

The Daily Capital Journal

"COFFIN SHIP" BRINGS 196 BODIES WAS COMPELLED TO BURY 57 AT SEA

LACKING EMBALMING FLUID ENOUGH TO PRESERVE THEM CAPTAIN'S GREWSOME STORY

Most of Those Buried at Sea Were Members of the Crew, and Nearly All Had Been Crushed by the Ice--Bodies Sustained by Lifebelts Floated Perpendicularly and Presented a Growsome Spectacle, Standing Well Up Out of the Water--Colonel Astor's Body Sent to the Curling Rink With the Others.

Halifax, N. S., April 29.—With 196 bodies aboard, victims of the Titanic disaster, the "coffin ship" Mackay-Bennett returned here today from its growsome trip. The bodies of 20 women are among those found.

Captain Lardner of the Mackay-Bennett stated that he arrived near the scene of the disaster on the Saturday night following the sinking of the Titanic. By midnight, he said, he had sighted a number of corpses. On Sunday 51 bodies were recovered. The body of Colonel Astor, Captain Lardner said, was sent to the curling rink with the others. Fifty-seven identified bodies were buried at sea. These had been crushed between huge cakes of ice and were identified only by the names sewed into the pockets of coats. Explaining why a number of victims were buried at sea, Captain Lardner said:

"Those buried at sea were mostly members of the crew, and we found it impossible to care for them. When we left Halifax, we took all the embalming fluid we could find in the city. That was sufficient to care for only 70 bodies. I did not expect to find the corpses of so many victims. The undertaker we carried along did not think the bodies we buried at sea would keep more than three days, and as we expected to be at sea for two weeks, we had to bury them. The Rev. Mr. Hind, an Episcopalian minister, officiated at the services."

Captain Lardner continued: "Monday we found only 25 bodies; on Tuesday numerous bodies were sighted and we recovered 39 corpses before noon. Then a storm came up and we recovered only 29 more during the afternoon."

"I found no two bodies together, all were floating separately. I saw no two clasped in each others arms."

At one place I saw bodies scattered on the surface of the sea, resembling sea gulls—the white ends of their lifebelts fluttered up and down. Many of the victims evidently were injured when the Titanic sank.

"Water sweeping the decks must have carried many of the victims against the stanchions and spars. All the bodies recovered wore lifebelts. They rode upright in the waves, the belts carrying them, high above the water."

"On Wednesday we were in a heavy fog—with the wind blowing hard from the southwest."

"At midnight it ceased up. Thursday we recovered 87 bodies. The cable ship, Minia, arrived Friday, by noon Friday we had recovered 14 more bodies. We then started for Halifax, having as many bodies on board as we could handle."

Twenty Bodies of Women.
The Mackay-Bennett brought the effects and clothing of many of those buried at sea and the identity of a good many may be established in this way. Captain Lardner continued:

"We had three burial services at sea. One on Tuesday night and another on Wednesday night and the last at noon Thursday. We sent the bodies into the sea three at a time."

"I believe one of the first bodies I found was that of George B. Widener. Letters found in the clothing were addressed to him. The quality of the underclothing on the body was also of the quality such as is worn by first cabin passengers. An overcoat bore the initials, 'E. K.' Widener's son, however, was confident that the body was that of Edward Keating, his father's valet."

"We found the bodies of 18 or 20 women and recovered much jewelry of both men and women. I do not know exactly how much money we found."

The investigation will be brought to a close this week, according to an announcement today by Chairman Smith. Thirty members of the Titanic's crew, including officers, who were released by the committee last night, left immediately for New York and will sail for England on the steamer Adriatic.

Oregon City had a big booster meeting and horse show Saturday, and put in the whole day just having an enthusiastic good time.

To Study the Unlearnable.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 30.—New Theosophist headquarters are established today at Krentonia, in the suburbs of Los Angeles near Hollywood. The organization behind the new colony is presided over by Mrs. Annie Besant, who has announced its object as study and theosophical research.

The cult, which is said to have its home in India, probably will establish several centers in America under the direction of A. S. Warrington, a Theosophist lecturer and student.

