

## MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Annual Meeting of the Maritime Law Association of the United States will be held on May 1st, 1914, at 3 o'clock P. M., at the rooms of the Association of the Bar, No. 42 West 44th Street, New York City. The subjects which will probably come up for discussion are, among others :

1. The bill proposed by the Association respecting the recovery of damages for loss of life on the high seas.

This bill, which was favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, has not been reached for action in the House. It is expected, however, that it will soon be reached, and the Committee of this Association has informed the Committee of the House of the opinion of the Association that the right to proceed, under State statutes, for death on the high seas, should be done away with in the interests of uniformity, and has requested, in accordance with the vote of the Association, that the provision designed to secure this uniformity, be retained in the bill. The Committee of this Association hopes to be in position to report progress on the bill at the Annual Meeting, at which time they believe that there will be further opportunity for discussion of this important measure.

2. The Limitation of Liability Statutes and the question whether the Association should do anything further with reference to these statutes, and should prepare and recommend a bill in reference to the same.

3. The matter of the rights of seamen upon the Great Lakes.

Several of the States bordering upon the Lakes have enacted Workmen's Compensation Acts, and if such Acts apply to vessels passing through the waters of a State or touching at the ports of a State, the measure of liability imposed on

a ship-owner with respect to a seaman injured in the service is different from that imposed by the Maritime Law and changes from day to day, as the voyage proceeds, and the vessel enters different States. It has been suggested that it would therefore be desirable to have Congress regulate the subject, and that the matter is one in which, in the interests of the Maritime Law and of uniformity of law, this Association might well take an interest. This subject is one which is new to the Association.

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EDWARD GRENVILLE BENEDICT,  
*Secretary.*