

TITANIC'S SPEED
BASIS OF INQUIRY

British Attorney General Outlines
Scope of Investigation to Be
Conducted Into Disaster.

SEAMEN'S UNION REPRESENTED

Lord Mersey Grants Permission for
Attorney to Take Part.

COURT TAKES GREAT INTEREST

Precautions Against Wreck Will Be
Taken Note Of.

WERE ICE WARNINGS RECEIVED?

Number of Lifeboats and Construction
of Watertight Bulkheads
Will Be Gone Into
Carefully.

LONDON, May 3.—The attorney general, Sir Rufus Isaacs, today addressed the wreck commission which is investigating the loss of the White Star liner Titanic, setting forth the facts as understood by the government and laying special emphasis on the evidence that a speed of twenty-one knots was maintained after the warnings of ice had been received, right up to the moment of collision.

When the court opened Lord Mersey, who heads the commission, granted permission to President Lewis of the Seamen's union and to an attorney for the Imperial Mercantile guild to participate in the proceedings.

The union is a new organization composed of 4,000 Southampton sailors. Two hundred and twenty-eight of its members were employed on the Titanic and of these only seventy-seven survived. The officers of the Titanic were members of the guild. The inquiry is likely to extend over several weeks and will be devoted largely to technical details.

The court today displayed the greatest interest in the warnings of ice which the "Unadmiral Caronia and the White Star steamer Baltic sent to the Titanic on the day of the disaster, April 14, Lord Mersey asked: "Am I right in supposing that it ran into the ice right after a warning had been received?"

"Yes," replied the attorney general. Sir Rufus said that the Titanic's capacity was 2,461 persons and that it carried fourteen lifeboats, two cutters, four collapsible lifeboats, accommodating a total of 1,167 persons and 3,569 life belts. The vessel carried 1,315 passengers and 892 persons in its crew.

It was fitted with fifteen bulkheads and a number of watertight doors, being designed to float in the event of any two adjoining compartments being flooded, under which condition the top of the bulkheads would be two and one-half or three feet above water.

Going at Twenty-One Knots.
The Titanic's speed, the attorney general said on April 14 was twenty-one knots an hour, which speed was never lessened on to the time of the collision. During that day the Caronia and the Baltic had sent wireless messages to the Titanic stating that icebergs, "growlers" and "fielders" were in its track.

"Nevertheless," continued Sir Rufus, "after dark the Titanic ran right ahead at twenty-one knots an hour, the night being clear, but with no moon."

He said he had served notice upon Sir Robert Finlay, chief counsel for the White Star Steamship company, who is representing the line at the present inquiry, that the government considered this fact of extreme importance so that Sir Robert might bring evidence to the contrary if he had it.

Three Main Issues.
Sir Rufus announced that particular attention would be given to these three points:

The Titanic's speed after the warnings of ice had been received; an insufficient number of lifeboats for the persons carried by the steamer; the construction of the watertight compartments.

He gave a detailed analysis of the numbers of saved and lost by classes and sexes, and indicated that he considered that the disproportionate number of first-class passengers rescued should be a matter of inquiry.

"One striking figure," he said, "is that all except five first-class passengers were saved or had an opportunity of being saved, some refusing to leave their cabins. One fact that stands out is that a very large number of men of the first class were saved. It may be necessary later to analyze these figures more closely."

Sir Rufus' statement took up the early session. The court has arranged to adjourn next Tuesday.

Saxs Boiler Exploded

NEW YORK, May 3.—Daniel Buckley, who was a stevedore on the Titanic, testified today before Senator William Alden Smith, chairman of the United States senate committee investigating the cause of the wreck, that a fireman who was on the steamer, told him that the Titanic did not believe hit an iceberg, but that while trying to

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The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday.
For Omaha: Cloudy; bluffs and vicinity unsettled, with probable showers to-night or Saturday; cooler tonight and Sunday.

