STARTLING TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE PROBING TITANIC DISASTER

Quartermaster Ordered to Take Boat Load of Passengers to "Light Oft Port Bow" and Return for More.

OFFICER WAITED TILL MANY DIED ERE ROWING BACK

Washington.—Testimony was adjusted at the hearing before the Senal half knots an hour. torial committee in Washington to show that Herbert G. Lowe, fifth officer of the Titanic, had to use violent language to J. Bruce Ismay when the latter was interfering with the loading of the lifeboats under Lowe's

HAROLD COTTAM



Wireless Operator on the Carpathia.

Lowe declared that he did not row back to do rescue work till the dying had thinned out, fearing the drowning

would swamp the boat.
J. Bruce Ismay was very much perturbed when he found himself safe on the Carpathia, and told Second Officer Lightoller that he, Ismay, should have gone down with the ship as long as any woman remained on board the Ti-tanic. Lightoller said Officer Wolfe threw Ismay into a boat.

Officer Lightoller testified that the maritime value of a lookout depends upon his extreme range of vision and that marine glasses are only useful to determine the form and appearance of something already perceived by the naked eye. A lookout with glasses, Mr. Lightoller indicated, would not have that great sweep of vision neces-sary to make him useful as a lookout.

The sentiment rather grows than The sentiment rather grows than dies that the Titanic was started from Southampton with nothing but a scratch crew to manage this, the latest work in transatlantic travel. Some of the crew, it seems, had been on the ship's trial from Belfast to Southamp-ton, but the great majority knew little or nothing of her equipment. There Titanic during the three days she was at sea on her maiden voyage, before being sunk.

The average speed of the Titanic. Lightoller testified, was about 21 3-4 knots. She could have made, he thought, between 23 and 24 without ulty, if pushed to the utmost

Lightoller assumed full responsibility for the messages sent by Ismay to the International Mercantile Marine Company urging and commanding that the Cedric be held till after the Car-pathia had arrived, so the survivors of the Titanic's crew might be put aboard and shipped straight back to England.

The testimony so far adduced by the Senate Committee investigating out these points:—

That she hit the iceberg on a clear,

starry night, although there was no

That several steamships heard her calls for assistance and turned toward her, the Carpathia being the only one to reach her in time. The German steamship Frankfurt was told by the wireless operator on board the Titanic, when it answered the "C O D" signal to "shut up."

away somewhat more than an hour

er the Titanic struck.
That while the lifeboats were insufficient in number to care for more than a third of the Titanic's passengers, that many of them were sent away with less than half the number they could carry.

That the Titanic, warned less than an hour before she struck the ice, was | had he returned to rescue any

going at a speed of twenty-one and a half knots an hour.

That it was wished that the Titanic make a good speed record on her maiden voyage.

That Captain Arthur Rostron of the

Carpathia, put a double watch out on board the Carpathia and rushed his vessel to the aid of the Titanic, disre-

garding the danger.

That the news that the Titanic had sank with great loss of life had been sent out from the Carpathia an hour after it occurred. That it was not given out in this city until late in the evening of the day she went down. That the Baltic received the news

by wireless at about half-past nine o'clock the Monday morning the Titanic went down.

That Representative Hughes re-ceived a telegram from the White Star Line Monday evening saying that the Titanic was in tow of the Virginian, bound for Halifax.

That the wireless operator of the Carpathia denied ever sending out such a message.

That Joseph G. Boxhall, fourth officer of the Titanic, and others saw the lights of a steamship within five miles, which refused to answer the distress signals of the Titanic.

That J. Bruce Ismay sent several urgent wireless messages to P. A. S. Franklin, vice president of the White Star Line, to hold the Cedric, so that he and the crew of the Titanic could be heard in the boats a great distance away, and that only one boat returned to the scene of the wreck after the Titanic sank.

That the Titanic had a list to starboard of five degrees within five min-

utes after striking.
That Mr. Lowe fired several shots to keep Italian immigrants from jumpand swamping his boat.

That many of the men saved were those who went down with the Titanic but managed to reach the surface again.

