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THE TORSTAD HELD TO BLAME

Wreck Commission Finds Collier Caused Empress Disaster In Which Over 1000 Lost Lives.

PLACES RESPONSIBILITY ON THIRD OFFICER

Disaster Due to His Change of Course Without Intsructions From First Officer In Charge.

Quebec, July 11 .- The collier Storpress of Ireland disaster, in the finddown today.

first officer, who was in charge of the collier at the time. The Empress work. was sunk in the St. Lawrence on May 29, with a loss of more than 1,000 lives.

The inquiry into the disaster was formerly presiding justice of the Commissioner Gall British Admiralty court, Sir Adolfo Carolina democrat. Rothler, of Quebec, and Chief Justice of New Brunswick. The commissioners were assisted in their work by Commander Caborne of the British royal naval reserve, Prof. John Welsh of New Castle. Ind., Chairman Demers of the Dominion wreck commission and Engineer-Commander Howe, of the naval service.

Commander Caborne, and Prof. Welsh, were nominated by the British board of trade, Lord Mersey also presided over the inquiry into the Titanie disaster.

"We regret," says the finding, "to have to impute blame to anyone because of this disaster, and we would not do so if it were possible, but we can come to no other conclusion than that by altering his course in the fog, as he undoubtedly did, Tuftenes was wrong and negligent both in this and failing to tell the captain when he sarw the fog coming on.

Mersey or elsewhere, in similar cir-

cumstances, "Such is the conclusion at which we have arrived on the question as to who was to blame for it: The Great Question.

"But a question of great public importance is to be considered, viz: "Why the ship sank so suidly and what steps, if any, can be taken to prevent the terrible consequences which so often follow such disasters. Carries Appropriation of \$4,- government by the naval act of this "The main difference between the Carries Appropriation of \$4,- year, are rapidly nearing completion officers—the officers of the Empress and the Starstad respectively—is to be found in the description of the way in which the two vessels were approaching each other at the time the Empress of Ireland changed her

from Father Point. may they were approaching so as to ing \$4,455,464 last of the appropriaproaching to pass green to green. The up for passage today or early have to determine which is the more miscellaneous items, including items her cargo tanks 2,260,000 gallons of apeake and Ohio from 1888 to 1900,

Tuftenes Mistakeen. "After carefully weighing the evi-

FIRING CHAMBERS

Negro Janitor at the Federal **Building in Statesville Goes** Back on the Job.

> Gazette-News Bureau Wyatt Building Washington, July 11.

Treasury officials started Thursday that their order, issued some week ago, to have Fred Chambers, the negro janitor at Statesville, restored to his job with full civil service standing, had finally been complied with stad is held to blame for the Em- by Collector A. D. Watts. Watts fired Chambers several months ago, and ings of the wreck commission, handed placed Captain Gregory, a confederate soldier in his place. Chambers The commission held that the disaster was due to the Storstad's change of course, ordered by the third offi-

"The discharge of Chambers was il service law that has ever brought to the attention of this debegun in Quebec on June 16, by a partment," said a high treasury offi-commission composed of Lord Mersey

Furthermore, it was stated that Collector Watts' action in this case has caused good democrats to embarrassed.

Anticipating that Collector Watts will make conditions unbearable for the pegro the civil service commission is preparing to transfer Cham-Canadian service with the government, his good record, together with the treatment meted out to him by the collector at Nevada is about 65,000 foot tons and Statesville, has won for him the sympathy and respect of the democratic officials here.

The collier's third officer, found circles that there is a strong probab-responsible, is Alfred Tuftenes. He illy that Collector Watts will be ask-It is reported here in high official circles that there is a strong probabber of the state executive committee. There is no set rule for this proposed action on the part of treasury officials, but it is an unwritten law that collectors and other employes doing a similar work shall refrain from en-gaging in political squabbles, such as Mr. Watts has been identified with. brought to the attention of the treas-"It is not to be supposed that this taken in a short time to see fust nounced today. Each will have nearly

445,464—Items For N.

Carolina.

course after having obtained an offing Washington, July 11.-The general "The witnesses from the Storstad deficiency appropriation bill carry- was is steel built, 175 feet long and road. In reorganizations, he created Empress of Ireland say they were ap- ed to the house and will be brought irreconciliable and we neext week. The bill embraces many probable. Times, distances and bear- for public buildings in various states, oil. ngs vary so much, even in evidence \$170,000 for transporting and caring from men of the same ship, that it for interned Mexican soldiers and mil-was impossible to rely or to base con- itary refugees at Fort Wingate, N. furious on them. We have, therefore, M., and elsewhere; 15,000 for trans thought it advisable to found our con-porting bodies of officers and enlisted cludons almost entirely upon the men and \$5,000 to enable the secreevents spoken of by the witnesses and tary of commerce to employ addiapon their probable sequence in or- tional men to enforce the laws to preto arrive at a solution of the vent overcrowding of pastenger and excursion vessels

Other items included the following: North Carolina, Chapel Hill site. dence we have come to the conclusion that Mr. Tuftenes was mistaken if he believed there was any intention (Continued on page 11)

and commencement of postoffice site \$7,500; Edenton, postoffice alte \$7,500; Thomasville, site and commencement of postoffice \$8,000.

