

3 SHIPS NEAR DOOMED LINER

Ice Barrier Stretched Its Frigid Length in the Way of Those Hurrying to Rescue.

UNKNOWN SCHOONER ALMOST IN HAIL

Capt. Moore of Mount Temple Saw This Vessel Leaving The Scene of the Tragedy.

Washington, April 27.—With two steamers only a short distance away and a schooner slipping through the darkness almost within hail, the great liner Titanic went to her end off the Grand Banks without any hope of success.

This was the testimony today of Capt. James H. Moore of the steamship Mount Temple before the senate committee investigating the tragedy. Ice was the barrier that stretched its frigid length in the way of those hurrying to the rescue in response to the Titanic's distress calls. The Mount Temple intercepted the Titanic's calls, said Captain Moore, and he immediately turned his ship's course toward the crippled liner. On his way he saw the lights of a schooner within a few miles of the scene of the tragedy and coming from that direction. When day broke to disclose the great field ahead the Mount Temple discovered a tramp steamer close by. The identity of neither was fixed. The captain read a long list of messages from the Titanic intercepted by the Mount Temple's operator. It was virtually a complete record of the wireless appeals sent out by the doomed vessel. Senator Smith complimented the witness for his thoughtfulness in bringing it.

"At 12:30 a. m., April 15," Captain Moore said, "I was awakened by a steward with a message from the operator of my ship which said the Titanic was sending out a C. Q. D. message. Here is the message: 'Titanic sending C. Q. D.; requires assistance. Position 41.44 north 50.24 west come at once, iceberg.'"

"At the time you got the Titanic's message how far distance did you figure the vessel was from you?"

"About 49 miles," was the answer. Senator Smith asked what speed the Mount Temple made toward the Titanic. Captain said about 11 knots.

"About 3 a. m. we ran into our first ice," the captain continued. "At 3:25 o'clock, ship's light was dimmed. At that time we figured we were about 14 miles distant from where the Titanic signalled."

Another delay was occasioned to the Mount Temple by a small schooner, the green light of which halted the Mount Temple. The captain got range of the white headlights. Then they disappeared.

"How much nearer the Titanic was the schooner than you?" he was asked.

"The schooner couldn't have been more than a mile or a mile and a half from me," he replied.

The captain proceeded slowly on his course toward the Titanic. The schooner he saw coming from the Titanic's direction was moving at about two knots. When he saw her at 3 a. m., she was 12 miles from the Titanic. About 5:30 or 6 o'clock the Mount Temple ran into ice so thick that she was unable to turn back. The last of seven of the straggling steamer was 9 o'clock Monday, when both were trying to avoid ice packs. The ice pack, said the witness, consisted of a field of ice and bergs.

"I counted between forty and fifty bergs the greatest being between 100 and 200 feet high," he said.

Captain Moore told of arriving at the scene of the Titanic's burial about 4:30 o'clock in the morning, two hours after the liner went down.

REPUBLICANS HOLD PRIMARIES TODAY

Predominance of Activity in Favor of Delegates for Col. Roosevelt.

This afternoon and tonight the republicans of Buncombe county have a chance in the precinct primaries of the county to make known their preferences for a presidential nominee. According to the results of these primaries the delegates to the county convention to be held here on May 4 will be instructed as to whether the delegates to the state convention shall cast their ballots for Col. Theodore Roosevelt or President Taft.

The meetings in the different precincts are held at different hours during the afternoon and tonight. In the county precincts the hour varies from 2 to 5 o'clock, in West Asheville it will be held at 7:30 o'clock and in the city 8 o'clock has been named as the time. On account of the early hour set for the county meetings it will probably be possible to tell early tonight just how the county stands in the matter. The balloting in the city will be done at or near the places where the voting in regular elections take place.

There is a good deal of campaigning and "politicking" being done today by both sides but the predominance of activity seems to be for the colonel as it has been all along. The Taft people are doing a good deal of work for their favorite but in a more or less pussyfooted fashion. The supporters of Col. Roosevelt are following no such method, however, and they are doing all in their power to turn the tide of the vote for the president and from the general indications it seems that they will be successful.

