

LINE MUST EXPLAIN THE TITANIC'S SPEED

British Attorney General Gives
Warning and Lord Mersey
Emphasizes the Point.

INQUIRY SCOPE WIDENED

Seaman Witness Gives Evidence
Tending to Show That Those Who
Sank with Vessel Died Instantly.

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to The New York Times.

LONDON, May 3.—The proceedings at to-day's session of the Titanic court of inquiry plainly indicated that the point which will receive special attention here is that upon which THE NEW YORK TIMES editorially laid stress in several issues following the disaster. This is the speed of the Titanic at the time of the collision and after she had received warnings of the proximity of ice.

Lord Mersey asked questions on this point, and Sir Rufus Isaacs, the Attorney General, showed that he laid extreme importance on the fact that even after the receipt of warnings no reduction was made in the vessel's speed from 21 knots.

Some criticisms, which have been made here concerning the opening of the inquiry, received prompt attention from Lord Mersey, who is evidently determined to remove any grounds for the suggestion that the inquiry will not be searching or that its scope will be limited. Lord Mersey refused yesterday to allow the Imperial Merchant Service Guild and the Seafarers' Union to be represented by counsel, saying that if the court had need it would call for their services.

As one of the papers, which criticised his ruling, pointed out, the guild is the society of officers of the merchant marine to which Capt. Smith and most of the officers of the Titanic belonged, and as the conduct of the Titanic's officers in several particulars is likely to be closely investigated, there was natural reluctance on the part of the guild to leave the professional reputation and conduct of their members in the hands of the White Star Line.

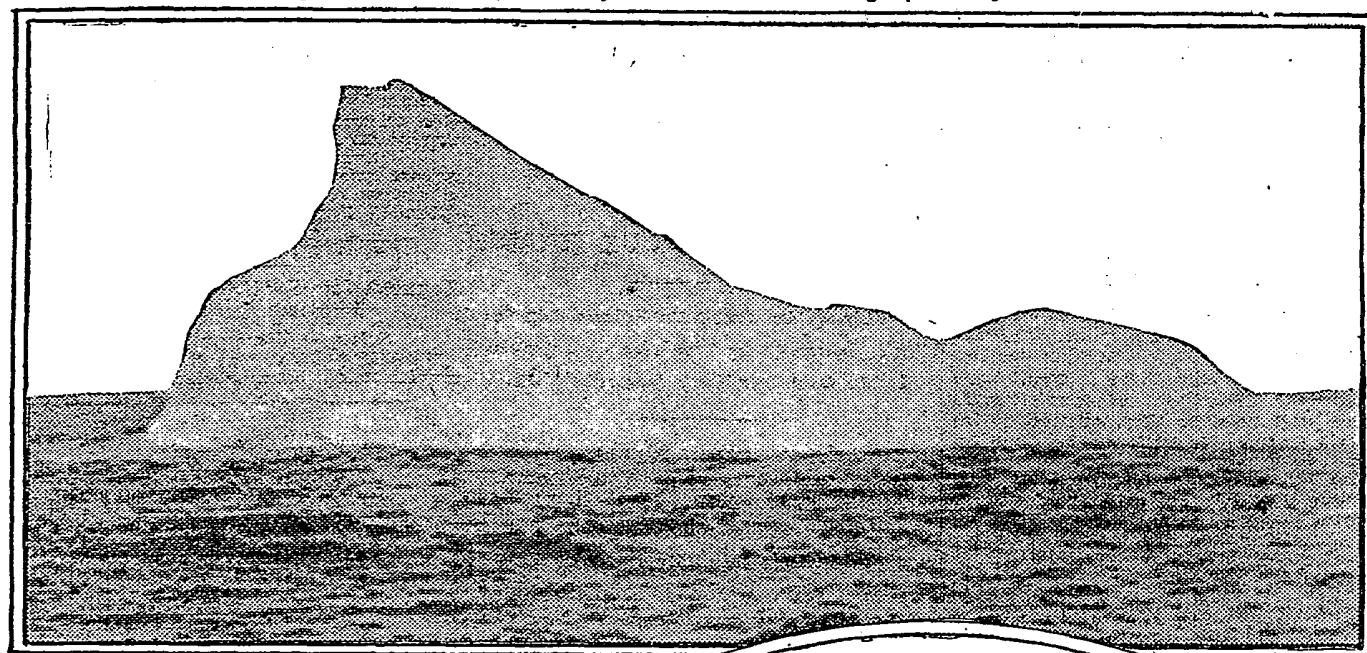
The exclusion of the Seafarers' Union from official recognition was criticised as even more tactless. This is the organization to which about 200 members of the Titanic crew belonged. The members seceded from and became as a body a rival to the National Sailors and Firemen's Union, which is on such good terms with the White Star Company that it denounced the action of the Olympic's firemen in striking on the eve of sailing.

That the National Sailors' Union should be admitted to representation and the Seafarers' Union excluded was criticised as an invidious distinction.

Lord Mersey at the outset of the proceedings to-day made inquiries which elicited information bearing on these points, and thereupon announced a reversal of his decision of yesterday. Both the guild and the Seafarers' Union were admitted to representation.

Iceberg That May Have Sunk Titanic.

Seen by the Cable Ship Mackay-Bennett and Photographed by Her Purser



The accompanying photographs, taken by the purser of the cable ship Mackay-Bennett, show two views of the iceberg which probably sank the White Star liner Titanic, with the loss of 1,585 lives of those aboard her on her maiden voyage.

The iceberg was sighted by the cable ship while searching for the bodies of the great liner's victims last week. The berg was far south of the scene of the disaster then, but it was noted that the sea around within a radius of a mile was full of wreckage, and many of the bodies were found within the same radius.

Those aboard the Mackay-Bennett had little doubt that it was this particular berg which the Titanic struck in the collision which so suddenly ended the great liner's career.

