

# White Star men Refuse to Take Chances

## BOAT AND FIRE DRILLS A FARCE BEFORE TRAGEDY

### Sailors Not Necessarily Oarsmen, One Witness' Testimony Before Committee

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charge of the lifeboat which took off Major Peuchen and others, testified that when the collision occurred he was at the Titanic's wheel. He said that the officers had been warned to look out for small ice, and that he had been ordered to have the heaters started in the chart room. The first he knew of the collision was when the order came from the bridge, "berg ahead." The first officer rushed over to give the order "hard a-starboard," and the second officer returned "helm hard over," but by that time the ship had hit the berg.

"We could hear the grinding of it," the witness continued. "Captain Smith came rushing out, asking what was the matter, and immediately ordered Mr. Murdoch to close the emergency doors. The ship had a list of five degrees to starboard within seven minutes. It stayed at the wheel until 12:23. About that time one of the officers said 'we'll get out the boats, and I was put in charge of No. 6 and ordered to put away toward the starboard side. I had 25 women, one seaman, myself, an Italian lad and the major. I told them we would pull away from the ship as she was going to sink by the head. Everybody had to row and I even asked the women. We started for the light, which we expected was a cod bunker.

"There were several other boats around. One that had four or six men came up, and I never got any nearer the light. Then we tied our boats together and stayed there until we saw the Carpathia coming. The sea was getting choppy and the women were getting nervous. I relieved one at an oar and told her to take the tiller. A Mrs. Meyers got mad at me and accused me of wrapping myself in all the blankets, thinking all the while about my own language, which I deny.

"I saw all the women taken on the Carpathia and was the last to leave my boat."

### PERKINS WANTED COMMAND

Smith wanted to know if Hitchens had any trouble in the boat with Major Peuchen. He replied that the major had tried to take command.

It had been testified that Hitchens had refused to go on board with the survivors. None of the women in the boat had asked him to go back, he said. Senator Smith continued:

"Major Peuchen said yesterday that when you were struck you had after some who were drowning you replied you weren't going back after those stiff.

"Yes, I saw that by the newspapers this morning. It's a lie, sir; I never used that word 'stiff' was born."

"You want the committee to understand you did not refuse to go to the rescue of those in the water?"

"I could not under the conditions. I was a mile away from the cries we heard, and we had no compass. I instructed the men to row away from the Titanic when she was sinking because I was afraid of the suction. Before she sank we were all pulling for that light. The ship was still afloat when we stopped, and the light disappeared about 15 minutes later. After it disappeared we heard cries of distress. Some of the women said they were cries of people in one boat signaling another."

### WITNESS TAKEN FROM CELTIC

Hitchens was taken from the Celtic in New York on a subpoena today.

"When does the Celtic sail?" asked Senator Bourne.

"Tomorrow."

"Were you going with her, and would you have gone if you had not got an order to come here?"

"I had no order to come until today. I knew I might be wanted and was waiting."

Hitchens made a statement concerning Mrs. Meyers' charges.

"A woman who I think of as a teapoonful," he said, "and another woman gave me a half wet blanket to wrap around my head. That was all. I think the lady's remark was very unkind."

Hitchens was released and may return to England, with the promise that he will come back if the committee wants him. The other British witnesses were not permitted to leave, although the steamship line's attorney asked it.

At 6:20 o'clock the hearing adjourned until tomorrow.

### WHITE STAR LINE LEASED TITANIC

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—The lost Titanic was not owned by the White Star line, as was generally supposed, but by the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., of London, of which Ismay, Imrie & Co., Ltd., were managers. The same company owns the sister ship Olympic, both being chartered to the International Mercantile Marine, which operated the Titanic under the flag of the White Star line.

This fact became known today in a legal opinion given by John Frederick Lewis, one of the foremost admiralty lawyers in the United States, who is attorney for the Philadelphia Maritime exchange, the Philadelphia bourse, and a special lecturer on admiralty law and practice at the University of Pennsylvania.

Lewis, while refraining from giving an opinion as to the liability resulting from the Titanic disaster, stated that the whole legal phase of the situation in a most comprehensive manner, a careful perusal of which unmistakably shows that the survivors and relatives have ample room to bring suits against the Oceanic Steam Navigation company, with unusual chances of recovery for loss of life.

### Germany Takes Lead

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Germany has taken the lead in a movement to insure greater safety to passengers on the high seas by international agreement. Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today informed the state department that the imperial government believed that the time now was ripe for an agreement between all maritime nations. Germany stands ready to enter into negotiations to that end.