Temperature at Omaha, Deg. Hours. 5 a. m. 68, 6 a. m. 68, 7 a. m. 67, 8 a. m. 67, 9 a. m. 67, 10 a. m. 67, 11 a. m. 67, 12 m. 67, 1 p. m. 67, 2 p. m. 67, 3 p. m. 67, 4 p. m. 67, 5 p. m. 67. Local Weather Record, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909. Lowest temp. night, 42, 45, 43, 42. Highest temp. day, 95, 99, 98, 99. Normal range for today, 58 to 68. Deficiency in precipitation since March 1, 3.26 in. Deficiency corresponding period, 1911, 3.08 in. Deficiency corresponding period, 1910, 4.21 inches.

Mexico Deports Two
Russians Accused of
Trafficking in Arms

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, May 3.—A sensation was caused in the capital today by the deportation from Mexico of A. Z. and Joseph Rattner, Russian subjects, president and manager, respectively, of the Tampico News company and dealers in general merchandise, by application of the famous article II providing for the banishment of "pernicious foreigners." The Rattners were accused of trafficking in arms with Zapatistas who are said to have been captured in some instances with arms and ammunition bearing the marks of the Tampico company. The Rattners were taken by a subterfuge, without court process of any sort. It is said, and their families and associates of the two men were ignorant for twenty-four hours of the Rattners' whereabouts. Both men were called to police headquarters under the pretext of a business transaction and as soon as they arrived were placed under arrest. They were given no opportunity to communicate with anybody and two hours later were escorted under guard to Vera Cruz.

Yesterday the prisoners were placed with the utmost secrecy on board the German steamer Corcovado, which had arrived at Vera Cruz from Hamburg by way of Havana, and the news of the deportations leaked out only when the men were on the high seas.

A. Z. Rattner, whose wife is an American, lived for some time in New York.

Web Pressmen in
Chicago on Strike;
Papers Are Late

CHICAGO, May 3.—The differences between the pressmen and the publishers of the principal Chicago dailies today assumed the aspect of a determined contest, although the prospect for a settlement was believed by some to be not distant.

Limited editions of the afternoon papers were printed and carried from the newspaper offices by wagons under guard. The Newsboys' union sided with the pressmen and now of the papers appeared on the usual street stands. The wagon drivers also took up the cause of the pressmen and difficulty was found in delivering the papers which were printed.

One afternoon paper found its motor delivery wagons unfit for service, necessary parts having been taken from the mechanism, and horse-drawn vehicles were pressed into service.

Humors of minor disturbances in the press rooms of different papers were current, but without exception were denied.

Burning of Negro
in Pennsylvania
Goes Unpunished

WESTCHESTER, Pa., May 3.—The burning alive by a mob of Zach Walker, a negro at Coatesville, last August, after he had been arrested for killing a policeman, probably will go unpunished, despite the unusual efforts made by the state of Pennsylvania.

A jury today brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of Lewis Denthorpe, accused in connection with the lynching, and the commonwealth thereupon asked for the acquittal of the five defendants yet untried, who were then discharged. Among them were Chief of Police Umsted and Stanley Howe, a policeman, charged with manslaughter and neglect of his duties.

The commonwealth asked the acquittals on the ground that it was unable to obtain convictions because of the state of mind of the people of the county. Last fall six men were acquitted by juries.

House Refuses to
Cut Mileage Rates

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The house of representatives today declined by an overwhelming majority to cut down the mileage allowance to members. During a debate on the economy program upon which the house has entered Representative Page of North Carolina introduced an amendment to the pending legislative bill to reduce the mileage from 30 cents a mile to 25 cents.

MRS. CARGILL CHARGED
WITH HUSBAND'S MURDER

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 3.—An indictment charging murder in the first degree was returned against Mrs. Olive Cargill here today after investigation of the death of Bailey T. Cargill, whose body was found in his bedroom last Monday. Both Cargill and his wife come of wealthy Collierville, Tenn., families. What motive the prosecution will allege the woman to have had to slay her husband has not been explained.