Another Death Occurs From Bubonic Plague Louisville, Ky., July 11. More than PASSENGERS TAKEN half the distilleries of Ketucky, according to information made public OFF THE INVERSE

M. E. INGALLS, NEVADA TODAY FINANCIER, DEAD

Latest Addition to Fighting Craft Has Heaviest Armor Of Any in U.S. Navy-Oil For Fuel.

BATTLESHIP NO. 39 TO BE CALLED ARIZONA

One of Two Largest Warships In Navy-Plans For Nos. 40, 41, 42 Are Nearing Compleiton.

Quincy, Mass., July 11 .- Turbine engines and oil fuel will furnish the motive power of the 27,500 ton battleship Nevada, to be launched at the company today. This latest addition of the family and friends say he had amended so as to preve to the United States navy is a sister been gradually declining for months, tary leader becoming been a beam of 95 feet and a mean draft ward and was roused only once or issued here by the delegates. of 281-2 feet. Her estimated speed twice before his death.

is 20 1-2 knots an hour. three guns each, an arrangement, the bedside when death came which, it is thought will give a confor the navy. The muzzle energy of the 14-inch guns to be carried on the ed; its shells will weigh 1,400 pounds.

Secretary Daniels of the navy de-Nevada and Senator Pittman, of that launching. The sponsor was Governor Oddie's nece, Evelyn Ann Siebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Slebert, of Roanoke.

The Arizona Washington, July 11.—Battleship Arizona. She and her sister ship Penntwo largest fighting craft ever built will be augmented by 22 5-inch guns. displacement of 31,400 tons each, a length of 600 feet, a beam of 87 feet

and a draft of 28 feet, ten inches. The navy department announced today that plans for battleships numbers 40, 41 and 42, authorized for the government by the naval act of this and proposals for their erection will

soon be asked. Largest Fuel Ship.

months, said to be a record for constructing a ship in a navy yard.

MAY REDUCE DUTPUT DF WHISKEY 20,000,000 GALS

Over Half of Kentucky Distilleries Favor Such Movement-Over-Production.

New Orleans, La., July 11.—Another death from bubonic plague was
reported yesterday by public health
officers, making four cases and three
death since the cubreak of the dissince the today have agree dto poin in a move-

AMENDED PLAN OF GUADALOUPE

Prominent Railroad Man of Cincinnati Passes Away at Summer Home at Hot Springs, Ark.

A POWERFUL FIGURE IN RAILROAD WORLD

Formerly Headed Directorate Of Big Four, and Influential in Vanderbilt Group Of Roads.

Hot Springs, Va., July 11 .- Melville morning of heart failure.

Mr. Ingalls had been at his summer

Melville E. Ingalls, jr., summoned The arrangement of the main bat-tery of ten 14-inch guns will be dif-the deathbed and was recognized by City Carranza would call at once a ferent from that on any other Ameri- his father once during the last hour. can battleship. The turrets will carry Mrs. Ingalls, the widow and a daughtwo guns each and two will have ter, Miss Gladys Ingalls, were also at The body will be tawen to Cincin-

centration of fire superior to that of nati tomorrow night on a special train the five 2-inch gun turrets exempli-fied in the New York and Teyas. The at 2 p. m. Monday at the Unitarian sion is preparing to transfer Cham-bers to another position. His long carried by any ship previously bullt family plot at Cincinnati. These pall bearers have been select

> Charles P. Taft, Paul W. Warrington, Harry Geest, Agthur Speern, Frank Wibourg, Judsen Harmon, E. F. Osborne, J. C. B. Carborough, W. partment, Assistant Secretary Roose- F. Osborne, J. C. B. Carborough, W. velt, Governor Taskar L. Oddie of W. Brown, Joseph Wilby, William state were the principal guests at the Cincinnati, and Joe Simson, of Los Angeles.