The republicans of Beavertown precinct held a meeting this afternoon at the school house at Grace, F. H. Revis serving as chairman and W. J. Gentry as secretary. The meeting, which was well attended, instructed for Roosevelt, President Taft not receiving a vote. The delegates were: Rev. J. M. Welborn, F. H. Revis, J. A. Masters, J. N. Garland and Dr. M. R. Glenn.

A telephone message from Ivy No. 3 precinct says the meeting instructed solidly for Roosevelt, 42 votes being cast. J. N. Morgan was chairman, L. G. Farmer secretary.

Ivy No. 1 reports about 50 men present all for Roosevelt. The nine delegates were so instructed.

VESSEL BEARING BODIES WILL ARRIVE MONDAY

Mackay-Bennett Now Has 189 of the Corpses Picked Up.

Halifax, April 27.—Documents giving verdicts of "accidental death" were prepared in readiness for the coroner's jury which will inspect the bodies of the Titanic dead, now on the way here aboard the cableship Mackay-Bennett. Only friends and relatives presenting proper credentials will be allowed in the dock. Coffins containing the bodies will not be opened until they reach the morgue. A full description of unclaimed bodies will be published.

The Mackay-Bennett will arrive Monday, according to a wireless received from the steamship today. It was as follows: "Bodies of Astor and Straus aboard. Due Monday with 189 bodies."

As 205 bodies were picked up, it is assumed 16 were so mutilated that burial at sea was necessary.

MRS. REAGAN'S FUNERAL

Services at the Home and at the Grave Were Conducted by Rev. W. E. Poovey.

The remains of Mrs. J. Roy Reagan, who died early yesterday morning at the Meriwether hospital of exhaustion, following an operation last Sunday, were buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Weaverville. The funeral services at the home, 44 Charlotte street, Asheville, were conducted at 11:20 o'clock by Rev. W. E. Poovey, pastor of the North Asheville Methodist church, and the services were concluded at the grave. The funeral party of friends and relatives left the city for Weaverville at 1 o'clock.

The grave where the interment was made was surrounded by a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased who gathered to pay their last respects to one who had been so greatly loved and respected during her life. The pall bearers were Guy Weaver, J. E. Swain, Grady Reagan, Fred Reeves, Ernest Weaver and Ernest Reagan. The casket and grave were banked with a profusion of beautiful floral tributes.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News. MY BROTHERS, THE RICH AND THE POOR HAVE DIED TOGETHER; WHY CAN'T THEY LIVE TOGETHER?

LYNCH NEGRO WHO TRIED TO RECRUIT A COLONY

Bullet-Riddled Body Found in River Near Jackson, Georgia.

Jackson, Ga., April 27.—With the finding of the body of Henry Etheridge, a negro, in Towaliga river today, facts regarding the lynching of the black became known. The body was riddled with bullets and his arms and legs had been tied together. A mob went to Etheridge's home at night and, calling him out, began firing.

It is said Etheridge was active in securing recruits for a proposed African colony and that this was the basis for the lynching.

THAW HABEAS CORPUS HEARING BEGUN TODAY

New Rochelle, N. Y., April 27.—The fourth attempt to liberate Harry K. Thaw from Matteawan, where he was imprisoned six years ago for slaying Stanford White, was made today before Justice Keogh. Thaw was present during the argument of the habeas corpus writ.

WHISKEY OUTPUT OUT

Kentucky Distillers Have Been Making Spirits in Excess of the Demand.

Louisville, Oct. 27.—Overproduction of Kentucky whiskey is feared by distillers and a curbs will be today agreed, in imperative. Ninety million gallons have been produced in the last two years. This is over 20,000,000 gallons in excess of the demand.

261 Delegates are Claimed for T. R.; Taft Given 103

Statement on Republican Situation Issued by Dixon—Roosevelt Wins in Kansas and Missouri—Delegates Forsaking Taft in New York.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, April 27. The following statement is given out at Roosevelt headquarters today: Six hundred and seventy-six delegates to the national republican convention have been elected to date. Of these 281 are for Roosevelt, 193 for Taft, ten for Cummins, 34 for LaFollette, 129 are uncommitted, including 88 from New York, and contests are pending in the cases of the remaining 154.

Henry J. Allen, chairman of the Kansas Roosevelt committee telegraphed last night that 489 delegates being necessary to control the Kansas state convention, Roosevelt now has 489 and Taft has 52, insuring four Roosevelt delegates at large. Roosevelt will get all the Kansas delegates except the two from the first district, which have been elected.