Lowe Savagely Replies to Ismay. In telling how he had ordered Ismay, the supreme head of his employers, away when he was preparing a lifeboat for lowering, Lowe looked straight at the managing director when he interrupted him, saying sav agely that he was being examined by the committee. Like all previous for-eign witnesses, Mr. Lowe was on his mettle, and ready for a controversy at

the snap of a finger.

The rescue of the collapsed lifeboat, use as a raft, to which 35 people clung; the rescue of 24 from another collapsible boat on the verge of the sinking, and the picking up of four drowning in the sea were the feat-ures of his testimony.

Saw Two Women on Bridge as Ship Sank.

Second Officer Lightoller added second Omeer Lightoner added much to his testimony given in New York. He said searchlights might prove detrimental or beneficial. He did not approve of them. He said only two women remained on the entire boat deck when the ship went down. They stood on the bridge amidships, and made no effort to go

aside in either direction.

All responsibility for the attempt by J. Bruce Ismay to hold the Celtic was assumed by Mr. Lightoller. He implored Mr. Ismay to do so, he said, in order that the crew might be pro-tected and held together, explaining that there was no thought of evading the Senate investigation.

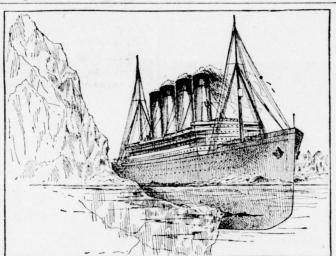
Defends Ismay.

A warm defense of Mr. Ismay was volunteered by the second officer. He had on authority that Chief Officer Wilde forcibly placed the managing director in the last boat to leave the sinking ship. This was done against the protest of Mr. Ismay. He told of Mr. Ismay's collapse upon arriving on the Carpathia. He was suffering mental trouble, regretting that he had left the ship, after knowing that wom-

left the ship, after knowing that wom-en were still on board.

Mr. Lightoller maintained stoutly that the boilers of the Titanic explod-ed. He declared that the seamen of the Titanic all did their duty and the boats were all launched promptly. No passengers were eager to get in them, as none looked upon the matter as

It was admitted by Mr. Lightoller that he worked up the position of the ship after wireless messages had been received warning that icebergs were approaching. He figured that they should reach the ice by 11 o'clock Sunday night admonished the men on the lookout and told all the offi-



-From the Scientific American. In all probability a massive, projecting, underwater shelf of the iceberg with which she collided tore open several compartments of the "Titanic the rent extending from near the bow to amidships. The energy of the blow, 1,161,000 foot-tons, was equal to that of the combined broadsides of the "Delaware" and "North Dakota."

COLD-BLOODED STORY OF LOWE CHILLS SPECTATORS

Fifth Officer Fired Revolver Shots to Drive Steerage Passagers Away from His Boat—Didn't Return Until "Dying Had Thinned Out."

Washington - Harold Godfrey Lowe, fifth officer of the Titanic, gave a new and complete version of the He personally assisted in the sinking of the Titanic has brought launching five lifeboats, and was the only officer to return and examine the wreckage after the ship went down. He also fired the revolver shots, of which so much has been said, doing so to terrify steerage men.

His testimony was so cold-blooded that it chilled all those present, but was given with every indication that he had performed his duty as he saw

Lowe had never before sailed the Atlantic, and all on the ship were strangers to him. His recital of the tragedy adds the most interesting and dramatic chapter to its history yet developed.

Lowe said he did not return to the wreckage until the yells and cries had subsided and the dying had "thinned out." He testified there were 600 in the water, and his boat would surely have been swamped and all in it lost

PASSENGERS SEE FIVE-SCORE BODIES AMID WRECKAGE OF THE TITANIC

Women Scream and Faint at Mourncue the bodies, but the officers asful Spectacle as Ship Ploughs Slowly Along—Mother and Baby in Same Lifebelt—Another Woman on that mournful mission, only hours away. The scene moved every one to tears and even the navigators of Bremen could not hide their emo-Victim Held Two Children in Her

New York .- First of the Atlantic regular liners to thread the gravevard of the icefields off the Banks and Lloyd liner Bremen. She had been told by wireless by the Rhein of the same line, bound for Baltimore, of the nearby presence of the hearse ship Mackay-Bennett and of the gruesom

spectacle before her. It was late on Saturday afternoon that the Bremen drew near the mournful aftermath of the Titanic disaster, her officers and passengers streaks and little breaks on the swells that at first were readily mistaken for whitecaps. Still nearer approach revealed that the bobbing specks upon waves were bodies of the victims of the greatest tragedy of the sea.