### Lifeboats on Way

BELFAST, April 24.—Harland & Wolff have dispatched 25 lifeboats, each with a capacity of 65 persons, to Liverpool. It is reported that they are for the Olympic, which is to proceed to the Mersey to receive them.

## IMPORANT WITNESS DISAPPEARS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, April 24.—One of the most startling developments of the Titanic hearing today was the announcement of the disappearance of one of the star witnesses, Louis Klein, a sailor brought here from Cleveland to testify before the senate committee. Klein who speaks very little English, told some of his friends in Cleveland that he was one of the men rescued from the Titanic. He asserted that on the night of the accident the lookout was asleep and members of the crew were drunk when the ship hit the iceberg.

Deputy United States Marshal Morgan of Cleveland was assigned to bring Klein to Washington and actually landed him yesterday. Senators Burton of Ohio and Fletcher of Florida talked to the witness yesterday, but could not make much out of his story. There is no doubt that he was cared for in a New York hospital as a survivor of the Titanic, but in his story about the sleeping lookout and the drunken officers it is not known whether he is merely trying to make himself a hero or actually has a basis for his charge.

The marshal who has Klein in charge took him to a Washington hotel and this morning when he went to look for him the sailor was missing. Only his collar and necktie were left in the room where he had been sleeping. A general alarm was sent out by the police department to round up the man, but up to a late hour tonight he had not been found. A rumor that Klein had been paid to leave town was ridiculed by the members of the senate committee.

## HARVESTER TRUST EPISODE UP AGAIN

### Senate Demands and Receives Confidential Correspondence of T. R. Administration

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matter on its being pointed out. It further appears that last December Hantsborough got the senate to pass a resolution directing the department of commerce and labor to make an early investigation into the character and operation and effect upon interstate commerce of the International Harvester company and that in January last Messrs. Garfield and Smith met various representatives of the harvester company in New York and a conclusion was reached that the department would begin the examination as speedily as possible, which conclusion was announced publicly in the press.

"On March 1 Commissioner Smith identified the harvester company that the inquiry would be into the incorporation value of its property, securities and general management of its business. It appears by his letter of August 8 that Commissioner Smith has begun the investigation, but has not made such progress with it as he would like to account of his being crowded with work."

### SUIT WOULD MEAN LOSS

"Mr. Perkins' request to me is that, before the company is exposed to the certain loss and damage that the mere institution of a suit would entail, the examination by the department by senate resolution, be carried to completion. He explicitly states to me that there would be no intention to plead the examination by the department of commerce and labor as conferring an immunity from proceedings by the department of justice. Will you see that Mr. Perkins in full, and report to me thereon?"

"Please do not file the suit until I hear from you. Sincerely yours,"

### "THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

Commissioner Smith wrote the president in part as follows:

"To the extent of my present knowledge, I am satisfied that facts are as stated by the company, with the single exception that the department has definite knowledge as to the nature of the cases now in the hands of the department of justice, but from the expressions of the attorney general I am inclined to believe that it is, as Mr. Perkins stated, a purely technical legal question."

"As the principle of fair dealing and good policy involved, I also concur emphatically with the attitude of the company. It is certainly true that this company has been most open with the department of justice, which control this company, has been one of active co-operation. In the investigation of the steel industry, the United States Steel corporation has already spent thousands of dollars in compiling for the bureau the most complete and accurate information as to its business, and its officers have gone to immense trouble and loss of time to facilitate in every way our work."

"As to the legal question whether this company's organization has been a violation of the Sherman law I am not particularly interested, nor have I any fixed position on the subject. I, therefore, feel that the starting of a suit under the Sherman law against this company would be a moral injustice and a reversal of the correct and advanced modern policy of the presidency in dealing with corporate business."

### CIVIL, NOT CRIMINAL, ACTION

"This case raises the question included in what the president has called 'good and bad trusts,' the question whether combinations of such shall be prohibited; whether the government is going to try to forbid all combinations regardless of their methods or ends, or whether, on the other hand, it is going to pursue the policy frequently stated by the president of regulation and control rather than of prohibition."

"Finally, this case against the company is a civil, not a criminal one. The law will not affect the case through any statute of limitation. If there is a good equitable case against the company, it will be in a thousandfold better shape for trial after the investigation by the bureau than now."

Commissioner Smith's letter to President Roosevelt was accompanied by a letter of indorsement from Oscar Straus, then secretary of commerce and labor.

### Bonaparte Only Laughs

BALTIMORE, April 24.—Roosevelt's attorney general, Charles J. Bonaparte, today O. K.'d all that his former chief has said about Taft, Lorimer and Representative Gardner of Massachusetts.