Governor Hadley of Missouri telegraphs that Roosevelt forces controlled the Missouri state convention, instructing 8 Roosevelt delegates, thus giving Roosevelt 24 or 25 instructed to date. Niedringhaus has been elected national committeeman.

Roosevelt headquarters in New York City telegraphed last night that the first actual break among the so-called Barnes-Taft delegates occurred yesterday, when Jacob L. Holzman of Brooklyn declared that his district was overwhelmingly in favor of Roosevelt and that he intended to be guided at the national convention by that sentiment. Further that it was admitted by Taft leaders in New York to be the beginning of the end of the so-called Taft delegation.

New Orleans, April 27.—A. F. Omand, member of the New Orleans cotton exchange, one of the survivors of the Titanic, arrived here today. Omand said that in a lifeboat he plainly saw the lights of a vessel passing within five miles of the disaster. Omand said he was one of the players in the bridge game which continued long after the collision.

Delaware Primaries Delegates are Being Elected to the Democratic Convention in Dover Next Tuesday.

Wilmington, Del., April 27.—Primaries are being held throughout the state today to elect delegates to the democratic convention at Dover Tuesday, when six delegates to the national convention will be chosen.

BYNUM CREAMERY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Building and Contents Worth \$2000, \$1500 Insurance—Origin Unknown.

The Curtis Bynum creamery at Fletcher was totally destroyed this morning by fire which started about 5:30 o'clock. The machinery was in one end of an old mill house, and house and contents were worth about \$2000. Insurance to the amount of \$1500 was carried.

All is speculation as to the origin of the fire, but the circumstances seem to indicate that it was caused by a rat and a match. Employees of the creamery coming in to do the milking discovered the flame issuing from the house. Hard work was required to prevent the spread of the fire to the cattle barn and other property, but the efforts of Mr. Bynum and the employees, who rendered faithful and heroic assistance, saved all except the house and creamery.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR GOING TO REUNION

It is Expected Large Number From This Section Will Attend the Event.

The regular monthly meeting of Zeb Vance camp of Confederate veterans was held this morning at 11:30 o'clock in Confederate hall at the court house and was well attended. The meeting was taken up principally in discussions of the arrangements that have been made for the annual reunion to go to Macon for the annual reunion this year and nearly all present expressed their intention of going.

District Passenger Agent J. H. Wood was present and told of the arrangements that have been made by the Southern railway for the accommodation of veterans from this section. Col. J. M. Ray had ordered three cars and Mr. Wood stated this morning that he would put on another extra in order to furnish sufficient accommodations for all who might wish to attend.

In addition to the passenger coaches there will be one baggage car, and two of the coaches will be parked on the yard of the Asheville station Sunday night, May 5, so that all who may wish to may go there and spend the night, thus saving them the trouble of having to come in early Monday morning or having to pay hotel bills for the night.

Col. Ray stated this morning that all the veterans from this side of the mountains will camp in tents while attending the reunion, the authorities there having offered to furnish floored tents, cots, pillows and other necessities. Meals will also be furnished to those who ask for them.

The special train carrying the veterans will leave the city on the morning of May 6 at 7:30 o'clock and will reach Macon at 8:30 that evening. The special rates offered for the veterans may be taken advantage of by any who may wish to go and it is expected that there will be a large crowd going from this section.

DISEASE IS FEARED IN FLOODED REGION

Plague May Follow Drowning of Thousands of Head of Livestock in Mississippi Valley.

New Orleans, April 26.—Traveling 150 miles in a motor boat through the parishes of Richland, East Carroll and Madison yesterday, an Associated Press correspondent sighted 1500 head of livestock, mostly cattle, here and there in gin houses, barns and other two storied outhouses, a few persons would be found huddled together.

Except at Tallulah, very few persons are left remaining near their possessions in the vast countryside covered by the floods from the Atchafalaya and another forest ravens and other two storied outhouses, a few persons would be found huddled together.

The odor from thousands upon thousands of carcasses of drowned live stock is almost unbearable in several sections. Until the water has completely receded and dry fuel is obtainable with which to burn them, these carcasses must remain adding constantly to the prospect of plague.