Capt B. Wihelmi of the Bremen slowed down to a very funeral while traversing the area of the dead. He did this out of respect and to recovered.

TITANIC BODIES PICKED

sharpness.

UP ON THE OCEAN. New York -Two hundred and five odies of the victims of the Titanic disaster were picked up at sea by the cable steamer Mackay-Bennett and brought to Halifax, N. S. Capt. Larnder of the Mackay-Bennett confirms of George D. Widener, son of P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia, in a wireless despatch to the White Star Line

Another despatch from the Mackay-

"Bodies are in latitude 41.35 north, longitude 48.37 west, extending many miles east and west Mail ships give this a wide berth. Medical opin ion is death has been instantaneous in all cases, owing to pressure when bodies were drawn down in vortex.'

The bodies of John Jacob Astor, Isador Straus and resident Hays were

OHIO COMPROMISE RECALL.

Legislature Authorized to Provide for

almost unanimou any offending public official. The law will not interfere with the present plan of impeachment by legislative

TO FIGHT WILL FOR TREASURE

avoid the possibility of disturbing and mangling the bodies, which, he had been informed, the Mackay-Bennett

was seeking.
Like appropriate, if ghastly and ter-

rible, monuments marking the transient acres of the dead, floated tall and ungainly icebergs to the right and the

Soon every passenger and every sailor off watch, summoned by the whispered word of curiosity and mor-

bid interest, passed from mouth to mouth, was on deck.

either direction, starboard or port, the reminders of the ocean disaster could

be seen. Sometimes it was necessary

peep over the rail to discern then

Others were ten, twenty, thirty yards

distant, while the plainly visible, but unmistakable shrouds of the corpses,

the telltale life-preservers, could be

Miss Johanne Steinke of No. 238 East

C. M. HAYS

Mr. Hays, who was president of the

Grand Trunk railway, lost his life in

the Titanic disaster. His wife and daughter, Margaret, were saved.

"I saw," said Miss Steinke, "a mid-

dle-aged woman, well dressed, show

ing she had been a cabin passenger,

clasping in her arms a large St. Bernard dog. I suppose that while the ship was sinking she went to the

butcher's shop and fetched her dog. I

breast. The mother wore only one

garment, while the baby was fully dressed. Both were enclosed within

the same lifebelt. To the right was an iceberg about half a mile away.

To the left were two icebergs, stand-

ing guard over the dead. As we made out the small dots floating around,

and realized what they meant, feelings of awe and sadness crept over

every one, and we proceeded in abso-

lute silence as if to show reverence for the dead. We passed so near that

we could make out whether the vic-tims were men or women and what

Women Screamed and Fainted.

"When they caught sight of the mother with her baby in her arms

some of the women on the ship screamed and left the rail fainting.

men, all clinging to a steamer chair.

thought, was the very monster that had hit the Titanic. Its side appeared to be split off as if cleaved by some

instrument of mighty power and

"A number of the passengers demanded that the captain stop and res-

sured us that the Mackay-Bennett was

"Nearby floated the bodies of three

"This berg to starboard, the officers

they were wearing.

should have done the same. "Then there was the body of a wom-an with her baby clasped to her

A gruesome description was that of

seen in all directions.

Fiftieth street, a passenger.

As far as human eye could carry in

left.

Disinherited Kin Excited by All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Hope of Buried Gold.

ARE INTO GAME OF DIGGING

Disinherited Heirs of Rich Sallie Benninghoff Sue for Share in Estate from Which They Were Cut Off With \$10.

