

# EIGHTEEN HUNDRED SOULS PERISH AS "TITANIC" SINKS IN ANGRY DEEP

## LARGEST PASSENGER STEAMER IN THE WORLD SETTLES DOWN IN WATERY GRAVE AND ONLY 675 PASSENGERS ARE REPORTED AS SAVED

**White Star Liner on Her Maiden Trip With 2,260 Passengers Aboard  
Strikes an Iceberg and Officials of the Line Reluctantly Admit  
a Terrible Loss of Life—News Sends Shock Through  
The Entire Country Causing Great Anxiety.**

### GREATEST MARITIME DISASTER IN HISTORY OF THE WORLD

**Col. Washington Roebling, Father of John A.  
Roebling, Formerly of This City, Among  
The Passengers on The Ill-Fated  
Steamer—Information Withheld.**

**CAPE RACE, April 15.**—The steamer Olympic reports that the steamer Carpathia reached the Titanic position at daybreak today but found boats and wreckage only. She reported that the Titanic had foundered at about 2.20 o'clock in longitude 50.14 west. The message adds that all the Titanic's boats were accounted for and "about 675 souls saved, crew and passengers, latter nearly all women and children."

There were about 2,200 persons in all, crew and passengers on board the Titanic.

The text of the message from the steamer Olympic reporting the sinking of the Titanic and the rescue of 675 survivors, which reached here late tonight, also expressed the opinion that 1,800 lives were lost.

"Loss likely total 1,800 souls," dispatch said in its concluding sentence.

NEW YORK, April 15.—More than 1,500 persons, it is feared, sank to death early yesterday, when within four hours after she crashed into an iceberg, the mammoth White Star Line steamer Titanic, bound from Liverpool to New York, on her maiden voyage, went to the bottom off the New Foundland banks. Of the approximately 2,200 persons on board the giant liner, some of them of world-wide prominence, only 675 are known to have been saved. The White Star line offices in New York, while keeping up hope to the last, were free to admit that there had been "horrible loss of life."

#### Greatest in History.

Accepting the early estimates of the fatality list as accurate, the disaster is the greatest in the marine history of the world. Nearest approaching it in magnitude were the disasters to the steamer Atlantic in 1873 when 574 lives were lost and to La Bourgogne in 1898, with a fatality list of 571.

Should it prove that other liners, notably the Allan liners Parisian and Virginian, known to have been in the vicinity of the Titanic early yesterday morning, had picked up other of her passengers, the extent of the calamity would be greatly reduced. This hope still remains.

News of the sinking of the liner and the terrible loss of life in consequence came early last evening with all the greater shock because hope had been buoyed up all day by reports that the steamship although badly damaged, was not in a sinking condition and that all her passengers had been safely taken off. The messages were mostly unofficial and none came direct from the liner, so that a lurking fear remained of possible bad news to come.

#### Sinks After Struggle.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night there came flashing over the wires from Cape Race, within four hundred miles of which the liner had struck the iceberg word that at 2.20 o'clock Monday morning, three hours and fifty-five minutes after receiving her death blow, the Titanic had sunk. The news came from the steamer Carpathia, relayed by the White Star liner Olympic and revealed that by the time the Carpathia, outward bound from New York and racing for the Titanic on a wireless call reached the scene, the doomed vessel had sunk.

Left on the surface, however, were life-boats from the Titanic, and in them, as appears from the meager reports received up to a late hour, were some 675 survi-

vors of the disaster. These, according to the advices, the Carpathia picked up and is now on her way with them for New York.

For the rest of the scene as the Carpathia came up was one of desolation. All that remained of the \$10,000,000 floating palace, on which nearly 1,400 passengers had been voyaging luxuriously to this side of the Atlantic, were some bits of wreckage. The biggest ship in the world had gone down, snuffing out in her downward plunge, it appeared, hundreds of human lives.

#### Saved Women and Children.

A significant line in the Cape Race despatch was the announcement that of those saved by the Carpathia, nearly all were women and children. Should it prove that no other vessel picked up any passengers of the sinking liner this might mean that few of the men on board had been saved, as the proportion of women and children among the passengers was large. The same facts would likewise spell the doom of practically the entire crew of 800.

In the cabins were 230 women and children, but it is not known how many there were among the 740 third class passengers.

In the first cabin there were 128 women and fifteen children and in the second cabin 79 women and 8 children.

#### Passengers of Note.

Notable persons, travelers on the Titanic, whose fate was in doubt in the lack of definite advices as to the identity of the survivors, were Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Major Archibald Butt, aide to President Taft; Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific of Canada, his wife and daughter; W. T. Stead, Benjamin Guggenheim, F. D. Millet, the artist, and J. G. Widener, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Straus, J. B. Thayer, vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad; J. Bruce Ismay, Henry B. Harris, the theatrical manager, and Mrs. Harris, and Colonel Washington Roebling, builder of the Brooklyn bridge.

