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Court's Finding on Loss of Tahiti

HELD TO BE PERIL OF THE SEA

High Tributes Paid to Ship's Personnel

Staunch and well found, the loss of the Royal Mail liner Tahiti was due to a peril of the sea which no reasonable human care or foresight could have avoided. Thus, in accordance with the evidence, the Nautical Court of Inquiry which investigated the loss of the R.M.S. Tahiti yesterday returned a verdict finding that the cause of the disaster was a rupture of the side of the ship when the tail-shaft broke, together with injury to the engine-room bulkhead. The court, in placing on record its appreciation of the conduct of the master and all those under him, stated that under a command less sure a different story might have had to be recorded.



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