Allentown.-Excited by the stories of the woman's buried treasure, kin who were practically disinherited by 97-year-old Sallie Benninghoff will start a will contest in order to get into the game of digging for the hidden gold. Attorney George J. Miller, acting for his mother, Mrs. Amanda Miller, who was cut off with \$10, announceed that he would open a contest to break the will of Sallie Benninghoff, the oldest woman in Lehigh County, part of whose \$50,000 estate, it is reported, consisted of buried treasure. It will be claimed that the woman, who was in her 97th year, was a widow. She is said to have had a husband, who died so long ago that a younger generation, who knew her only casually, were under the impression that she had never been married. According to Mr. Miller, the foundation of the family fortune was an estate of about \$30,000 left by her husband, Isaac Benninghoff, a Lynn township farmer. Francis J. Gildner, attorney for Frank and Daniel Benninghoff, the nephews who are the beneficiaries in the will, made a statement declaring they were entitled to the estate by reason their having cared for the old lady, Despite her age, Attorney Gildner asserts she was until the very eve of her death sound in mind and physically very active for one of her advanced years, disputing the assertion of the contestants that she was incompetent.

Curbs Water Grants.

Harrisburg.-The State Water Supply Commmission announced that it had approved applications for charters by the West Norriston Water Com-pany, Montgomery county; Shannopin Heights Water Co., Hopewell town Beaver county; Middle Broadheads Power Co., Stroudsburg; Upper Broadheads Power Co., East Strouds-burg; Central Broadheads Power Co., Stroud township, Monroe county, and lower Broadheads Power Co., Smith-field township, Monroe county. The Commission also announced condi-tions under which it approved charters for the Clarion River power project insuring to the State right of supervision of construction and operation of all dams, the control of flow, reservations for flood amelioration projects and equal rates for the public.

Plead for Roads.

Harrisburg. — Delegations froы Berks, Tioga, Potter, McKean, Centre and Erie counties waited upon High-way Commissioner Bigelow to urge early reconstruction of roads in their sections of the State, or that repairs be started. The Berks delegation was from Hamburg and headed by Councilmen, and urged that the State main highway in that section be taken up early, because of the proposed erection of the State tuberculosis sanitarium in that vicinity. The northern tier delegation was headed by Senator Frank E. Baldwin and United States District Attorney Andrew B. Dunsmore.

Grewsome Postal Farewell

Chambersburg.-Post cards bearing his farewell message to friends and relatives were sent broadcast in Mont Alto and Waynesboro by William Reed, who is sentenced to be hanged. Reed was measured for a black suit of clothing by a local tailor. He requested that his body be sent to Mont Alto for burial. The gallows from which he will be hanged arrived here from Reading, and was taken to the jailyard, where the execution will take place.

Forces Grandson To Kill Him.

Meadville.-After slaying his wife, Sarah, supposedly while insane with jealousy, Stephen Wellman, a wealthy farmer, descended from an upper room of his home near Lincolnville, Crawford county, and forced his terrified young grandson, Grisdom Wellman, to execute him by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. The dead grandparents were aged 65 years each and the child 9 years.

Jilted Girl Awarded \$3,000.

Selin's Grove.-Mamie L. Wolf. a chool teacher and member of a prominent family, was awarded \$3,000 damages here in her suit for breach of promise against Columbus McDevitt, a school teacher of Coal township. McDevitt did not appear in court.

Read Palms to Rob Village

Altoona.—A caravan of gypsies stop-ped at East Freedom and the people were so busy having their fortunes told that they did not notice they were being relieved of their surplus money until the band had departed. Right of the most prominent residents of the town were victims. C. W. Benton was the chief victim, losing George Ruggles, the village black smith, lost \$7, and Constable George Hoenstine several bills. A posse was was formed overtaking the nomads at Newry and the easy money recovered.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality-Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects-Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

The public playgrounds in West Chester were formally opened with a game of baseball.

Lancaster Socialists elected Cora Bixler a delegate to their national convention.

Caught between two cars in the Standard Steel yard at Lewistown, John O'Hara was crushed to death.

Abington Commissioners have passed an ordinance for the formal disposal of bonds to a total value of \$164,000. Adam Gribble plowed up and killed

a seven-foot blacksnake at Adamstown.

The Mack Motor Car Works at Allentown has bought six acres at \$6000 an acre, to enlarge its plant.

