

IGNORED SIGNAL FROM TITANIC

Engineer Aboard Californian Tells of Seeing Rockets From Wrecked Vessel 20 Miles Away Which Were Paid No Attention to.

Details Concerning Disaster Brought Out by Questioning Members of Crew—Night Hearings in Progress.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Sworn testimony going far to show that not a single life need have been lost when the Titanic went down had not a passing liner ignored the distress signals and rockets of the dying liner, was given today before the United States senate investigating committee which is probing the great sea horror.

Two seamen, one from the Titanic and one from the Leyland liner Californian, told the story. They agreed absolutely that a great ship passed the crippled Titanic at a time when moments meant lives and that the rockets sent up by the great ship went absolutely unheeded though the other vessel was a scant score of miles away—or less.

Ernest Gill, a donkeyman aboard the Californian, swore that from his deck he plainly saw the Titanic's rockets and declared that the whole crew commented on the fact that the Californian's wireless operator was allowed to sleep when it was plain a vessel was in distress was near.

Testimony Corroborated. Gill's testimony was given strength by evidence given before Senator Fletcher by John Buley, a seaman survivor of the Titanic. Buley declared:

"A ship was near when the Titanic struck and passed by us. We thought it was coming to us. If it had done so we should all have been saved. The vessel, which was only about three miles away, had a light burning. It couldn't have helped seeing our rockets. In fact, the ship was close enough to see the Titanic herself. I saw her from the Titanic's deck. We told the passengers 'there's a steamer coming to our assistance.' I think that's what kept them quiet."

Sure It Was Boat. "The vessel came bow, then stopped and remained stationary for three hours at our port side. When we got in the boats we started for her, but she went by us. Positively it was a boat. It must have been. It was too low for a star. We thought it was coming to get us."

Buley's story was partially corroborated by George Rowe, quartermaster of the Titanic, and Frank Osman, a seaman, who testified here.

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LITTLE BOB OPENS SOUTHERN FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 26.—Greeted by scores of friends and supporters, Senator Robert M. La Follette arrived here today to begin a four days' campaign of southern California. He will formally open the Los Angeles campaign tonight, when he addresses a mass meeting at Temple auditorium.

That he believes that the balance of power which he hopes to control will swing the convention of republicans at Chicago and bring him the presidential nomination was indicated by La Follette upon his arrival here. He declared that if he carries California he will go into the convention with more than 100 delegates and will be able to prevent the nomination of either Taft or Roosevelt.

La Follette is accompanied by Mrs. La Follette and Walter Houser, his national campaign manager.

USES INDELIBLE PENCIL TO COMMIT SUICIDE

OAKLAND, Cal., April 26.—Driving an indelible pencil completely into his abdomen in an attempt at suicide, Ulrich Clegg, under arrest on a burglary charge, was found today writhing on the floor of his cell in the Oakland jail.

Clegg had patiently bored away with the sharp point of the pencil until he had made an incision in his stomach and then had fallen to the floor upon the pencil, driving it in. He endured the pain all night but his self control gave way today and his groans attracted his jailer. He probably will die.

ITALIAN WARSHIP IS SUNK BY TURKS

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 26.—A wreck washed ashore at the entrance to the Dardanelles has caused the belief here that the Italian cruiser Varese was so badly damaged that it sank following the recent bombardment of Turkish forts by the Italian fleet.

TRANSPORT SENT TO MEXICAN PORTS

United States Army Transport Buford Ordered to Relief of American Cut Off From Communication With Outside World.

Cruiser Maryland and Torpedo Boat Destroyer Also Headed for West Mexican Coast.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The United States army transport Buford was ordered today to leave San Francisco Sunday for the west coast of Mexico to take aboard Americans reported to be cut off from communication with the outside world and who are said to be at the mercy of Mexican rebels.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., April 26.—The cruiser Maryland and the torpedo boat destroyer Whipple cleared San Pedro shortly before noon and headed for San Diego. The Maryland is known to be heavily provisioned and coaled. It was rumored here that her officers expected orders to proceed to the west Mexican coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 26.—Preparing for her trip down the west coast of Mexico, the army transport Buford is taking on coal here today from barges in mid-stream. The coaling will continue tonight with double crews and tomorrow after she goes on the drydock. It is expected she will come out of the drydock Saturday night and have the compasses adjusted previous to sailing. The Buford has been out of commission since she returned from China a year ago after serving as a Red Cross ship there.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT BECOMES A MOORMAN

PASADENA, Cal., April 26.—Theodore Roosevelt, a prize ostrich at the Cawston farm, near here, is the only big game of his race ever known. He had a perfectly good wife but when the mating time arrived this year showed amorous signs and was allowed to go into the mating pen and select another. The mate of many years accepted the rival without protest.