DR. PEARSONS DEAD

Man Who Gave Away Millions That He Meant for Poor Expires.

COL. ROOSEVELT FIGHTING BACK

President Is Pictured as Liar, Hypocrite and Ingrate in Speech at Worcester.

PATRONAGE ABUSE IN CAROLINA IS CITED

Use of Confidential Letters and the Steel Trust Allegations are Called 'Indecent.'

Boston, April 27.—With speeches as scheduled in six large Massachusetts cities this was a day of great activity for Col. Roosevelt. His chief speech will be made at the Boston arena tonight in which the colonel probably will reply to Taft's speech Thursday night from the same platform.

Worcester, Mass., April 27.—Denunciation of President Taft was Col. Roosevelt's reply last night to the president's attack upon him Thursday. Some of Col. Roosevelt's assertions were:

"That President Taft had not given the people of the country 'a square deal,' but owing to a quality of feebleness he had 'yielded to the bosses and the great private interests.'"

"That one part of the president's attack upon him was 'the crookedest kind of a deal,' and 'deliberate misrepresentation.'"

"That the president 'has not merely in thought, word and deed been disloyal to our past friendship, but has been disloyal to every canon of ordinary decency and fair dealing, such as should obtain even in dealing with a man's bitterest opponents.'"

"That the president's statement regarding the influence of federal officeholders in the campaign was 'not only an untruth but it is an absurd untruth.'"

"That Mr. Taft convicted himself, of insincerity when he signed the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill."

"That in speaking of Col. Roosevelt's position in regard to the trust problem, President Taft is himself guilty of a 'crooked deal.'"

Big Crowd Turns Out. Col. Roosevelt took up President Taft's attack on him point by point, flaying the president in one scathing sentence after another.

When Col. Roosevelt reached here, at the beginning of his Massachusetts trip, he found the streets thronged. A band and a torchlight procession escorted him to Mechanics' hall, where he delivered his main speech. Later he addressed an overflow meeting.

Colonel Roosevelt said in part: "In this campaign I regard the issues at stake as altogether too important to permit it to be twisted into one of personal ambition between President Taft and myself. But Mr. Taft's speeches contained statements that I must answer. When he said that I have endeavored to minimize the importance of my Columbus speech he says what he must know to be untrue."

Accuses Taft of Reciprocity. "Again, when Mr. Taft in any speech speaks of me directly or obliquely as a neurotic or a demagogue, or in similar terms, he had better preserve his own self-respect by not protesting that it gives him pain to do so. I have never alluded to him in terms even remotely resembling these. I have never quoted his private letters or private communications. I have discussed exclusively his public actions. Even where I was obliged to be severe I was always parliamentary and never hypocritical. Nor do I intend today to deviate from this standard although the president's speech makes it necessary for me to speak more plainly on certain subjects than I have yet spoken."

Colonel Roosevelt referred to President Taft's explanation of his statement that "there is a government of all the people by a representative part of the people."

"For him to try," said Colonel Roosevelt, "to escape the correctness of his statements by saying that he alluded only to women and children is trifling with the intelligence of the people. To speak of such action on his part as a 'square deal' is itself the crookedest kind of deal. He is trying to judge the correctness of his statement by deliberate misrepresentation of that statement."

Colonel Roosevelt then defined the political "boss" and continued: "If there is any such man among my supporters I do not know him."

The houses, Colonel Roosevelt declared, were on the president's side.

"Mr. Taft said that never in thought, word or deed had been disloyal to his friendship for me. It is hard for me to answer such a statement save by calling it the grossest and most astounding hypocrisy. When Mr. Taft made that statement he had just sent to the United States senate, on half an hour's notice, obviously in collusion with the Lowmyer democratic senator who made the request, papers which were intended to convey the impression that I had improperly favored the harvesters' trust by declining to prosecute it in 1907."

Accuses Taft of Crooked Deal. "When Mr. Taft takes the action he did he has not merely in thought, word and deed been disloyal to our friendship, but he has also been disloyal to the people."

German Battleship Launched. Dasiig, Germany, April 27.—The battleship Koening was launched today. The vessel's tonnage is 24,400 tons and she is armed with 16 12-inch and 14 6-inch guns. The vessel cost \$12,000,000.