained so generally in the Oregon press.

JONATHAN BOURNE, Jr.

CHAMBERLAIN IS COUNTY CHOICE VICE-PRESIDENT

Senator George E. Chamberlain has been nominated for vice president of the United States by the democrats of Jackson county, some 60 voters having written in his name on the ballot.

Official count is in progress of the democratic vote in the county clerk's office Tuesday. The count shows no material changes from the unofficial count.

Democrats have nominated Robt. G. Smith of Josephine for congress, Clarence L. Reames of Medford for joint representative and George Rebec of Jacksonville by writing their names on the ballot.

The official count gives Wilson 476 for president, Champ Clark 358, Harmon 21. Wilson's plurality 118. McDonough's vote for assessor was 783 against 375 for Barnard.

Jones, for sheriff, led the ticket with a vote of 768, and Judge E. E. Kelly was second with a vote of 660 for prosecuting attorney.

Tou Velle received 518 votes for county judge and Neil 281.

The vote on senator stood: Coshov 346, Lane 200, Pierce 263.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 23.—Several thousand prominent representatives of the retail grocery trade throughout the United States have arrived in Oklahoma City for the annual convention of their national association.

CIGAR SMOKING STARTS RIOT IN STREETS OF ZION

CHICAGO, April 23.—Two travelers who alighted from a Chicago and North Western train with cigars in their mouths, in violation of the "no smoking" order of the late Alexander Dowie, are responsible for scenes of disorder prevailing in Zion City today. Rioting in which Acting Mayor Miller was soundly thrashed and scores of others hurt has caused the "prophet's city" to be turned into an armed camp, patrolled by 50 heavily armed men.

The trouble was started when 300 "crusaders" marched to the depot, seized the two cigar puffing strangers and dragged them through the streets to the police station, singing "We're Marching Onward to Zion." When they demanded that the men be arrested Mayor Miller came out armed with a heavy cane and attempted to take the prisoners from the mob, and the riot was on.

STEAD'S SPIRIT BUSY SENDING MESSAGES

PITTSBURG, April 23.—That William T. Stead, the British journalist and occult investigator, who perished on the Titanic, has already communicated from the world of shades was declared here today at the convention of Pennsylvania spiritualists by Mrs. Mary Feldman of Carriek, Pa.

Mrs. Feldman declared she had chatted with Stead yesterday. "He is happy and preparing to communicate with us more fully," she said.

LOCOMOTIVE BLOWS UP KILLING THREE OF CREW

ELKO, Nev., April 23.—Three men are dead today as the result of the explosion of a locomotive on the top of Antelope Hill, 44 miles west of Winnemucca. Nothing was left of the engine except the running gear, and the three men virtually were blown to pieces. Telegraph wires 60 feet distant were broken by the concussion. The dead are: James Casey, engineer; Fred Reader, fireman; and James Crosby, brakeman. Crosby is a son-in-law of Judge William Bonniell of Winnemucca.

AMERICANS IN MEXICO SAID TO BE TORTURED

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Alleged torture of American citizens in Mexico is described in dispatches received here from Galveston, Texas, where 47 passengers, all but one citizens of the United States, have arrived from Vera Cruz on the steamer Texas. Many Americans, the refugees reported, have been assassinated by Mexican troops and their lands and furniture seized. There were only four or five trunks in the party, the clothing and other personal effects of most of the refugees having been seized.

The announcement from Mexico City that President Madero has appointed Senor Calero, former Mexican minister of foreign affairs, to succeed Senor Martinez Crespo as ambassador to the United States has caused much astonishment in official circles here. Only a few days ago in reply to the United States' note of warning that American lives and property in Mexico must be protected Calero practically told the state department officials to attend to their own business, adding that Mexico was fully aware of its rights and its obligations under the law of nations.

FIFTY-FOUR DEAD IN CYCLONE'S WAKE

CHICAGO, April 23.—Fifty-four persons killed, two hundred injured and \$500,000 property is the total work of destruction by the cyclone which swept over Indiana and Illinois Sunday, as authentically reported here today. Seventeen others are reported killed at Marion, Ill., which town is isolated as a result of the tearing down of wires and other damage to communication done by the storm.

The towns of Bush and Willisville, Ill., and Morocco, Ind., were almost completely destroyed. The known dead are:

At Bush 18; Willisville 3; Campus 3; Murphysboro 3; Freeman 3; Lovell, Ind. 3; Sheldon, Ill. 2; Hamilton County 1; Kankakee 1; West Frankfort 8; Morocco, Ind. 9; Marion (unconfirmed) 17.

BANK TELLER CONFESSES TO TAKING SIX THOUSAND

LOS ANGELES, April 23.—Merrill P. Level, former teller of the All-Night and Day bank, jointly charged with his brother Ellis E. Level with embezzlement of \$6,000 of the bank's funds, has made a complete confession, according to the police today, and exonerated his younger brother, Ellis.

DELAY STRIKE THROUGH OFFER OF MEDIATION

Railroad Managers in Session Today Considering Offer Made by Labor Commissioner Neil and Judge Knapp of the Commerce Court.

Hope of Settlement Held Out, Though Nothing Definite Forthcoming as Yet.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The railroads affected by the threatened strike of engineers accepted this afternoon the offer of mediation made by Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill and Presiding Judge Martin A. Knapp of the commerce court. The conference will be resumed tomorrow.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The railroad managers are in session at their headquarters here today.

The mediation offer made by Labor Commissioner Neill and Judge Knapp of the commerce court has caused a stay in the proceedings of the engineers, who had decided to go on strike for an 18 per cent wage increase and other concessions.

While nothing definite can be promised until the session of railroad heads is over, it is hoped that some sort of settlement will be arrived at.

ALLEN OUTLAWS PLACED ON TRIAL

HILLSVILLE, Va., April 23.—Six members of the Allen outlaw clan were arraigned in the Carroll county courthouse here today to answer for the killing on March 14 of Judge Thornton Massie, the county prosecutor, sheriff, a juror and a spectator. The prisoners included Floyd Allen, upon whom sentence was about to be pronounced when the shooting began; Claude and Victor Allen, his sons; and his nephews, Sidna Edwards and Byrd Marion. All are charged with first degree murder.

Attorneys for the defense admitted today they will attempt to place the responsibility for all the shootings on Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the only two members of the gang now free. It will be alleged that Floyd and Claude Allen may have fired in the excitement, but that Sidna Edwards, Byrd Marion and Victor Allen did no shooting at all.

ICEBERGS HINDER TITANIC RESCUE

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 23.—In a statement issued here today Captain Moore of the Canadian Pacific liner Mount Temple declared that at 3:30 Monday morning, before the Carpathia had found the Titanic survivors, he was near the Titanic's position. He said he received the Titanic's distress calls and started to the rescue.

The Mount Temple arrived on the scene at 4:30 a. m., according to Captain Moore, but on account of the huge cakes of ice which dotted the ocean he was compelled to stop until daylight. He saw the Carpathia at 6 o'clock, across the icefields. Also he saw the steamer California.

The Carpathia said that she needed no help. Captain Moore declared, and the Mount Temple proceeded on her course.

Submarine for Mexico
WASHINGTON, April 23.—The navy department denied reports current here that a cruiser conveying submarines had been sent to the west coast of Mexico.