AVIATOR AND WOMAN FLY ACROSS CHANNEL

DOVER, England, April 26.—Aviator Hammett with Miss Davies as a passenger, ascended from Hardestel, France, today, crossed the English Channel and continued toward London.

MEDFORD AGAIN HILL TERMINAL

Medford is again on the Hill route as terminal of the proposed Oregon trunk extension to connect with the Pacific & Eastern, according to maps and data presented in an elaborately illustrated pamphlet on Oregon and Washington just issued by the Hill system. For some months maps issued have omitted the proposed connection from Bend to Butte Falls, indicating the abandonment of the project, and its reinstatement augurs intention of speedy construction.

The booklet is one of the best pieces of immigration literature yet published and calculated to do its work effectively in attracting home-seekers. There are 50 pages, all alluringly illustrated with western scenes, and an up-to-date map of Oregon and Washington.

On page 31 is a comprehensive description of the Rogue river valley and its productiveness, illustrated with a view of a young pear orchard.

TITANIC VICTIMS SEEN FROZEN UPON ICEBERG

NEW YORK, April 26.—Officers of the liner Princess Irene reported here today that while returning from Europe their wireless operator caught a message from an unknown ship stating that a dozen bodies had been sighted huddled together on the base of an iceberg. This indicates that some of the Titanic's victims crawled on an iceberg where they froze to death.

TEDDY AND TAFT DIVIDE MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 26.—At the Roosevelt-controlled state republican convention here today 14 delegates were instructed for Colonel Roosevelt, 8 for President Taft. Ten delegates will be contested and four were unchosen.

REFUSED GIRL; KILLS MOTHER

Mrs. Marguerite Belaire, Proprietress of Dye Shop, Riddled With Bullets Because She Refused Logger Permission to Wed Daughter.

Woman Slapped Suitor and Secured Butcher Knife, Asserts Man Who Committed the Crime.

PORTLAND, Or., April 26.—Mrs. Marguerite Belaire, proprietress of a dyeing and cleaning establishment here, was shot and instantly killed in her shop today by Lou Whitlock, a logger. The shooting followed a quarrel resulting from Mrs. Belaire's refusal to allow Whitlock to marry her fifteen-year-old daughter.

Whitlock fired five shots at Belaire, riddling her body. He was arrested shortly after the killing in the street nearby.

Taken to the police station Whitlock admitted the shooting. The police say he told them he arrived in Portland today from a logging camp in Washington, where he had been working for some time. He bought a revolver and went to Mrs. Belaire's establishment. After talking with the woman a few minutes regarding his wish to marry her daughter, he says they quarreled and she slapped him.

Whitlock asserts after slapping him she ran to a rear room, obtained a butcher knife and went toward him. He says he then began firing.

WANTED QUARTER MILLION BUT JURY GAVE HIM \$4,750

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 26.—Suing for \$245,750, the largest attorney's fee ever asked in a California court, A. A. Von Hovenberg is today obliged to content himself with \$4,750. The fee was for legal services rendered Mrs. Marie L. Cone in connection with her famous \$1,000,000 ranch in Glenn county. The jury decided that Von Hovenberg's services had been amply rewarded in the \$4,750 which Mrs. Cone had already paid him.

TAFT TO RETURN TO BAY STATE MONDAY

BROCKTON, Mass., April 26.—Chairman Keith of the city republican committee, announced this afternoon that he had arranged for President Taft to return here Monday night for the final speech of his Massachusetts campaign.

CRUISER SAILS FOR COAST OF MEXICO

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 26.—The cruiser Maryland and the destroyer Whipple, lying at San Pedro, will clear tonight for San Diego under sealed orders. The impression prevails here that the warship's trip is in connection with the threatened difficulties along the Mexican border.

Damage to the Maryland's hull by a dummy torpedo fired by the submarine Grampus was repaired last night and the ship made ready for sea. The submarines Grampus and Pike, conveyed by the tender Fortune, left for San Diego at midnight.

OLCOTT APPRECIATES JACKSON COUNTY'S AID

SALEM, April 25, 1912.—To the Editor: The primary election is a thing of the past, and I wish to thank you for the able assistance you gave me in landing the nomination, and to express through your columns my appreciation of the support given me by Jackson county.

It was a hard fight, and success would hardly have been possible without the splendid support given me in all parts of the state by loyal friends whose confidence and esteem I hope to continue to merit and enjoy.

Jackson county was certainly there with the goods and I take off my hat to you all. Assuring you of my earnest appreciation and with kind regards and best wishes, I remain very sincerely yours, BEN W. OLCOTT, Secretary of State.

TUCSON, Ariz., April 26.—Mexican federal troops have scored a decisive victory over the rebel forces at Tepic, according to dispatches received here today. Many rebels are reported to have been killed and the list of wounded includes the rebel generals Morales and Guerrero.