Beside the widow and daughter, Mr. Ingails is survived by four sens, Melville, E., jr., and Fay Ingails, of New York; George H. Ingalls, of Chicago za choose and Albert S. Ingalls of Cleveland. No naming various persons who would number 19, will be christened the statement was made here today on be acceptable to replace the present behalf of the family as to the extent His political activity has already been sylvania, when launched will be the of the dead man's estate further than that there is a will and that his death suggestion and all delegates agreed having been anticipated, his affairs to present a lis tof names from which

carry two more 14-inch guns and one more 5-inch gun than any of their ago Mr. Ingalls was chairman of the predecessors. Their 14-inch guns will board of directors of the Big Four cellos, Miguel Alessio Robles and of parties will come in from all parts number 12 in four turrets and they will be augmented by 22 5-inch guns which his name was closely identified. An important act of the The two dreadnaughts will have a although he was a powerful figure in derbilt group of railroads. Besides revolution. The statement said: his home here he had a home in Cincinnati and a new one in Washing-

Mr. Ingalls was in his 72 year. He Huerta should be punished. was born at Harrison, Me., in 1842, was reared on a farm and educated at Bowdoin and Harvard. He was graduated as a lawyer and began practice at Grey, Mc., but soon removed to Boston and in 1867 was elected a mem-Vallejo, Cal., July 11.—The launch- ber of the state senate. His career as ing here today of the fuel ship Kan- a railroad man and financier began awha, adds to the fuel fleet the larg- in 1870 when he became president and est vessel of her class ever built at a a year later receiver of the old Incian United States navy yard. The Kana- apolis, Cincinnati and La Fayette rail with a 57 foot beam. She will have a the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis speed of 14 knots an hour when and Chicago and later consolidated it loaded. Her fresh water tanks have a with other railroads, forming the Big capacity of 324 tons; her fuel bunk-ers a capacity of 469,200 gallons and man. He was president of the Cheswas democratic candidate for mayor The Kanawah was built in seven of Cincinnati in 1903 and president of the National Civic federation in 1905, He was also interested in banking in Cincinnati.

MAY TAKE SUITS TO THE ENGLISH COURTS

New York, July H .- Claimants may mission to the commissary stores. withdraw suits growing out of the loss of the steamship Titanic from ad-lowing the enforcement of his order miralty litigation and prosecute for abolishing the officers' wine mess, ofcovery to \$97,000.

OFF THE INVERMORE

visions to Prevent Military Leader Becoming Provisional President.

ELIMINATES ANGELES, CARRANZA AND VILLA

Amendment Provides For Carranza to Call Congress of Leaders to Adopt Election Plans.

Torreon, Mex., July 11 .- At the

City Carranza would call at once a representatives of the rank and file, who would be sopken for by one delegate for every thousand men. body would adopt a plan for the holding of elections and a program for what politics should be put into effect by the functionaries, who might be elected. It was stated positively that "no constitutionalist chief could lgure as a candidate for president or vicepresident."

The official statement showed that the argument had been spirited at times, but it recorded a final accord of delegates of Villa's northern mili-Worthington and C. E. Holmes, all of tary division and those representing for Carranza

At the begining of the session, which extended over almost a week, Villa delegates requested that Carrana "responsible cabinat" The Villa delegates modified their be chosen a "directing com

what generally are known as the Van- had taken part in the Huerta-Diaz by the Southern railway. clergy who actually or intellectually cess.

TO HAVE TOBACCO

Secretary Daniels Decides to Retain the Weed in Commissary Stores.

Washington, July 11 .- General satisfaction was expressed today throughout naval circles when it became known that Secretary Daniels, contrary to exepectations, had authorized retention of popular brands of tobacco and articles which been rumored would be denied ad-

The action of the secretary, foldamages in English courts, according ficially upset what had become a gento a ruling in federal courts here, eral belief among the enlisted men, Under the English law claimants may that they, too, would be denied cerrecover \$3,000,000 for the account of tain proprietary articles which they salvage, freight and passage, money had heretofore enjoyed. Under the while the American staute limits re- new order hot only will those articles which have been carried in the com-missary departments will be retained but it is intended to preserve greater latitude of choice of men by admitting additional brands of tobaccos and personal commodities.

SEC'Y BRYAN

Rebel Conferees Changed Pro- Will Fill Chautauqua Engage- Attorney Innes Says Mrs. Elment at the Auditorium at 8:30, Subject to be "The Prince of Peace."

> HIS APPEARANCE HERE CHAUTAUQUA FEATURE

Opened Most Auspiciously Yesterday Afternoon-Advance Programs.

