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Searching Inquiry by the Con-

SHIP SACRIFICED

Maniging Director of International Marine and a Dozen Ot ers Are Held By Congressional Committe .

New York .- The seriousness of the inquiry by the Senate investigating committee into the Titanic disaster was disclosed when Senator Smith, of Michigan, the chairman, at first flatly refused to let any of the officers or the 200 odd members of the crew of the sunken steamship get beyond the jurisdiction of the United States government. The men were all to have sailed Saturday on the steamer Lapland. Later it was settled that the greater part of the crew would be permited to sail on this steamer, but that the twelve men and four officers among the survivors now under subpoena, together with Mr. Ismay, would not be allowed to depart.

The first day's testimony brought to the front the apparent conclusion that the biggest ship which was ever built, "a lifeboat in itself," according to the views of modern shipbuilders, sank in midocean with more than 1,500 human beings because she was being be brought in the British courts; that rushed across the ocean almost at top a speed and crashed into a field of icebergs after warnings had been given

to look out. That so few were saved from watery graves was because there were not enough lifeboats on board to accommodate the passengers. There were only 20 lifeboats because the Titanic committee had examined J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line; Arthur Henry Rostrom, captain of the rescue ship Carpathia, and Second Officer Lightholder, of the Titanic, who went down with the ship, but later was rescued.

It was explained to the committee at a conference over the question of holding the crew that Mr. Ismay was experiences and felt the need of returning quickly to his English home for a rest. His pleas, however, were unavailing.

Because they made public information the company wanted kept secret, palling tragedy. the survivors of the crew of the Titanic were transferred to the Red Star liner Laplander and kept under cover. Director Ismay ordered Vice-President Franklin to segergate the men soon as they arrived.

Even after all that has now been told of the disaster, the death list is only approximate. Exactly how many died will never be known. It has been established officially, however, that the Titanic was traveling 21 knots an the northern route was taken in obedihour when she struck the berg.

of the survivors from steerage to life of his entire ship to make a speedy saloon has as yet condemned Captain passage. Smith, who went down with his ship.

MR. ISMAY'S STATEMENT.

Ship on Last Boat.

New York .- Bruce Ismay, chairman of the International Mercantile Marine, gave out the following prepared statement:

shadows of a catastrophe so overwhelming, my feelings are too deep upon and contemplate, but Mr. Ismay, for expression in words, and I can the officer primarily responsible for only say that the White Star Line the whole disaster, has reached his officers and employes will do every- destination in safety and unharmed. thing humanly possible to alleviate the suffering and sorrow of the relatives and friends of those who perished.

"The Titanic was the last word in shipbuilding. Every regulation prescribed by the British Board of Trade had been strictly complied with. The master, officers and crew were the most experienced and skillful in the British service.

"I am informed that a committee of the United States Senate has been appointed to investigate the circumstances of the accident. I heartily welcome the most complete and exbaustive inquiry, and any aid that I or my associates or our builders or navigators can render is at the service of the public and of the government of both the United States and Great Britain.

Mr. Ismay said informally before giving out his statement that he left the ship in the last boat, one of the collapsible boats, on the starboard side.

DISASTER MADE HIM INSANE.

Man Said It Was Lord's Punishment

For People's Sins. Hempstead, N. Y .- David Burns, an employe of Castle Gould, the estate of Howard Gould at Port Washington, Madero. The bond issue is to be taken went violently insane, as a result of up by Mexican capitalists. The issue reading and talking of the Titanic dis- is to be financed through an additional aster. Burns declared repeatedly that tax of 20 per cent. on spirituous the wreck was the work of the Lord liquors and other luxuries. The bonds to punish the people for their sins, and will be paid 60 days after date of finally became so violent that he was issue.

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Charges Company With Wanton Dis

Washington.-Senator Rayner, of Maryland, in an effective speech on the floor of the Senate, reviewed the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the Titanic and denounced J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line, as "a cool and brutal coward." He said that with the responsibilities resting upon the executive head of the company, Ismay should not have saved himself until every passenger on board the ship had been given a chance to live.

