

WEATHER TODAY

North Carolina: Fair Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

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Highest temperature, 61 degrees; lowest temperature, 52 degrees; total precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 p. m., .02 inch.

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TITANIC'S LOOKOUTS HAD BEEN REFUSED GLASSES

One Cause of Loss of Over 1,600 Lives is Found in Failure to Provide Binoculars for Men in Crow's Nest of Titanic With Which the Iceberg Could Have Been Seen and Avoided in Time on That Dreadful Night.

CANADIAN OFFICER DECLARES TITANIC'S SEAMEN DID NOT HANDLE LIFE BOATS RIGHT

Third Officer Pittman of the Titanic Pressed to Tell of Horrors of Screams and Moans of Anguish When His Drifting Boat With Room For More Did Not Go Back For the Strugglers in the Sea Shuddered and Begged Not to Be Asked Such Questions But Has to Go On and Tell of the Horrors of the Night—There Were Luxuries of All Kinds on the Titanic But No Spy Glasses, Not Enough Life Boats and Seamen Not Drilled—Is May and Franklin Want to Go Back to New York But Senate Committee Says No—The Kodak Fiends Are Routed From the Solemn Inquiry.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 23.—Like the missing horse shoe nail that cost a monarch his kingdom the failure to provide binoculars or spyglasses for the lookouts on the Titanic was one cause of that ship's loss and with it, the loss of more than 1,000 lives.

Two witnesses before the Senate investigating committee today agreed on this. They were Frederick Fleet, a lookout on the liner, and Major Arthur Godfrey Peuchen, Canadian manufacturer and yachtman, who was among the rescued passengers.

Fleet acknowledged that if he had been aided in his observations by a good glass he probably could have spotted the berg into which the ship crashed in time to have warned the bridge to avoid it. Major Peuchen also testified in the much greater sweep of vision afforded by binoculars and as a yachtman said he believed the presence of the iceberg might have been detected in time to avert the collision. The lookouts were not given binoculars. It was made to appear that the blame for being without glasses did not rest with the lookouts. Fleet said they had asked for them at Southampton and were told there was none for them.

Peuchen said that in the lookouts' cabin there would have been a set of binoculars. He said that when the call to quarters was sounded not enough of the crew remained to operate the work required in lowering and filling the boats. Furthermore, he said, no drills had been held from the time the ship left Southampton, although it was customary to hold such drills every Sunday.

Herbert J. Pittman, third officer of the Titanic, told of his failure to turn back the life boat in which he and his passengers were idly drifting, to attempt the rescue of others when the Titanic went down.

Shuddering at the recollection, he said the cries for help made "one long, continuous moan." The passengers insisted that to go back and aid would mean their destruction, he said, so that after starting in the direction of the crews he recanted his orders and waited for the dawn. Twice he begged to be given a recital of the facts, but Senator Smith pressed him.

he was traveling but their lives in the wreck. Senator Smith asked Major Peuchen to tell the story of the voyage, telling of the incident and whether there was any fire aboard.

"There was no mention of fire," said Peuchen, "and we were all pleased with the trip until the crash. After 11 o'clock I went to my state room. I scarcely was undressed when I felt a shock. Though I merely that a large wave had struck the ship."

"I put on my coat and went up on deck. I met a friend who said we had struck an iceberg. So we went up on deck and saw the iceberg from the forepart of the ship. Some ice had fallen four or five feet inside the rail.

"After a few minutes I went to other friends and said it was not serious. Fifteen minutes later I met 'Chas. M. Hays, of the Grand Trunk Pacific. I asked him have you seen the iceberg?' he said 'no. Then I took him up and showed him. Then I noticed the boat was listing. I said to Mr. Hays: 'She is listing, she should not do that. He said, 'Oh, I don't know. This boat can't sink. He had a good deal of confidence, and said 'No matter what we have struck she is good for eight or ten hours.'

"I went back to the cabin deck and met the women coming up and looking very nervous. I met my friend Beattie and asked him what was the matter. Beattie said to me 'The order is for the life boats it is serious. I couldn't believe it at first, but went to the boat and changed to some heavy clothes.

"The witness said when he got on deck the boats were being prepared for lowering on the port side. The women came forward one by one, many accompanied by their husbands.

"They would only allow women men had to stand back. The second officer stood there and the order was enforced. No men passengers got in that boat."

"Did you see any man attempt to get in?" asked Senator Smith. "No. The boat was safely lowered. There were about 16 or 17 persons in it. Then I returned to the next boat. I was surprised that the sailors were not at their posts as they should have been. I have seen fire drills and the actions of the sailors did not impress me."

TWO MEMBERS OF TITANIC'S CREW PLACE BLAME FOR TRAGEDY ON WHITE STAR LINE OFFICIALS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOAT.



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"The Carpathia steamed all around the scope of the wreck and we did not see a single body," the major said. "It seems strange to me as I should think the life boats would have held bodies up dead or alive for four or five hours."

"He said he was certain that one could have lived in the icy water more than an hour. "Several men who were on the overturned boat and were rescued and who had their feet in the water," he said, "kept themselves alive by clutching each other. Their feet were frozen."

"The quartermaster asked Fleet in the life boat if he had glasses, the lookouts on the Titanic had had glasses, the ship might have been saved from the collision."

"The Carpathia picked up several bodies floating in the water."

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CARRAWAY COMES BACK TO WORK IN NEW BERN CONFERENCE WILL BE STARTED TODAY

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(Special to News and Observer.) New Bern, N. C., April 23.—J. H. B. Carraway, who a few years ago was employed as teller of the National Bank of New Bern and who at the April term of 1914 Federal court in this city, was sentenced to five years in the prison at Atlanta, returned home tonight having been paroled.

Meditation of Difference Between Engineers and Eastern Railroads Expected to Result.

(Special to News and Observer.) The decision of the railroad managers to confer with the railroad managers tomorrow morning and if possible meet the engineers later in the day, Judge Knapp answering to word received from Washington will leave that city tomorrow to take part in the negotiations here.

THREE FOR THE COLONEL

Beaufort and Chowan Counties Are Jointed by Perquisitors for Roosevelt.

BEFORE WIFE AWAIT

TEEN-SUCKED HIMSELF.

THEODORE ADDS TO HIS ANANIAS CLUB

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts Statement He Says is False

TAKES THE BACK TRACK AS TO TAFT FOR LORIMER

The Colonel Says That He Never Said It But That While Taft Was Once Against Lorimer He "Has Heard Conflicting Reports Since Then" and He Knows Taft's Attitude Has Satisfied Lorimer.

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