"Well, well," said Bonaparte, "this is all amusing and very interesting," and he laughed and tilted his head to one side.

"Will this attack on Roosevelt hurt him in the Massachusetts campaign, or affect the general situation?"

"Not at all," he said, "I doubt very much whether Mr. Roosevelt would have needed to make any reply at all."

"Your telegram to Roosevelt denies suppressing Harvester trust reports?"

"Yes," with another smile. "As to the harvester story, that is a rank fake."

"How about Taft's relations with Lorimer?"

"Now, I would have thought," said Bonaparte, "I would really have thought Mr. Taft would not be in sympathy with a man like Lorimer, who is purely a rascal, but some of Mr. Taft's associates and close political advisers are very close to Lorimer, and it seems rather peculiar."

## HALIFAX CROWDED WITH MOURNERS

### Citizens Welcome All Who Come in Sorrow and Extend Every Comfort

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

HALIFAX, N. S., April 24.—Relatives of the Titanic's dead are flocking to this city, filling the hotels and boarding houses and swamping the limited facilities of Halifax. Every step in the salvage work is followed with grim expectations—the hope of seeing at least the dead face of one dear to each watching and waiting unit in the mournful multitude.

The people of Halifax have taken in many of the less wealthy among the visitors and treated them as honored guests, all remuneration being refused. At the leading hotels are registered the representatives of the great families of the United States who have been plunged into sorrow. Among these are representatives of Vincent and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, of P. A. B. Widener, the Straus family, the Guggenheims, Mrs. Henry B. Harris and the civil and military friends of Major Archibald W. Butt.

### President Taft Takes Majority of the Delegates From Senator Cummings

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### Taft Takes Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 24.—Resolutions instructing delegates to Chicago to support President Taft's candidacy for the nomination "until released," were adopted by the state republican and three district conventions today. The following delegates at large were chosen without opposition:

United States Senator Henry F. Lippitt, H. I. Gardner, and George R. A. Rice of Providence, and George R. Lawton of Tiverton.

The following district delegates were named:

First district—R. Livingston Beechman and Ezra Dixon.

Second district—George R. Waterhouse and Frank W. Tillingham.

Third district—Harry Cutler and Volney M. Wilson Jr.

Besides instructing for Taft, the state platform indorses the president and his policies and opposes the recall of judges and judicial decisions.

### Commissioners Seeking Light

The state board of railroad commissioners undertook yesterday a preliminary inquiry to determine its jurisdiction over safety appliances on the ferry boats. The commission is not certain that it has any authority in the matter, but has appointed Max Thelen, a member of the commission, to investigate the subject.

The commission is prompted to this action by reason of the Titanic tragedy and believes that it should take such action as the law permits to safeguard lives on local boats.

"We are not sure," said Thelen yesterday, "that we have any jurisdiction in this matter, but we will go carefully into the law to see if we have any power as to safety appliances on the ferry boats. We are mindful of the necessity of proper life saving apparatus and of the dangers of overcrowding."

"The law is specific in giving us authority over the safety of the railroads. If there is anything that we can do to add to the safety of travel, we shall try to do it."

### Last of Masquerade Skating Carnivals

The last masquerade skating carnival of the season will be staged at the Coliseum rink tonight. Prizes will be awarded to the most unique costumes. A confetti battle is planned to boom along about 9:30 o'clock. A special musical program has been arranged.

### Soldiers Answer Bombs with Rifle Volleys

LISBON, April 24.—Many soldiers and civilians were killed today in an encounter between the striking textile workers and troops at Villa Neva de Gains, a suburb of Oporto. The strikers threw bombs into the infantry ranks who replied with rifles.

### President Begins Tour

WASHINGTON, April 24.—With his speeches approved by most of the members of the cabinet, President Taft left Washington today for New York and Massachusetts, where his supporters believe will be one of the most important trips he has undertaken since the campaign for his renomination began. He is said that the cabinet made changes, but that little of the "big" speeches had been eliminated.

### T. R. Scores in Washington

SPOKANE, April 24.—Returns from yesterday's republican primary election in Whitman county, received this morning, indicate that Roosevelt obtained more votes than Taft and La Follette combined.

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The Taft men won the first two skirmishes before the state committee. The Roosevelt leaders took the third round when Governor Hadley obtained equal representation for them on a special committee of six named to make recommendations regarding contests.

The first test of strength in the committee came when it was decided to make the session executive. The second test came on the unseating of Niedringhaus.

Indicating a bitter fight on the floor of the convention tomorrow, with a possibility that two sets of delegates at large may be chosen for the national convention.