Driven hopeless by pain, Benjamin Laudig, a Ringtown invalid, aged blew off the top of his head with a

Herbert Aurand, 12 years old, died from lockjaw at Lewistown, superinduced by a compound fracture of the right arm, sustained in a fall.

Marie Leehan, a Cherokee squaw, who robbed O. M. Schaeffer of \$16 while telling his fortune in Allentown, was arrested and held for a hearing.

the Newtown station siding, the Reading Railroad has put a detective on John Beiler, once the owner of many

farms in Northampton county, died in

Potatoes getting away from cars on

the almshouse near Nazareth, aged 92 years. Lockwood B. Worden, the new Prothonotary of Dauphin county, is said

to be the youngest man who has held

the office in that county. Frank R. Heavner, a Norristown contractor, has been awarded the contract to build an addition to the First Presbyterian Church at a cost of \$22,-

All business places through the Panther Creek Valley have put up notices that no credit will be extended to any one-a warning to the hundreds of idle miners throughout the region.

Suit for \$10,000 damages has been started in Schuylkill Court by Mrs. Elizabeth Reyer, whose son Herman was terribly injured in the Dodson coal breaker at Morea.

The Business Men's Association of Downingtown will appeal to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to have safety gates erected at the grade crossing on Washington street, that

Charged with assaulting Fish Warden, J. K. Tittle, in the Poconos, C. E. Riley, Kingston, and A. Pipher, Wilkes-Barre, trout fishermen, were arrested by Sergeant Mountjoy, of the State troopers.

Going to Brush Mountain after school, Walter Bell, aged 15, and Chas. White and Charles Sherer, Central Grammar School boys, ate some poisonous weeds, from the effects which Bell died at Altoona. W and Sherer are in a serious condition.

Major Isaac B. Brown, of Cory, former Secretary of Internal Affairs, visited Secretary Houck, Factory Inspector Delaney, State Teasurer, Wright and other officials at the State Capitol this week. Major Brown has had to give up the practice of law in order to de-He spent the winter in Florida with his family and is in robust health

In a round-up of the four "handsomsities, a New York city paper includes Joseph M. Russ, a freshman in the department of philosophy at Fordham, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Russ, of Harrisburg. Mr. Russ at the age of 20 is president of the Round Head Club at the university, and at he recent re ception to Cardinal Farley he was class epresentative. He sings in the University Glee Club.

A terrific windstorm blew down a 75-foot high bridge, 200 feet long, own-ed by the McTurk Coal Company, at the eastern end of Girardville

While Mary Klinger, 9 years old, was returning from school at Uniontown, she was attacked by William Heffner. Three men ran to the girl's Heffner. aid and Heffner fled to the mountains. where he was caught by Vaughan Spotts, the girl's teacher, after Heffner had tried to stab him. Admitting his intent to a Justice, Heffner was imi risoned.

"HELLO" GIRL GOES BLIND.

Flickering Signal Lights Said to Have Impaired Her Sight.

Atlantic City, N. J .- Ethel Hiltner 17 years old, an operator at the Bell Telephone central here, was stricken blind while at her switchboard. Specialists fear the affliction is perma-

She had been under treatment for impairment of her sight. The flicker-ing lights which signal calls, are said to have blinded her.

FEARS FOR SISTER AT SEA, DIES.

Woman Commits Suicide After Worry About Titanic Disaster.

Newark, N. J.-Mrs. Beatrice Bar well, 29 years old, was found dead from gas in her home after having bade goodby to her sister, who sailed for Europe in the Celtic. She committed suicide. Her husband and relatives say the woman became despondent at the parting from her sister and the worry that the steamship would meet the same fate as the Titanic.

ASSAILS BOARD OF TRADE

Lord Muskerry Says Marine Depart

ment Opposed Ship Reforms.

London.—Lord Muskerry, late of the navy, severely criticised the marine department of the Board of Trade. Measures which had been urged by the guild, he said, had met with bitter opposition from the head of the marine department. He expressed the hope that the commission under Lord Mersey which had been appointed to investigate the wreck of the Titanic would insist upon reform. procedure

Impeachment Commission.
Columbus, Ohio.—The Constitution-

al Convention compromised on the re call when by an vote the members passed a proposal authorizing the Legislature to enact commission with power to remove