

EDITORIAL

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**I**N the course of the Senate investigation of the *Titanic* disaster on last April 30, E.J. Dunn, an importer of New York testified that, at a luncheon conversation a day or two before, a friend told of the receipt by the Western Union Telegraph of a wireless message which was transmitted to "Islefrank" between 7.30 and 8 o'clock on the Monday morning of the sinking of the *Titanic*. The witness testified that the code address is that of P.A.S. Franklin, vice-president of the International Mercantile Marine, and that the message informed vice-president Franklin of the *Titanic* disaster, news of which was not made public by the White Star Line until twelve hours later.

Upon the giving of this testimony the following questions and answers ensued:

Senator Smith — "What was your informant's name?"

Dunn — "I can't tell you. I am under pledge not to reveal his name."

Senator Smith — "When did you see him last?"

Dunn — "Last night in New York at the train. He promised to come over here and testify. To-day I received the following telegram: 'Regret present circumstances do not permit departure.' No signature. That is all I know of his failure to be here."

Senator Smith — "I must insist that you give your informant's name."

Dunn — "I can't give it; I regret it very much."

Senator Smith — "Did your informant tell you why you should not give his name?"

Dunn — "Simply a matter of protecting his father. He said his father was employed by the Western Union, and that if this matter came out, and it was known that he gave it, his father would lose his position."

Among the most recent of paladins of capitalism to take the field against Socialism in the interest of Individuality is the Attorney-General of this State, the Hon. Thomas F. Carmody. We respectfully submit to the Attorney-General the above interlocutory. It is the latest illustration of the sort of Individuality bred in the major-

ity of our people by the capitalist social system—a system that, by making the living of the workers dependent upon a small class, turns them into cowards, lest the assertion of their individuality deprive them of bread.

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