TWO WAIFS OF THE SEA BEING CARED FOR



UNKNOWN WAIFS OF THE SEA RESCUED FROM THE TITANIC

Waifs of the sea—to young to tell their names and with even their nationality unknown to the generous friends they have found in a new world—two chubby faced, curly haired boys rescued from the Titanic are now being cared for in New York. The little fellows were picked up in one of the lifeboats by the Carpathia.

HILLMAN'S SHAVE IDENTIFIES HIM AS FORMER CONVICT

TACOMA, Wa., April 26.—The elimination of the mustache of C. D. Hillman caused him to be identified at McNeil's island as an ex-convict, his picture appearing in the roguish gallery of San Francisco as No. 11-113. He was arrested here in 1905 for defrauding Oregon farmers. He ordered great quantities of produce and failed to pay for it. When an attorney went to Hillman's place he found crepe on the front door, but in the rear Hillman was selling produce at cut rates as fast as possible.

The fire destroyed the records, all but the pictures. Hillman made no denial of his identity, it is said.

COURTS TO BLOCK KING COUNTY PRIMARY

SEATTLE, Wa., April 26.—As a last attempt to block the preferential primary election in King county tomorrow, the Taft and Harmon clubs, it is rumored, will seek an injunction in the superior court tomorrow morning to prevent County Auditor Case from loaning the election officials the use of the county ballot boxes. Some of the Clark democrats are also favoring this move.

PROCLAMATION

Saturday, May 11, 1912, is hereby designated as cleaning up day in the city of Medford. All good citizens are hereby requested and urged to set aside this day for the work of cleaning up their premises and the alleys adjacent thereto so as to render the same not only sanitary but sightly. The city of Medford will furnish the means of carrying away all rubbish and garbage which may be left at the street curb. Done at Medford this 26th day of April, 1912. W. H. CANON, Mayor.

ANTHRACITE STOCKS FEATURE OF MARKET

NEW YORK, April 26.—Today's opening stock market had the anthracite coal stocks as the feature of the early trading. Lehigh Valley gained a point and Reading was up 3-8. Missouri Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Utah Copper and American can were strong and there were few fractional declines. Later Reading extended its gain to more than two points. United States Steel and Amalgamated Copper were in demand at higher prices and American Sugar and American Locomotive were up from a point to two points. The market closed strong.

STEAMER RAMS DOCK; SINKS SHIP SEATTLE HARBOR

SEATTLE, Wa., April 26.—Coleman dock, the largest in Seattle, is today practically cut in two and littered with a mass of wreckage as the result of the Pacific Coast Steamship company's steel steamer Alameda ramming into it at full speed late last night. Only good fortune averted serious loss of life, according to some of the persons who were on the dock at the time.

The steambot Telegraph, which lay in the north slip of the pier, sank within fifteen minutes after the Alameda tore a terrific hole in her wooden hull. The engineer, it appears, misunderstood the signal to "slow speed astern" for "full speed ahead."

RAPID PROGRESS HUMPHREY TRIAL

CORVALLIS, Or., April 26.—Rapid headway was made today in the trial of George and Charles Humphrey, brothers, charged with the murder last June of Mrs. Eliza Griffith at her home near Philomath. Six witnesses for the state were on the stand during the forenoon.

One of these, Mrs. Nancy Franklin, testified that Mrs. Griffith feared George Humphrey might do her harm. Several other witnesses, neighbors of the murdered woman, told of the missing of the deceased and the aroused neighborhood. It was testified that the Humphreys, although near neighbors of Mrs. Griffith, professed ignorance of her disappearance and this aroused comment.

HAYS' BODY FOUND ADRIFT IN OCEAN

TORONTO, Ont., April 26.—Wireless reports received at the Sable Island station today state that the Canadian cable ship Minia, sent to the aid of the "coffin" ship Mackay Bennett, which is scouring the sea for the remains of the victims of the Titanic disaster, has recovered the body of Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk railroad.

MILITARY RITES GRANT'S BURIAL

To Firing of Solemn Salutes Escorted by Troop and Grand Army Veterans, Body of Late Commander of Army Laid to Rest at West Point.

Services Attended by President Taft, Vice President Sherman and High Officers of the Army and Navy.

NEW YORK, April 26.—To the firing of solemn salutes, escorted by troops of the United States army and veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, with whom his father fought, the body of General Frederick Dent Grant, late commander of the eastern division of the army and son of the late President Ulysses S. Grant, with full military rites, was buried today in the cemetery on the West Point military reservation.

Services were held in the chapel of St. Cornelius Centurion, on Governor's Island, with Chaplain Edmund Smith in charge, assisted by Bishop Fallows, President Taft, Vice President Sherman, Major General Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff U. S. A., and other high officers of the army attended the services.