The address aroused intense interest in the Senate and in the galleries. Senators left the cloakrooms to hear the Marylander lash Ismay and hold him up to the contempt of the civilized world. The galleries rapidly filled when it became known that Senator Rayner was making an attack upon the White Star Line and its owners.

Taking as his text the printed statement of Senator Smith, of Michigan, to the effect that he doubted the authority of the Senate investigating committee to compel the testimony of Ismay, an Englishman, Senator Rayner discussed exhaustively the jurisdiction of the Senate committee over any person upon American soil. He said the power to summon witnesses and exact testimony from them was undisputed by constitutional authorities.

British Courts Open.

Senator Rayner pointed out that while there were no civil or criminal remedies available in the American courts, criminal and civil suits could Congressional committee would have absolute authority to subpoena everyone connected with the disaster and that, if anyone should refuse to answer questions, he could be indicted

and imprisoned for contempt. After he had taken up the legal phases suggested by the published statements of Senator Smith, the was believed to be unsinkable. This Marylander assailed Ismay with a bitstate of affairs appeared after the terness rarely heard in the halls of Congress. He referred to the printed interview of Mrs. L. P. Smith, the daughter of Representative Hughes, of West Virginia, in which this survivor declared that Ismay sought safety among the first and that he had left his ship long before the women aboard had been taken off.

Doubts Mr. Ismay's Statement.

"Mr. Ismay claims, according to rerope, as he had been worn out by his ports, that he took the last lifeboat," cried Senator Rayner. "I do not be-Heye it, and if he did, it was cowardly to take any lifeboat, for the managing director of the line, with his board, is criminally responsible for this ap-

"If this had happened on an Amerian vessel there would be no question that an indictment would be found, and if the facts were sustained the officers of the company could be convicted of manslaughter, if not for murder, because the evidence is clear that the vessel was not properly equipped with efficient life-saving apparatus.

Charges Disregard Of Life. "I have not the slightest doubt that ence to Mr. Ismay's direct orders and Notwithstanding this, however, none that with full warning he risked the

"I care not what the rules of the English Admiralty are. Here you have the spectacle of the head of the line failing to see that his ship was prop-Chairman of the Line Says He Left erly equipped with life-saving apparatus, heedless of the warnings that he was sailing in a dangerous sea, forsaking his vessel and permitting 1,500 of her passengers and crew to be swallowed by the sea. The martyrdom and the agonies of separation that "In the presence and under the took place on board the sinking ship are too fearful for the mind to dwell

Appeals To British Justice. "No legislation can bring back to earth a single life lost upon that fatal night. What we can do is to help to fix the responsibility, if possible, and rely upon British justice to bring to bay the guilty directorate of this company.

"All civilized nations will applaud the criminal prosecution of the managers of this line. If they can be made to suffer, no sympathy will go out for them, and if it does, it will be submerged in the overwhelming lamentation that today re-echoes throughout the civilized world for the victims of their culpable carelessness. a recklessness that sent hundreds of their fellow-beings into eternity, desolating homes and firesides and turning this land into a house of mourning.

"In this hour of our calamity we appeal to the majesty of the law to deal out retributory justice to this guilty company to the last degree."

Mexico To Increase Army.

Laredo, Tex .- Mexico's army is to be increased to 60,000 and maintained through a bond issue of 20,000,000 pesos (\$10,000,000), according to the statement of a cousin of President

ALL OVER THE STATE

Notes That Are of Interest to Pennsylvanians.

Allentown .- Mrs. Susanna Smith, widow of Jeremiah Smith, died here. She was ninety-two years old.

Joanna.-St. Paul's circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Conference elected Rev. Calvin Ax as pastor. Birdsboro.-Daniel K. Moore, 81

years old, died. He retired six years ago, when he partly lost his eyesight. Bethlehem.-The Beethoven Maenperchor has started to erect a \$10,000 club house.

Reading. - Peter Zimmerman, of Reading, fell dead at Mt. Penn from apoplexy. He was fifty-six years old. Easton.-Morris C. Smith, aged forty-nine years, committed suicide by shooting at his home because of ill-

Allentown.-The Socialists of Lehigh county polled only 110 votes at the recent primaries and the Prohi-

bitionists only six. West Leesport.-The large Swiss barn of Joseph Swavely, of Bern, was destroyed by fire, together with some of the farming implements and crops.