OREGON TO BE AN OIL PRODUCER

Polk County Oil, Gas & Land Company Has Plant Sufficient to Go Down at Least Four Thousand Feet.

WITNESS SWEARS WHITE STAR COMPANY HAD MESSAGE TELLING OF TITANIC DISASTER BEFORE 8 A. M. APRIL 15, AND SUPPRESSED THE NEWS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, April 30.—Sworn declaration that a man, whose name he must withhold, told him that a telegram announcing the sinking of the steamer Titanic was received at the offices of the White Star line in New York before 8 a. m. April 15 was made at the senatorial inquiry today by E. J. Dunn, a salesman of Beech Hurst, L. I. Dunn explained that he had given his word not to reveal the name of his informant, because the father of the man, who is a Western Union telegrapher, had received the message. Chairman Smith is determined, however, to force Dunn to reveal the identity of his informant, and will use "drastic methods," if necessary.

At 600 Feet Drill is in a Sandy Blue Shale Which Shows Oil—Dallas People Are Putting Up the Money, and Asking No Outside Help—Two Shifts Working Steadily and Expenses Run Up to \$25 a Day.

The Polk County Oil, Gas & Land company is doing extensive work on its holding on the McVee farm, 2 1/2 miles west of Dallas. The company has a crew of men working night and day, and has sunk its first oil well to a depth of 600 feet at the present time.

The well has just gone through 110 feet of cement sand stone, and 33 feet of lime stone. Both these formations give strong indications of oil. At the present time the well is going through a sandy blue shale, which shows oil.

Mr. Farrell, vice-president of the company, and manager of the work, was in Salem today, and said the company expected to have oil in the next 30 days. The company has as fine a drilling outfit as money can buy. It is capable of putting a ten-inch well down 4000 feet. Mr. Farrell has every confidence in that Polk county has an abundance of oil, and is also confident that his company will strike it.

Two shifts are kept steadily at work at an expense of about \$25 a day but Dallas people are putting up the money, instead of pretty talk, and are asking "nothing of nobody." No stock is offered for sale, but the experiment is being made for the benefit of Dallas by Dallas people, one merchant putting \$1500 into it.

Mr. Farrell is a quiet, unassuming man, who has to be "interviewed" in order to learn anything of the situation, for he is not making any stump speeches about it, just keeping the drill going, and watching results. He gives up cheerfully, though, when requested, and anyone interested, or who wishes to see operations can get information and be heartily welcomed. His phone is Oak 25—at the well. He says some morning valley folks will wake up and find something interesting to talk about.

TAPT'S EXPENSES MORE THAN ALL OPONENTS

President Taft's Oregon campaign expenses were greater than those of all other candidates for the presidential nomination, both Democratic and Republican combined.

Campaign expense statements filed today show that \$4239.32 was expended in behalf of President Taft, \$1525.65 for Colonel Roosevelt, \$1298.72 for Senator La Follette, \$596.90 for Governor Woodrow Wilson, \$394 for Speaker Clark and \$163.78 for Judson Harmon.

The steam schooner Vida struck the north spit of Tillamook bar Saturday, and a mile of wreckage on the beach is all that is left of her. No lives lost.

HALF A MILLION DOLLAR FIRE TODAY

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
New York, April 30.—Four floors were burned today by a total loss of \$500,000 today by fire, which broke out on the top floor of a 12-story building in West 32nd street. The offices of D. Appleton and Co., publishers, were gutted.

RETURNS INDICATE ROOSEVELT CARRIES MASSACHUSETTS 3 TO 2

Viola Reaches Home.

Tacoma, April 30.—Cheerful, showing no signs of worry or unhappiness, Viola Carver, the Tacoma girl who shot J. Edwin Edge, a real estate man at Los Angeles, and was freed on the theory that it was accidental, is home today.

Farther than to say that the jail cell was unpleasant and uncomfortable, Miss Carver would not discuss her case.

