

## SHIP FLORIDA SUED AGAIN.

**Owner of Tug Timmons Wants Salvage  
—Republic's Crew Start Home To-day.**

An additional libel was filed yesterday against the Italian Line steamship Florida. Edward M. Timmins, owner of the tug John J. Timmins; Robert Deakin, the Master and managing owner of the tug Mutual; David Roach, master mariner, and David O'Laughlin seek, in the United States Court, to recover money for salvage, alleging that the services of their tugboats were valuable and that, as the Florida is worth more than \$400,000, they are entitled to liberal salvage.

In the Timmins proceedings process is issued only against the vessel's cargo. The papers filed tell the story of the collision, and say that the Timmins fell in with the Florida near Fire Island, and, with the Mutual, helped the ship into port.

The Republic's crew were guests at a farewell dinner and reception given yesterday afternoon at the Sailors' Home of the Seamen's Friends' Society, Jane and West Streets. By subscription the society raised \$1,000, with which the men were fitted out with clothing. They will be sent to England to-day on the Baltic. The Italian members of the crew will sail from Boston on the Romanic.

Some of the Republic's passengers will sail on the Romanic, but a number will go out on the Adriatic on Wednesday. Those booked to sail on the Adriatic are:

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clark, Mrs. J. S. Davis and children, Mrs. Armistead, F. J. Gilfillan, Miss Gilfillan, Mrs. J. Walker Smith, the Rev. P. A. Begin, F. W. Begin, Mrs. Homer Wakefield, the Misses Wakefield, Mrs. B. F. Sherman, Miss C. M. Davis, Miss H. C. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Winship, Mrs. H. H. Whitney and Miss Whitney, Gen. Brayton Ives, M. A. Hover and wife, Louis Boury, Countess Pasolini, Count Nerino Rasponi, Charles Hart, wife and daughter; Mr. Sharp, C. C. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Griggs, and Major and Mrs. John Espy.

Collector of Port Fowler received a letter from Vice President Franklin of the International Mercantile Marine Company yesterday in which he asked that the Customs men be thanked for the services to the passengers of the Republic. The men, the letter said, did everything in their power to assist the passengers.

## BANKERS TAKE UP DEBT LIMIT.

**Mayor Names a Committee to Consider Changes in the Constitution.**

Mayor McClellan appointed an honorary committee yesterday, consisting of well-known bankers, to consider the two proposals that have been made with regard to changing the constitutional provision as to the city's debt limit. A conference between the seven men who are to compose the committee and the Mayor was held in the latter's office, and lasted two hours. The men at the conference were:

Edwin S. Marston, President of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the National City Bank.

Francis L. Hine, President of the First National Bank.

James T. Woodward, President of the Hancock National Bank.

J. P. Morgan, Jr., of J. P. Morgan & Co.

George Blumenthal of Lazard Freres.

John E. Borne, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Trust Company of America.

The seven men consented to the request of the Mayor to act as a committee to report to him whether it would be better to have the Legislature adopt the suggested constitutional amendment increasing the debt limit of the city from 10 to 14 per cent. of the total assessed valuation of real estate subject to taxation, or the pending amendment now before the Legislature excluding from the debt limit rapid transit and dock bonds, which earn their interest and amortization charge over their operating and repair expenses, or whether some other amendment ought to be adopted having in view the maintenance of the city's credit.

Mr. Woodward was made the Chairman of the committee.