#### Ray of Hope.

A ray of hope appeared shortly before 11 o'clock last night in a message to New York from the operator at the Marconi wireless station at Sable Island, near the scene of the disaster. Answering an inquiry regarding the delivery of wireless messages to the passengers of the Titanic, the operator reported that it was difficult to deliver them as the passengers are believed to be dispersed among several vessels.

Even this faint indication that other vessels than the Carpathia had picked up survivors of the Titanic was eagerly seized by the thousands of relatives and friends of those who had set sail on her first voyage to this vessel.

#### Men of Millions Aboard.

Untold wealth was represented among the passengers of the Titanic, there being on board at least six men, each of whose fortunes might be reckoned in tens of millions of dollars. A rough estimate of the total wealth represented in the first class passenger list would reach over a half billion dollars.

The wealthiest of the list is Col. John Jacob Astor, head of the famous house whose name he bears, who is reputed to be worth \$150,000,000. Mr. Astor was returning from a tour of Egypt with his bride, who was Miss Madeline Force to whom he was married in Providence on September 9.

Benjamin Guggenheim, probably next in financial importance, is the fifth of the seven sons of Meyer Guggenheim who founded the American Smelting and Refining company, the great mining corporation, and is a director of many corporations, including the International Pump company, of which he is also president. His fortune is estimated at \$95,000,000. His wife, whose name does not appear on the passenger list, is a daughter of James Seligman, the New York banker.

George D. Widener is the son of P. A. B. Widener, the Philadelphia "traction king," whose fortune is estimated at \$50,000,000.

#### John A. Roebling's Father.

Isador Straus, one of New York's most prominent dry goods merchants, and notable for his philanthropies, has a fortune also estimated to be worth \$50,000,000.

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OFFICIALS NOW FEAR  
LOSS WILL REACH 2,000  
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At 2 o'clock this morning the White Star line officials expressed fears that, in the absence of fuller details the loss of life on the Titanic would reach 2,000.  
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### WRECK NEWS STUNS GAY BROADWAY INTO DEEP DEJECTION

Police Reserves Necessary  
Around Bulletin Boards of  
Newspapers

FASHIONABLY GOWNED  
WOMEN HYSTERICAL

Wealth and Society Rub El-  
bows With Poverty Seek-  
ing Details

NEW YORK, April 15.—Police reserves had to be called to several sections of the city tonight to control crowds gathered around bulletin boards for news of the Titanic. The disaster stunned the gay Broadway district as perhaps no disaster ever had so completely done before, for many of those who poured out of the theatres had friends on the steamer. The newspaper district was crowded till after midnight. Wealth and society rubbed elbows with poverty in the crowd that besieged the White Star steamship line offices and both classes were in deep grief.

There were many instances of fashionably gowned women going into hysterics when the hopeful reports of the afternoon were blasted with the news that probably only 675 persons had been saved.

Vincent Astor, only son of Col. John Jacob Astor, accompanied by A. J. Bidle of Philadelphia, and Col. Astor's secretary, were among the crowd at the offices and left with tears in their eyes after a short conference with Vice-president Franklin. Relatives of Isador Straus and of a number of other prominent passengers came away with the same dejection.

#### MAY BE HOPE.

NEW YORK, April 16.—A despatch from St. Johns, N. F., received at 2.15 o'clock this morning, gives rise to the hope that the steamer Virginian has some of the Titanic's survivors on board. The message said she would bring to St. Johns such survivors as she "may rescue." Hope arises from the fact that the steamer is putting in there at all which she would scarcely do were there not some humane necessity for this action. She was outward bound for Liverpool.

#### THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Forecast: For North Carolina: Local rains Tuesday and probably Wednesday, cooler Wednesday.

### MISSISSIPPI FLOOD WIPES OUT MANY LOUISIANA TOWNS

Territory 160 Miles in Length and  
Eight Miles Wide Inundated—Al-  
ready many Thousands are home-  
less and Destitute.

Parts of thirteen parishes in North-eastern Louisiana are today facing a deluge unparalleled in the history of disastrous floods of the lower Mississippi valley. Numerous small towns in East Carroll and Madison parishes already are wiped out. Vast stretches of valley lands are covered by from six to twenty feet of water and a wall of the devastating flood waters twenty feet high and more than a mile in width is rushing through the great Dog Tail crevasse, near Abbeville, La.

Already thousands are homeless and destitute. What will be the toll when the waters from the Panther Forest and Red Fork crevasses in Arkansas join their destructive forces through the Dog Tail breach no one can say. Parts of the thirteen Louisiana parishes and two Arkansas counties will be under water and a conservative estimate is that the homeless in that territory will total at least 80,000 with probably 75,000 it is believed the territory 160 miles in length and from six to eight miles in width will be inundated. No further breaks occurred in the levees yesterday.

Veritable Cloudburst.  
To add to the alarming situation, a veritable cloudburst in the Texas basin of North Louisiana yesterday gave forth from 4 to 6 inches of rainfall in the brief space of ten hours. High winds accompanied the rain and made more difficult the work of rescue in the over-flooded district.