She says she will remain here.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM STATE BUT RETURNS FAVOR TEDDY BIG VOTE IS BEING POLLED

Returns Are Meagre But All Point the Same Way and Leave Little if Any Doubt as to the Final Result--Massachusetts Can Apparently Be Placed Solid in the Roosevelt Column--Democratic Vote is Very Light and Returns Too Small to Make Any Estimate as to Relative Strength of Wilson and Clark.

Boston, Mass., April 30.—Late this afternoon the outcome of the primary election in progress throughout Massachusetts was still in doubt, with both the Taft and Roosevelt factions claiming victory.

The rains which fell in many parts of the state stopped at noon, and this led to a great outpouring of voters, indications being that today's balloting would be the heaviest in years. On account of the light vote during the forenoon, it is not believed that accurate figures can be obtained before early tomorrow.

The greatest interest lies in the battle which has been urged for Massachusetts' 35 delegates by President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt. District managers for the two candidates report that five Republican voters are turning out to every one for the Democrats.

Early returns gave hope of victory to the Roosevelt people, the figures showing that Roosevelt led the other candidates by more than 2 to 1.

All Favor Roosevelt.
Orleans, Mass., April 30.—Colonel Roosevelt received more votes in today's primary election here than both President Taft and Senator La Follette combined. Complete returns give Roosevelt 55, Taft 26, La Follette 1. Clark received 7 votes and Governor Wilson 1.

Boston, Mass., April 30.—Quickly following the first primary vote reported, that from Orleans, came the returns from Taubury proper, as follows: Roosevelt 47, Taft 31, La Follette 1, Wilson 3, Clark 1.

Four Cape Cod Towns gave Roosevelt 117, Taft 81. Precinct 2, ward 10, gave Roosevelt 71, Taft 38, Wilson 6, Clark 5. The indications were strong that many Boston Democrats voted for Roosevelt.

HARVESTER TRUST IS TO FACE A TRIAL

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
St. Paul, April 30.—The defendants named in the "Harvester" suit begun here by the government today, are:

The International Harvester company, the International Harvester company of America, the International Flax Twine company, the Wisconsin Steel company, the Wisconsin Lumber company, the Illinois Northern railway, the Chicago, West Pullman & Southern railway, Cyrus McCormick, Charles Deering, James Deering, John Glessner, William Jones, Harold McCormick, Richard Howe, Edward Hancock, George Baker, William Lohrback, Norman Ream, Charles Steele, Johnson Chapman, Elbert H. Gary, Thomas Jones, John Wilson, William Saunders and George W. Perkins.

RAILROAD AND DEPOT RUMBLINGS

RUMOR IS INSISTENT THAT S. P. HAS OPTIONS ON CERTAIN PROPERTY—WATERS SAYS THAT WELCH HAS NONE, AND S. P. NO STRINGS ON WELCH.

Railroads and rumors of railroads seem to be the order of things at present in Salem. It is learned today from good authority that the Southern Pacific company is making negotiations to secure the block of ground between Capitol and Twelfth and between Court and Chemeketa streets for depot grounds for that company. Word has been given recently that the Southern Pacific is to construct a new depot here in the near future. Interviews were had by a representative of The Capital Journal with property owners in the block mentioned, but they would neither confirm nor deny that overtures had been made to them by officials of the company and by real estate men to secure options on their property. There is a good deal of conjecture and uncertainty about the proposition. Of course, this property would be very expensive, for it is thickly built up with fine houses, and owned by people who are abundantly able to (retain their holdings). Further developments will be eagerly watched by all concerned.

Mr. Waters' Statement.
When interviewed on the above rumor, F. A. Waters, representative of the Welch interests in Salem, said that, so far as he, the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, or Welch, were concerned, they held absolutely no options on any property in the block mentioned, and, further, that the Southern Pacific held no strings on the Welch system. "If the Southern Pacific is making any move in this block, I know nothing about it."

Has Fasted 35 Days.
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Seattle, April 30.—Dr. Linda Burfield Hazzard, the fast specialist, today completed the fifth week of her fast. She seems to be in good health and proposes to continue the fast for 10 days longer. Her weight has dropped from 135 pounds to 107 since the fast began.