In a statement issued through her lawyer Mrs. Cargill declares her husband said he would kill her and himself and commanded her to bring a pistol. She says she secured the weapon and shot Cargill to death.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE
WELCOMED TO NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 3.—A notable gathering of Catholic clergy and laymen today welcomed the new apostolic delegate to the United States, Archbishop Giovanni Bonzano, when the steamer Koenig Albert reached its pier. Archbishop Bonzano is greeted on behalf of Cardinal Farley, to whose residence he was taken from the dock, by Mrs. Hayes and Laville, who were accompanied by Archbishop Prendergast of Philadelphia, Archbishop McCurt and Mr. Bohaventura Zeratti, auditor of papal legation at Washington, who has been acting as papal delegate since the departure of Cardinal Falconio.

WOULD ABOLISH
STRINGENT RULE

Methodist Bishops in Supplementary
Address Recommend Important
Change in Church Discipline.

JOHN WESLEY'S PLAN BETTER

Matter Should Be Left to Conscience
of Individual Christians.

AMERICANS TOO ADVANCED

Churches Cannot Enforce Rules
Restricting Amusements.

TURF AND THE STOCK MARKET

Address Says Church Has Never Attempted
to Fix Point Where
Gambler Becomes Respectable
Business Man.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 3.—The American people are too far advanced longer to be restricted by church rules as to what their amusements shall be. The rule prohibiting dancing, card playing, gambling and going to theaters, circuses and horse races therefore should be abolished.

This is the gist of a report presented today to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today by the Board of Bishops.

In recommending this radical change, the twenty-four active bishops stipulated that the church, however, should not be indifferent on these subjects, but that the people should be left to judge for themselves what is right or wrong in amusements, having before them only the injunction of John Wesley, which forbids "the taking of such diversions as cannot be taken in the name of the Lord Jesus."

The bishops declared the church reiterated its opposition to theater going and gambling, but the rule in force since 1871 could not fix a point between "the turf and the stock market."

The bishops' report was delivered by Bishop Earl Cranston of Washington, D. C., and it formed the second section of the episcopal address, the first part of which had been given the day before.

Wesley's Plan is Better.
"We would joyfully acclaim the day when every Christian would abstain from the amusements which have been prohibited, but we can't repress our conviction that Wesley dealt more wisely with the danger."

The bishops therefore recommended a return to the consistent treatment of this subject by Wesley and the more earnestly because we are dealing with the American people and the intelligence of the twentieth century.

"As a church we cannot approve dancing and theater going. They are questionable amusements. To us, as to several of our sister churches, they who justify these amusements as consistent with the spiritual life, seem to manifest a deplorable lack of spiritual perception."

"Again we stand unitedly against gambling and we recognize clearly that it is the same sin in Wall street that it is in the lowest resort, but we have never ventured legislatively to fix the point where the race track gambler, passing from the turf to the stock market, becomes a respectable business man eligible to church membership and the chairman of the board of trustees."

"In our absolute helplessness before this question we must continue to allow the world to suspect that the larger the stake and the more reckless of public wealth the gain, the less the victim's crime, provided the winner pays tithes to religion or benevolence."

CAUSE OF BLACK MAN COMES UP

Commission Appointed to Consider
Needs of Negro Churches.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 3.—(Special Correspondence.)—The order of business at the opening of the second day of the Methodist general conference was the calling of the roll of conferences to give opportunity to report items of business to be acted upon immediately or to be referred to committees. When Mississippi conference was reached Finlay began to happen. This is a colored conference. Rev. William W. Lucas (colored) of that conference introduced a resolution asking that a commission be appointed to look into the needs and note of progress of the 250,000 colored members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and to formulate some plan for their better episcopal supervision. This commission to report to the general conference a week from today. Instantly everyone knew that the cause of the black man was being brought to the attention of the conference.