The subcommittee worked all night in an effort to hear all the contests, but this apparently was impossible.

The first contest heard was that from Buchanan county with a delegation of 28. The vote of the subcommittee on Buchanan county was a tie, and the matter will be referred to the full committee tomorrow.

### Wreck Waifs Are Identified

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, April 24.—Michel and Edmond Navratil, the two little waifs from the sunken Titanic, still are "Louis" and "Lolo" to Frank K. Hays of 39 West Eighty-third street, and his daughter, Margaret, who took them under her care on board the Carpathia when she and the two children were rescued.

Hays reluctantly admits that the World's cable description from Nice of the distinguishing marks which were communicated by the World to him and Miss Utley, the trained nurse in charge of the babies, leaves no room for doubt that they are the children of Mme. Navratil, the beautiful South American wife of the Austrian tailor who opened a shop in Nice after deserting from the Austrian army and left his wife in a fit of jealousy.

Miss Utley's identification is positive, but Miss Margaret Hays, the foster mother, who spends her mornings playing with the children and has let them twine themselves closely around her heart, finds it hard to admit the facts.

### Bremen Plowed Through Bodies

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, April 24.—The steamer Bremen of the North German Lloyd line passed through a veritable sea of corpses on its way to this port last Saturday, which so affected the passengers that one of them tried to jump overboard.

Women fainted in hysterics at the horror scene, and tonight Captain Wilhelm was scarcely able to speak of his experience.

"I have been to sea for 23 years," said the captain, "but never have I looked upon a sight like that—a vivid sea of human bodies."

Wilhelm said he counted 125 bodies and then stopped.

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## OLYMPIC TIED UP BY STRIKE IN FIREROOM

### Stokers and Oilers Quit Ship in Body, Demanding More Lifeboats

SOUTHAMPTON, England, April 24.

Three hundred of the firemen and others belonging to the crew of the Olympic struck five minutes before the White Star liner was due to sail today for New York. They gave as their reason for striking that the collapsible lifeboats installed on the vessel were unseaworthy.

Commander Clarke offered to take the Olympic to the Coates roads and allow any of the crew to select any boat or boats for board, and he would prove by demonstration that they were absolutely safe.

The men refused to be convinced and left the ship in a body. One of them said he had punched his thumb through the canvas of one of the collapsible boats.

At midnight the Olympia still was anchored off Ryde, Isle of Wight. It was considered impossible to sail during the night. The company succeeded in scraping together only 60 firemen instead of the necessary 300. It is reported that a number of passengers have declined to sail with a depleted or scratch crew.

Commander Clarke says there are 44 lifeboats on board the Olympic, including the collapsible boats, and that their total seating capacity is 2,600, which is largely in excess of the total of the passengers and crew. While he considered wooden lifeboats superior, he was satisfied with all the boats on board.

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## DORR MAY ESCAPE TRIAL AS SLAYER

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, April 24.—It is rumored that William A. Dorr may yet escape the Lynn (Mass.) authorities who desire to extradite him and place him on trial for the murder of George A. Marsh.

"Dorr may or may not be faking," said a county official today. "If he is faking he is a clever actor. Should an insanity complaint be filed against him Chief Briar and County Health Officer Friedberger believe Dorr is faking. The chief said that when he first talked with the prisoner Dorr recalled having been in Fresno, Los Angeles, New Orleans and Chicago but now says he has no recollection of anything that has occurred since he disappeared March 14."

## HIGHWAY BOARD ENDS HEARINGS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, April 24.—The state highway commission today held its final hearing of delegations from various sections of the state. Unless a special exception is made in the case of the Visalia and Tuolumne representatives, who were scheduled to appear today, but were unable to reach here, no other arguments will be heard.

Shasta and Siskiyou presented their claims today. Supervisor F. Hurst, chairman of the Shasta delegation, promised that Shasta county would construct 17 miles of the state highway, connecting Redding and Kennet, and present the same to the state free of charge if the commission would so arrange the highway routes as to include both these places on the main highway.

This would mean the construction of the main highway on the west side of the valley as far south as Red Bluff.

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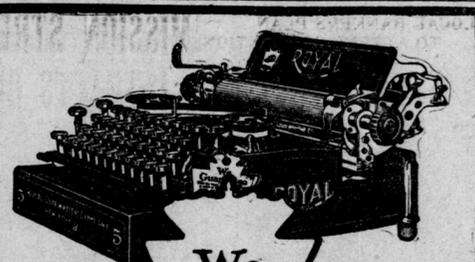
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