From 8 o'clock until the body was placed aboard a steamer en route to West Point, the battery at Fort Jay fired a salute of guns. Behind the caisson marched a trooper leading General Grant's horse, fully equipped, with the general's boots and spurs, reversed in the stirrups.

CRACK LINER YALE COLLIDES WITH SCOW

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 26.—The crack liner Yale collided with a drifting scow schooner on the bay today as she was entering port on her regular run from Los Angeles. No damage was done but the jolt was sufficient to cause a stir among the passengers.

RELEASE ON BAIL IS DENIED CAPTAIN CONBOY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 26.—Superior Judge Sargent denied to bail of former Police Captain Michael J. Conboy, sentenced to three years in San Quentin for the murder of Bernard Lagan, pending the outcome of an appeal taken from the jury's verdict.

TAFT RESTING FROM CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, April 26.—President Taft arrived here today for a brief respite from political campaigning after his Massachusetts tour. He had a quiet breakfast at the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft.

The president attended the funeral today of General Frederick Grant, late commander of the eastern division of the United States army, on Governor's Island, and delivered the presidential eulogy.

WOMAN BIFFS AND SAVES DROWNING MAN

VENICE, Cal., April 26.—To Miss Margaret Thompson's aquatic and pugilistic ability, A. J. Fauvere, son of a millionaire mining man of Phoenix, Ariz., today owes his life. Miss Thompson was the only person within hailing distance when Fauvere, overpowered by strong tide, cried for help. She swam to his aid and when he attempted to seize her about the neck, delivered a stiff right to his head that made him tractable. The girl kept Fauvere afloat until the life guards arrived.

FORCE OLYMPIC TO GIVE UP TRIP

Two Days of Trouble Following Demand of Stokers for More Lifeboat Protection Ends in Abandonment of Voyage.

Fifty Deck Hands Refuse to Work With Non-Union Men and Are Arrested for Mutiny.

PORTSMOUTH, England, April 26. Two days of trouble, following the demands of stokers on board the White Star liner Olympic for more lifeboat protection resulted today in abandonment of the big liner's trip across the Atlantic for New York after fifty deck hands had joined the walkout, refusing to work with non-union stokers.

The ill-fated Titanic's sister ship finally succeeded today in filling her hold with non-union stokers and prepared to start. She steamed as far as the Isle of Wight, where, off Hyde, the fifty deck hands struck, declaring they would not work with the non-union men in the hold. The passengers were transferred to other vessels. The Olympic will be held indefinitely until a crew is secured.

The White Star officials appealed to the Portsmouth police, who arrested the strikers on a charge of mutiny. The Olympic was then ordered back to Southampton to discharge her passengers, abandoning the trip. The passengers were transferred to other vessels. The Olympic will be held indefinitely until a crew is secured.

TITANIC INQUIRY TO BE FINISHED IN WEEK

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Under the new plan of apportioning the witnesses among the several senators comprising the sub-committee which is investigating the Titanic disaster, it was announced today that the inquiry probably will be concluded next week.

DAREDEVIL RUSH LOSES HIS LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NEW YORK, April 26.—"Daredevil" Rush, chief of the fire department and famous for years as Chief Croker's reckless driver, is dead here today as a result of a fractured skull. He gave his life to save those of a group of school children who got in his path when his horses ran away.

CLAIM PASTOR RICHESON INSANE

BOSTON, April 26.—Declaring that Rev. C. T. V. Richeson, pastor, until the time of his disgrace, of a fashionable Cambridge church, was insane when he killed his 19-year-old sweetheart, Avis Linnell, by cyanide poisoning last fall, attorneys Lee, Morse and Dunbar today appealed to Governor Foss for clemency in the minister's behalf. They urge that punishment be commuted to life imprisonment.

Meanwhile Richeson covers in his cell a physical and nervous wreck, awaiting his fate. He is under sentence to die during the week beginning May 19.

26,570 WOMEN TO VOTE IN BAY CITY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—The total number of women registered in San Francisco is 26,570, according to the registrar's report on file today before the election commission. The report shows that the women were backward at first, only 314 registering during the last two months of 1911, following the enactment of the California Equal Suffrage law.

SUFFRAGETTES BOOST CAUSE BY ECONOMY

LONDON, April 26.—A new scheme to boost the woman suffrage movement is being planned here today by Mrs. Cecil Chapman, president of the New Constitutional Society for Woman Suffrage. Circulars are being spread broadcast throughout the country inviting women to sign the following pledge: "Feeling that we are called upon to make some sacrifice in the cause of women's enfranchisement, I, the undersigned, undertake henceforth to spend the least possible amount in clothing and personal expenses of every sort, and to use all I save by this means to promote the suffrage movement until the preliminary vote has been granted to women."