Relief work is centered at Vicksburg, Miss., where already hundreds of homeless and destitute people from the flooded Louisiana territory are quartered. Governor Brewer, of Mississippi and Governor Sanders of Louisiana have ordered tents and bedding sent to the Mississippi city. Supplies also are en route to Vicksburg from the federal authorities at St. Louis.

No verified report of loss of life had been received up to last night. Property damage in the territory under water will total several million dollars.

TO AID FLOOD SUFFERERS.  
WASHINGTON, April 15.—President Taft today sent to congress a special message, urging the immediate appropriation of amounts aggregating nearly \$788,000 for use in controlling the floods of the Mississippi and to aid flood sufferers.

The message asked for \$300,000 in addition to the \$500,000 already appropriated to be used in strengthening the levees, \$278,000 for expenses of the quartermaster general's department in furnishing shelter, forage for cattle and horses, etc., and \$212,937 for rations already supplied, or to be supplied, to destitute persons. The president based his request on estimates made by the secretary of war, which accompanied the message.

There are 2,500 destitute people in the Texas and Houma river basins in Arkansas and Louisiana, according to a report received today at the war department from Major Nemoys, who has returned to Memphis from an inspection of that district. He says they are in need of immediate relief, and that a boat from Memphis will not reach them in time.

Representatives of Louisiana and Randall of Texas requested the war department today to send immediate relief to the flood sufferers in the Vicksburg district. Orders have been issued to comply with the request.

BATON ROUGE, La., April 15.—A telephone message received here early tonight from Morganese, thirty-five miles north of Baton Rouge, on the west side of the Mississippi river, stated that the levee there is cracking and caving badly, and that water was coming through on the side.

Every effort is being made to hold the levee, which is on the lower side of a sharp bend. If a crevasse should occur there it would flood the richest farming territory along the river in south Louisiana.

#### REPORT CONFIRMED.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15.—The reported threatening condition of the levee at Morganese was confirmed in a report received at the office of Captain C. O. Sherrill, chief of the United States engineering corps in charge of the work of the fourth levee district. Captain Sherrill immediately telephoned J. H. Lewis, junior United States engineer, now at Bayou Sara, to go to Morganese on the tug Manchac with laborers and supplies. Bayou Sara is thirteen miles from the point of danger.

### ASHEVILLE PEOPLE NAMED AS STATE OFFICERS OF BARACA AND PHILATHEA

Closing Session of State  
Convention Held Amid  
Enthusiastic Scenes.

#### AT CHARLOTTE NEXT

SALISBURY, N. C., April 15.—The state convention of the North Carolina Baraca and Philatheas closed its session here tonight amid scenes of wild enthusiasm on the part of the 150 delegates present.

The Baracas had 225 delegates from 95 towns, with 150 classes, including nine denominations. The 425 Philatheas represented 100 towns, 175 classes and nine denominations. The state officers for the Baracas elected tonight were: President, J. D. Berry of Raleigh; first vice president, C. W. Tillet, Charlotte; second vice president, G. T. Stephenson, Winston-Salem; third vice president, E. J. Schantz, Durham; fourth vice president, E. C. Greene, Asheville; secretary and treasurer, W. M. Combs, Greensboro.

The Philatheas state officers were: President, Miss Hattie Lyon of Oxford; first vice president, Miss Kathleen Ware, Asheville; second vice president, Miss Winona Massey, Clayton; recording secretary, Miss Ruth Porter, Charlotte; Miss Flossie Byrd of Asheville was elected general state secretary of both the Baraca and Philatheas organizations.

Charlotte and Newbern each presented earnest invitations for the convention next year. The matter was left to an executive committee, which decided in favor of Charlotte. The closing address was by Dr. W. L. Forest of Wake Forest.

### TAKE DOWN CONSTITUTION SAYS TAFT, "AND RENEW OUR VOWS TO PRINCIPLES"

He Tells the Daughters of  
American Revolution  
Some Plain Facts.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

WASHINGTON, April 15.—President Taft told the Daughters of the American Revolution, when today he welcomed to their annual convention here, that the time had come "to take down our copies of the constitution and of the history of the growth of our institutions, and to renew our vows to the principles embodied in our governmental structure."

"The time has come," he continued "to insist that these principles shall not be departed from but they shall be maintained in their vitalizing force to continue our pursuit of happiness and the guarantee of our institutions for the maintenance of liberty regulated by law."

Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, president general of the daughters, in her annual address, declared that the daughters should enter upon a wider field of work.

#### WON A BRIDE BY MAIL.

LYONS, N. Y., April 15.—After a few months' courtship, conducted entirely by correspondence, Mrs. Frances L. Coates of Washington, D. C., and S. Porter Westbrook of Rye, N. Y., met here for the first time yesterday, and had their wedding at the Rye, N. Y., club.