Sunbury.-Falling on a piece of broken bottle, Mrs. J. O. Downs had her left hand partly severed, and fainted from the loss of blood.

Cementon.-After being idle for several months the mill of the Whitehall Cement Company is now running in full blast, including Sundays. Reading .- Jeremiah Ebbert, Sr., one

of Reading's oldest citizens, and a retired hauling contractor, died of general debility, in his ninety-first year, Lancaster .- E. A. Ransing, who was prosecuted by the State Pure Food Bureau for violating the food law,

pleaded guilty in court here, and was fined sixty dollars. Pottsville.-The boiler of a fertilizing plant at Seven Stars blew up. The large cylinder went up to the roof and several workmen were thus

saved injury. Carlisle -- Despondent because of marital troubles, John Baker, fifty years old, killed himself by shooting. He was found dead in a room at a

hotel here. Bethlehem. - The Monocacy Hose Company has received and accepted an invitation to participate in the Old Home Week celebration at Norris-

town in May. Lewistown.-L. V. Rhodes has a Plymouth Rock hen that laid an egg weighing five ounces and measuring one respect, at least. He doesn't have seven and three-quarter inches to buy hair for a harem. lengthwise and seven inches across.

Columbia.-Christian Hines, aged seventy-five years, died in the local hospital, an hour after he had been struck by the engine of a freight train on the Columbia & Fort Deposit Railroad, at Washingtonboro.

Allentown.--After having been married less than half a year, the fifteenyear-old-girl wife of Maxim Kissak, of Egypt, revealed such a story of cruelty that he was committed to

Sunbury .- Having caught cold while attending the funeral of his father, a week ago, Frank S. Reigle, a piano merchant, died at his residence in Freeburg of pneumonia. He was for-

ty-eight years old. Lewistown.-In a heavy electrical storm the courthouse was struck by a bolt of lightning. The cupola was badly damaged, the loss amounting to more than one hundred dollars. Large hallstones fell.

Marietta.-With his wife and son, William B. Jones, of near Oxford, started by wagon for Los Angeles, Cal. They used a covered vehicle and the contents consisted of a tent, stove, beds and cooking and table utensils. Two dogs accompanied them for guards.

South Bethlehem.-While at work removing concrete forms at a 28-inch press at the Saucon plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, Edwin Johnson, of Allentown, was perhaps fatally injured when his sleeve caught in the machinery and his left arm was pulled out at the shoulder.

Allentown.-Willie Carter, colored, and Charlie Miller, white, Allentown boys, twelve years old, are alleged to have stelen seventy-five dollars from Martha Grim, a school teacher. They were about to go to Philadelphia when the station agent became suspicious about their actions and had them arrested.

Allentown.-A survey made by State experts at the request of Senator James A. Miller, of Lehigh county, shows that the fine chestnut groves on Scholarie Ridge, in Lynn Township, are badly afflicted with the blight and that unless something is done to control the trouble there will not be a living chestnut tree there after a few years.

Bernville.-Not within a decade have the farmers planted so many seed onions as this spring. Moses Seifert planted sixteen bushels, and Frank Mengle, William C. Bright, Charles Reber and James Manbeck five bushels each.

Pottsville .- Con. F. Foley, of Pottsville, who has been chosen the Socialist nominee for Congress, forwarded his expense account to Washington. It totals seventeen cents, fifteen cents for filing his expense account here and two cents for mailing the account.



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Mother-Well?

moving the dirt myself? The Worst of the Week. "If you will come back Monday

night," she said, "I'll give you some of my home-made fudge." "I'll sure come," he said, "for this is the year for candy-dates."-Judge.

A Correction. "We are drifting toward a paternal form of government," said the econo-

"Pardon me if I correct you," responded the suffragette, gently; "to be accurate, you should say a maternal form of government."

A Soft Answer. He (triumphantly, reading from a newspaper) - "Suffragist speaker heckled by geese at a county fair." Ha, ha! Even the geese are against woman suffrage, my dear!

She (contemptuously)-That's be-

cause they are geese .- Judge.

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