Hon, William Jennings Bryan, hold-E. Ingalls, financier, died here this conference of Carranza and Villa ing the portfolio of secretary of state representatives here the plan of Gua- in President Wilson's cabinet and one datoupe under which the present re- of America's foremost citizens, will ar- that she had killed her sister and inyards of the Fore River Shipbuilding home here for some time. Members bellion has been operating, has been rive in Asheville from Washington at company today. This latest addition of the family and friends say he had amended so as to prevent any mili- 7:40 o'clock tonight to fill a chautau- about such a plan to Victor E. Innes. provisional qua engagement at the Auditorium at former district attorney of Nevada, as of course, ordered by the third officer without instructions from the
first officer, who was in charge of pected that she will be placed in ago he suffered from an ulterated commission next January. The Neva-tooth and the shock of treatment was as presidential possibilities. This was ville and the local board of trade, to shoot herself that when the revolver the most flagrant violation of the civthe mo According to the amendments of of the board of trade, who will escort sel in a successful suit for a divorce the revolution plan, upon assuming him in automobiles to the Auditorium. in Reno, 18 months ago, Mr. Bryan's address tonight will be one of the big features of the chautau-

congress of his military leaders and qua week, which opened most auspiciously yesterday afternoon, and his and said she would like to kill herself subject will be "The Prince of Peace." so that "\$20,000 or \$30,000 life insur-This This is one of his most widely known creations for the lecture platform, al- Innes denied reports connecting him though this will be the first opportunity afforded Asheville people of hearing it. It has been added to from year to year as new ideas were suggested to the Great Commoner, and now it is said to have received additions through inspiration aroused by the present Mexican situation.

The secretary of state will be introduced by Thomas S. Rollins of Asheville, one of the leading local attor- Dennis. "I have a wife with wa neys and ex-president of the North Carolina Bar association. Mayor Rankin, the members of the city board of aldermen and the directors of the board of trade, as well as a number of other prominent Asheville people, will occupy platform seats during the lecture. After the lecture, Mr. Bryan will go to Grove Park inn, where he will be a guest of F. L. Seely during the week-end.

His address tonight will be preceded by a 20-minutes musical prelude by the Hawkeye Glee club in quartet se disaster was in any way attributable to any special characteristic of the St. Lawrence waterway, it was a disaster which might have occurred in the Civile. In the Civile It was said he withdrew from all mission" of the government. They of the evening is one of the best arof western North Carolina for the An important act of the conference event taking advantage at this time was directed against the clergy which of the special week-end rates offered

> This is Asheville's first chautauqua "Members of the Roman-Catholic but it promises to be amammoth suc-The attendance at the opening had assisted the usurper Victoriano attractions yesterday afternoon and Huerta should be punished." last night was beyond the original hope of hie promoters. The large audience yesterday afternoon was welomed by Judge Thomas A. Jones on behalf of Mayor Rankin, and in speaking of chautauquas and their value as an educational institution he quoted Mr. Bryan, tonight's speaker, as fol-

> > tions of interest to the people. The air race.

Intention to Kill Sister And Brother.

ALSO TOLD HIM SHE

oise Dennies Told Him of

TRIED TO KILL SELF Asheville's First Chautauqua Emphatically Denies He Was

Ever Engaged to Mrs. Dennis-Ignorant of Her Whereabouts.

Portland, Ore., July 11 .- Mrs. Elois Nelms Dennis, who disappeared after writing her mother in Atlanta, Ga.,

"I haven't the slightest idea where the women are," he said. Mrs. Dennis had shown great affection for her son so that "\$20,000 or \$30,000 life insurance she carried could go to her boy.' with Mrs. Dennis, except that he had aided her as attorney in getting her divorce.

He said all he had heard from her since the divorce was granted was in He denied reports business letters. that he had been in Atlanta and was negotiating Mexican investments. Innes emphatically denied the reports that he ever had been engaged to Mrs. I have been ever since we came from Nevada," he said:

audience is a select one and always composed of the thoughtful element of the community, and, as they pa mission, they stay to hear. I believe that a considerable part of the progress that is now being made along the line of moral and political reform is traceable to the influence of the chautaucua."

The entertainments for both afternoon and evening yesterday were of the highest class. Those present were delighted with the class of attractions afforded and this afternoon great crowds are flocking to the Auditorium to hear Frederick Wards in his Shakespearean recital, to be preceded by a vocal and instrumental prelude by the Hawkeye Glee club.

Monday afternoon and evening Mme. Sibyl-Sammis MacDermid and the New York City Marine band will furnish the entertainment for both afternoon and evening, at 4 and 3:30 o'clock, respectively, although there will be a complete change of program for the two entertainments. These two onsidered among the best of the chautauqua program and houses are anticipated.

American Aviator Wins.

London, July 11 .- The aeroplane race from Hendon to Paris and back today was won by Walter L. Brook, "The chautauqua affords one of the the American airman who recently best opportunities now afforded a pub- carried off the aerial derby round lic speaker for the discussion of ques- London and the London-Manchester