The Rev. Mr. Lucas spoke eloquently for his resolution as did Rev. I. Garland Penn (colored) and others. The main contention in support of the resolution was that with white bishops to oversee colored work, the bishop does not come into direct contact with the real life of the negro. It is urged that a colored man who can share the humble home of his black brother and who will ride in the "Jim-crow" coach with him, is needed. The white bishop dislikes to mingle freely with colored people and even if he were entirely willing he would be severely criticised by the southern white people.

Methodist bishop now stationed in the black belt, his episcopal residence in New Orleans, but he has been there very little because of the effect of the climate on his wife's health. Mrs. Neely died in New Orleans a few months ago.

There is undoubtedly strong agitation for a colored bishop and as the resolution introduced by Dr. Lucas prevailed. It is thought by many that the negro Methodists are about to win their battle of years. It was noticeable that the colored leaders advocating the measure were men of no mean order and some of them would rank with the best orators in the conference. Bishop Scott (colored), missionary bishop to Africa, was quoted today as saying that unless the colored people were granted a bishop of their own race here in America he favored their withdrawal from the Methodist Episcopal church and the uniting of all branches of colored Methodism into one church with their own leaders.

Episcopal Address Reactionary.
At 11 o'clock today Bishop Earl Cranston delivered his address.

Squash Cent
Assesses the Political Situation



From the Washington Star.

EIGHT PERSONS DROWNED

Levee Breaks Near Morganza, La.,
and Floods Town.

ANOTHER BREAK AT RAYOU SARA

Water is Up to the Telegraph Wires
at Torras and Communication
with the Town is Now
Cut Off.

NEW ORLEANS, May 3.—Eight persons were drowned this afternoon when the Mississippi river levee near Morganza, La., broke, flooding the surrounding country.

Rayou Sara Flooded.
RAYOU SARA, La., May 3.—The Mississippi river protection levee in front of Rayou Sara, La., broke today. According to the report here there is no chance to save the town from inundation.

Torras Under Water.
NEW ROADS, La., May 3.—The yellow waters of the Mississippi river today are sweeping through a 1,000-foot breach in the levee at Torras in ever increasing torrent. It is difficult to estimate the financial loss which must come to the whole of one parish—Pointe Coupee—and parts of several others, but it is certain it will be hundreds of thousands of dollars. The sugar cane, cotton, rice and corn crops, which were well advanced, will be a total loss, and the loss of live stock will be heavy.

Torras was practically cut off from wire communication last night, the water having buried the cross-arms on the telegraph poles.

Special trains were run between New Roads to a point near Torras last night to bring out refugees. Hundreds of people forced from their homes by the water were picked up at several stations and brought to New Roads, but many refused to leave, preferring to take chances with the water. In every direction farmers could be seen herding live stock to the levees.

No loss of life has been reported in the newly flooded area, but many stories of thrilling escapes are coming in, and it is known that scores of persons still are in danger.

Italians Say They
Killed 300 Turks

PARIS, May 3.—General Releoli, commanding the Italian forces to the east of the city of Tripoli, according to information received here through an Italian source, has captured the Turkish position at Lebda, after a lively combat. The Turks resisted fiercely and lost 300 men killed. Eight Italians were killed and fifty-seven wounded.

Jack Knife Used to
Amputate Thumb

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 3.—(Special.)—A jackknife served as a surgical instrument when Joseph Olson, a home-strewn living in Tripp county, had the misfortune to have the thumb of his right hand badly mangled by being accidentally struck by a sledge hammer. A small portion of the thumb was so nearly taken off that amputation was completed with a jackknife in the hand of Bern Pedereson, a neighbor. Olson then was hurried to a physician, who found it necessary to amputate the injured thumb just above the first joint. Olson and Pedereson were engaged in building a fence when Olson without noticing what he was doing let the thumb slip to the top of a post just as Pedereson struck with the sledge hammer.

TOMORROW
The Best
Colored
Comics
with The
Sunday Bee

The National Capital

Friday, May 3, 1912.

The Senate.

Met at 11:50 a. m.
Resumed debate on workmen's compensation bill. Senator Reed continuing his speech against the measure.

