

## Blame For Titanic Horror

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#### **President of British Board of Trade Arraigned in Commons**

#### **He Retorts That Parliament is Equally at Fault for Failure to Enforce Steamship Regulations**

London May 21 - The attack on Sydney Buxton, president of the Board of Trade, in connection with the Titanic disaster was renewed in the House of Commons this afternoon, when the slackness of the Board of Trade was severely handled.

Maj. Martin Archer-Shee, a London unionist member, started the ball by moving the reduction of the salary of Mr Buxton, who, he declared, had been convicted by the "damning fact that he has neglected to carry out the recommendations of his own committee."

Charges of slumbering dilatoriness, absolute neglect and unconcern were hurled at the Board of Trade by various speakers.

Lord Charles Beresford bitterly complained that the Board of Trade had not attempted to carry out its own regulations. Lord Charles Beresford indicated that watertight compartments with smaller doors in the bulkheads, which would be more easily closed, were more important than lifeboats.

This was also the view of Richard Holt he suggested the provision of bulkheads without any doors at all.

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