

## BURNETT RITES HELD MONDAY

Noble Burnett, 64 years old, father of Verne Burnett, of 227 Brookside drive, Birmingham, was buried Monday in Forest Lawn cemetery, Ann Arbor. Services were held at 8 p. m. at the Bell Home for Funerals with Rev. Warner Forsyth, rector of St. James Episcopal Church officiating. He died Saturday in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

Mr. Burnett was born in Du-plain, Mich., in 1864. Besides his wife, Mrs. Rosa Burnett, he is survived by a daughter, Miss Gladys Burnett, of New York City, and three sons, Leo N. Burnett, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Harry Burnett, of New Haven, Conn.; and Verne Burnett, of Birmingham.

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## EX-SAILOR OF VESTRIS DISCUSSES TRAGEDY



By LESLIE P. EICHEL

Written Especially for Central Press and The Eccentric

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Many men have had their say regarding the sinking of the British steamer Vestrís, bound from New York to South America. Experts, members of the crew, congressmen, editorial writers, officials of all sorts.

Except the Vestrís' crew, the sailor of the waterfront, the man who has sailed all seas, has been grimly silent.

But there is one fellow, a Britisher himself, who voices his opinion, dropping all his "h's" and with a cockney accent as thick as a bowl of soup.

He gives his name, but not for publication. He may desire to ship again with the Lamport & Holt line, owner of the fatal craft.

**Worked on Vestrís**  
"Of the Old Man (captain) who seemed as if he wanted the crew to go to death and officers that didn't know their business," he relates.

How does he know the men are right? "They tell me things they'd never tell, 't' he repeats.

"Shake hands with death," they said to me, "it was fate, not captain nor officer nor man that saved us."

"What's to come will come. But sometime you can see it coming."

"Down in Santos (Brazil) we had a race in the Vestrís' lifeboats for a five-pound prize. That was last year."

"But race it was not. Those lifeboats leaked... the water flowed in. 'Boats drills on shipboard? Yes, we had them. But what good is a drill, marching to a boat, when you don't lower the boat into the water to see whether she'll float? 'And in each boat is supposed to be a tin of biscuits (crackers)

and fresh water. Twice a trip there should be inspection, tasting of the biscuits, of the water. I never saw that..."

**One Man's Opinion**

"I left the Vestrís. I didn't like her, I didn't like her Old Man. 'Maybe when the great crisis came, the Old Man didn't know. Men sail the sea all their lives—and then meet a crisis only not to know. But he's dead..."

"No order. Everybody for himself, my friends say. A lifeboat of women and children let down from the davits one end first, spilling them all into the sea—for the sharks. 'Sharp knives, that's what were needed, sharp knives to cut davit ropes at both ends of lifeboats at once, so one end wouldn't go down first. Nobody giving the kind of orders, my friends say. No officers giving orders with guns. Men need guns pointed at them such times."

"Such is what the men tell me. Speaking where nobody will hear. But it's not that way on all British boats. 'Maybe one... or two... in a crisis, I've been aboard many."

"I'm 48. I was 15 when I went into the royal navy at 24 cents a month. Climbed the masts. The last one down belayed with a rope's end. 'Then a small square of pork and corn for breakfast."

**A Sailor's Lot Improves**  
"Times are better now. Quarters on the big boats of the Cunard, White Star, Panama-Pacific lines are like palaces to what a sailor's quarters used to be. Worse than jail, they were."

"And on the Great Lakes a sailor sits down to dinner with the Old Man. There's where the sailor has it best of all—on the Great Lakes."

"This disaster stop me? Lad, when once you've heard the call of the sea... Any way, if a man's born to be drowned he won't get hung."

Miss Elsie Forrest of Leeds, Eng., called off her marriage to Randolph Regen because he insisted on using the "colony" form of service.

Rev. T. V. Barker of Volney, Eng., complained to his superiors that the vicarage was so dilapidated that he had to write his sermons in a stable.

**Denies Lindy Rumor**

"There is absolutely nothing to it," declared Miss Elizabeth Morrow, daughter of Dwight W. Morrow, U. S. ambassador to Mexico, when told of newspaper stories that she would wed Colonel Charles Lindbergh. She is shown above on arrival at New York City from Europe.



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