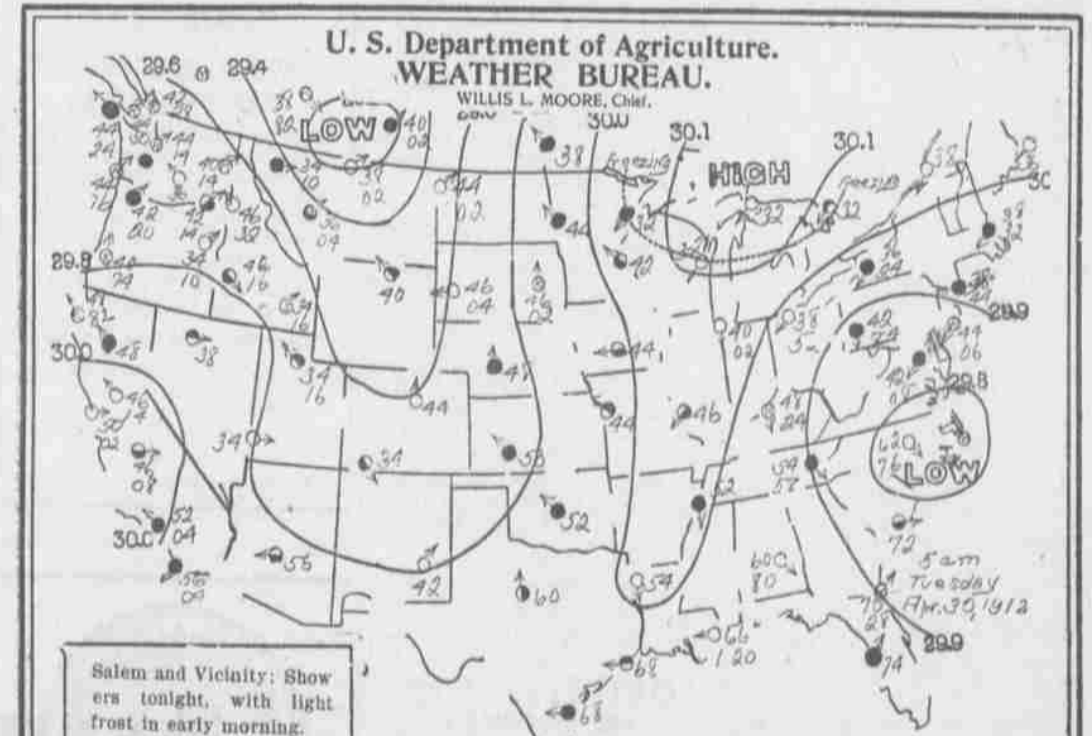
INVITED VICTIM'S FATHER TO HIS HANGING

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Salt Lake City, Utah, April 30.—Without a quaver in his voice as he urged the officers to be quick about their work, J. J. Morris, convicted murderer, was, by his own choice, hanged at the state prison here early today. He was pronounced dead nine minutes after the drop fell.

Morris, who shot and killed J. Walter Axtell in an effort to escape after he had robbed a pawnshop, selected hanging in preference to shooting, a choice seldom made in this state. Although Morris sent a written invitation to Axtell's father to witness the hanging, the latter did not accept.

O. A. C. AND U. OF O. REGENTS TO MEET

For the purpose of giving the boards of regents of the Oregon University and the Oregon Agriculture College an opportunity to confer and discuss the needs of the two institutions and also the question of consolidating the two which at the present is being made a burning issue, Governor West has called a meeting of the regents of both to be held at the state house May 5.



Forecast Till 5 p. m. Wednesday.
Oregon and Washington: Fair east, showers west portion tonight. Light frost in early morning. Wednesday fair. Westerly winds.

Coasters' Forecast.
Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 38 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 30 degrees; southeast to Boise, 25 degrees; south to Siskiyou, 26 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight, about 40 degrees.

River Forecast.
The Willamette river at Portland will rise steadily for the next few days.

EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.