Representatives of independent interests before inter-oceanic canal committee vigorously opposed railroad-owned ships using Panama canal.

The House.

Met at 11 a. m.
Resumed consideration of legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Urging bill to create a Porto Rican department of agriculture and labor, Santiago Iglesias told irregular affairs committee that Porto Rican welfare had advanced more since American acquisition than in previous years.

Representative Hull introduced bill to prevent government employees from participating in presidential campaigns.

Representative Mann criticized democratic economic policy.

Kentuckyans urged bill to appropriate \$500,000 for purchase of timber land over Mammoth cave and advocated its acquisition as a government park.

Skeletons of Men
of Prehistoric Race
Found in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis., May 3.—Examination of a score of skeletons discovered in mounds at Lake Delavan and Lake Lawfarm was declared today to indicate that a hitherto unknown race of men inhabited southern Wisconsin ages ago. Information of the characteristics of the skeletons was brought to Madison today by Attorney Maurice Morawsky of Delavan and Charles E. Brown, curator of the State Historical museum, will make a further investigation.

The heads are very much larger than those of any people which inhabit America today. From directly over the eye sockets, however, the head slopes straight back and the nasal bones protrude far above the cheek bones. In jaw bones are long and pointed, resembling those of an ape.

Skeletons supposed to be those of women, but smaller heads, which were similar in facial characteristics.

The skeletons are imbedded in charcoal, from four to ten feet deep, and covered over with layers of baked clay designed, it is believed, to shed water from the sepulcher.

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Prisoner Jumps to Death.

GLOBE, Ariz., May 2.—While crossing the "Bridge of Sighs" between the county jail and the court house to receive sentence for murderous assault today, Frank Ballant leaped over the railing and dropped forty feet to the ground below.

CAMPAGNING IN MARYLAND

Colonel Roosevelt Making Speeches
from Special Train.

Taft Will Speak Saturday

President Will Spend Day in Tour
of the State and Address Two
Night Meetings in City
of Baltimore.

SALISBURY, Md., May 3.—Colonel Roosevelt carried his fight for the presidential nomination into Maryland today, beginning at Salisbury. He spoke here this morning to several thousand persons at an outdoor meeting and received a cordial greeting.

Colonel Roosevelt said he felt he had the right to come to this part of the country to make his appeal, as he believed the present contest to be greater than a mere party struggle and that it was one in which he was entitled to the support of men of all parties. He repeated his statement that the present campaign was a "straight line-up" between the political bosses and the people.

The colonel left Salisbury by special train for the remainder of the day's tour, which will take him through eastern Maryland and Wilmington, Del. From Wilmington he was to go to Havre De Grace for a speech, and thence in Baltimore to make an address tonight. He is to remain over night in Baltimore.

"The man who pays a bribe for a vote and the man who takes a bribe are both of them guilty of high treason to the republic," said Colonel Roosevelt in his speech here.

Vote Sellers Denounced.
"The man who sells his vote," said Colonel Roosevelt, "is not only a traitor to himself, but he is a traitor to the cause of safe government. I wish that all good citizens would join together to see that there is no corruption at the primaries. I ask every decent colored man in this state to see to it that no colored man sells his vote in this primary. Unscrupulous white men are willing to debauch the colored man, taking advantage of his needs. The colored man who sells his vote is doing immeasurable harm to his own race."

"If any man attempts to purchase a vote in my interest, I'll take more trouble to 'clinch' him than anyone else. I don't want to win unless by straight methods, but I'm bound to see that our opponents don't win by crooked measures."

Taft Will Speak Saturday

WASHINGTON, May 3.—President Taft, returning from Savannah and Augusta, Ga., reached Washington shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. He will spend the day in his offices and tomorrow go into Maryland for a day's campaign prior to the primaries on Monday.

President Taft will spend a busy day tomorrow campaigning in advance of the Maryland presidential primary. He will leave Washington early in the morning and make speeches at Havre De Grace, Aberdeen and one or two other points, returning to Baltimore to make addresses before two meetings there in the evening.

SAYS ATTORNEYS TAKE
FEDERAL JUDGES FISHING

WASHINGTON, May 3.—"Federal judges are under suspicion of being in league with big business," said Senator Ashurst of Arizona during a debate on the workmen's compensation bill in the senate today. "That is because railroad attorneys and presidents take them fishing. Let me take the judges fishing and I care not who makes the laws."

PEACE EXPECTED
IN COAL DISPUTE

Mitchell Confers with Representative
of President White of
Union in New York.

AGREEMENT LIKELY TO COME

Will Decide What Action to Be
Taken at Once.

MINOR POINTS NOW IN ISSUE

Baer Says Committee Now Holds
Different Position.

CONVENTION MAY BE CALLED

Operators Will Refuse to Consider
Matter Further Until Men Vote
Direct on Action of Their
Subcommittee.

NEW YORK, May 3.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America and now vice president of the American Federation of Labor, participated today in the deliberations of the anthracite mine workers' representatives over the course to pursue in dealing further with the operators for increased pay, recognition of the union and other changes not included in the tentative agreement rejected yesterday by the joint conference of operators and miners.

Mitchell Confers with Green.
Mr. Mitchell conferred with William Green of Ohio, who represents President John P. White of the miners, and with the district presidents. None of the conference would discuss the deliberations, but each expressed the opinion that an agreement would be reached.

Immediately upon the adjournment of this conference executive boards of the mine organizations in the three anthracite districts' committees consisting of twenty-two members present held a meeting. Mr. Green said the object of this meeting was to decide whether the miners would hold a convention to press upon the tentative agreement or ask for another conference with the operators. It was expected that the meeting would last well into the afternoon.

Mr. Baer told the miners yesterday that he considered the full committee of miners were morally bound to stand by the action of a subcommittee and that until the matter had been submitted to a referendum vote of the miners the full committee is in no position to ask further concessions from the operators. Meanwhile the suspension of mining in the hard coal region is continued.

Representatives of the anthracite mine workers issued a call here this afternoon to locate unions in the three anthracite districts for a convention at Wilkesbarre on May 14 to take action upon the tentative agreement turned down at yesterday's conference with the operators.

It was also announced that the miners in this convention will decide whether or not to take a referendum vote upon the question of a strike.

William Green, representing President White of the miners, announced this afternoon that he had arranged with the coal operators for another joint conference, to be held subsequent to the Wilkesbarre convention, and expected to reach an agreement at the conference which would be entirely satisfactory to both parties.

OMAHA AND LINCOLN GIRLS
HONORED AT BRYN MAWR

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Adah B. Roe of Omaha was awarded the resident fellowship in German by President M. Carey Thomas of Bryn Mawr college here today. The fellowship is in recognition of special work done in that branch. It is for the college year of 1912-1913 and is valued at \$25.

In fifty awards were announced by President Thomas of Bryn Mawr today. These include resident fellowships in all branches of study and research in the curriculum of the institution, graduate scholarships for excellence in the different studies and prize scholarships awarded to undergraduates for high marks in examinations.

Among the other graduates in all parts of the country who received awards is Constance M. Syford of Lincoln, who won the German graduate scholarship.

IOWA POSTMASTERS
ARE FOR PARCELS POST

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 3.—Postmaster General Hitchcock's plans for a limited parcels post was given vigorous endorsement in the course of a general discussion at the Presidential Postmasters' state convention here today. It is expected resolutions will be adopted favoring this reform. Postmaster Frank Nimocks of Ottumwa probably will be elected president. The convention will close tonight.

If you were looking for a house or an apartment you would turn to the classified columns of The Bee first. The Bee would come first to your mind. Why? Because you know that the best class of people read The Bee and that the best rooms and houses are advertised in this paper, for people want the best tenants. So if you wish the finest rooms and houses in the city you only need to turn to the "For Rent" columns of this paper. There are listed every good house and room that is for rent in the city.

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