

NEARLY TWO THOUSAND DROWNED WHEN LARGE STEAMER WAS WRECKED

White Star Liner "Titanic" Struck Iceberg and Went to Bottom of the Sea, Carrying Most of its Passengers to a Watery Grave--Less Than One-Third of the Passengers Escaped--Many Prominent Persons Drowned.

New York, April 15.—More than 1,500 persons, it is feared, sank to death early Monday, when within four hours after she crashed into an iceberg, the mammoth White Star liner Titanic, bound from Liverpool to New York on her maiden voyage, went to the bottom of 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."

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 the La Bourgeoise in 1898, with a fatality list of 571.

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

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night there came flashing over the wires from Cape Race, within 400 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 Line liner Olympic, and revealed that by the time the Carpathia, outward bound from New York and racing, to Titanic on a wireless call reached the scene, the doomed vessel had sunk. Left on the surface, however, were life-boats and in them, from what the most appeared from meagre reports received up to a late hour, were some 675 survivors 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, 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. A significant line in the Cape Race dispatch was the announcement that of those saved by the Carpathia nearly all were women and children. Should it prove so 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 15 children, and in the second cabin 79 women and eight children.

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 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 Col. Washington Roebling, builder of the Brooklyn Bridge.

The Parisian Did Not Pick Up Any of the Survivors.

Halifax, N. S., April 16.—In reply to a dispatch sent by the Halifax Manager of the Allan Line, Captain Haines, of the Steamer Parisian sent the following by wireless:

"I have no survivors of the Titanic on board and no official information as to the fate of the ship. Expect to reach Halifax to-morrow morning."

No Survivors on "Virginian."

Cape Race, April 16.—A wireless message to-night from Capt. Had-

dock, of the steamship Olympic, relayed by the Celtic, read as follows: "Please allay rumor that the Virginian has any of the Titanic's passengers. Neither has the Tunstian. I believe that the only survivors are on the Carpathia. The second, fourth and fifth officers and the second Marconi operator are the only officers reported saved."

Boisevain, Man., April 16.—J. P. Alexander, a former member of the Provincial Parliament, dropped dead to-day when told of the Titanic disaster. He was troubled with heart disease.

Whether Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, was saved, was not known to-night. His name was not among those reported rescued by the Carpathia. A Canadian dispatch early in the day stated that Mr. Hays was saved. His wife and daughter were rescued.

Statement From Washington.

Washington, D. C., April 16.—The Treasury Department, through the Customs officials, has given orders to expedite the landing of the survivors of the Titanic and to aid them in every way possible upon the arrival of the Carpathia. Custom regulations have been suspended and the Customs officers will aid the survivors in finding relatives and friends. Vice-President Franklin said late this afternoon that his list of survivors showed that 202 out of the 325 first cabin passengers and 114 out of 285 second cabin passengers of the wrecked liner had been accounted for.

New York, April 16.—"We are waiting for a complete list of the names of the survivors and until this is received, we can give no definite information."

This was the only answer that could be given to-day at the White Star Line offices here to the thousands of anxious persons who gathered there seeking information regarding relatives and friends who are among the victims of the Titanic disaster. From early morning until late to-night pathetic scenes were witnessed in lower Broadway and in Bowling Green Park, opposite the steamship offices. Hundreds of anxious inquiries were received also by long distance telephone.

Multitudes remained in the vicinity of Bowling Green throughout the day hoping against hope that their loved ones were included among the it is too early to get reports from survivors on board the Carpathia, which is now speeding to New York with the passengers who were rescued from the life-boats after the Titanic sank.

Clerks in the White Star offices were kept busy informing those seeking news that no information had been received from the Carpathia or the Olympic. The incomplete list of survivors was posted at the entrance of the White Star offices. Those who failed to find the names of their kin or friends in this list could only hope that when the complete roster of the rescued was received it would bring welcome news.

When word reached the scores of men and women crowded into the narrow corridors of the offices that Vice-President Franklin of the International Marine Company had announced that he was confident that the Virginian and the Parisian of the Allan Line had none of the Titanic's passengers on board an atmosphere of deep depression prevailed.

Newspaper men were besieged by the anxious inquiries who could not believe that the White Star officials were giving out all news of the disaster.

Vice-President Franklin was locked in his private office throughout the day and few persons were permitted to see him.

Mrs. Benjamin Guggenheim, wife of the smelter millionaire, was one of the first visitors in the forenoon. When informed that no word had been received of her husband, she became hysterical. "Isn't there something that can be done?" she pleaded. "Can't you send steamships out to search for life-boats which may yet be afloat?"

A MONSTER SHIP.

Largest Vessel in the World and Costing Ten Million Dollars.

The Titanic was due to arrive in New York yesterday afternoon and, had not the tragedy occurred, would doubtless have arrived on schedule, for she was making excellent time.

The mammoth ship was more than four city blocks in length or 882 1-2 feet. Her tonnage was 64,328 tons. If stood on end the steamship would have been 181.7 feet higher than the Metropolitan Life tower and 270 feet higher than the Singer building in New York.

Twenty-two years ago when the armored cruiser Saratoga, then the New York, went into commission, she was considered, and was, one of the crack fighting ships of the world. The Titanic was bigger by more than 600 tons than would be a cruiser five times as big as Sampson's flagship, the new York, at the battle of Santiago. She was more than 6,000 tons bigger than a battleship, twice as large as the great dreadnought Delaware.

The following table shows the tonnage of the Titanic in comparison with the eleven largest liners now engaged in trans-Atlantic trade:

Titanic (White Star)	64,328
Olympic (White Star)	45,324
Mauretania (Cunard)	32,000
Louisiana (Cunard)	32,000
George Washington (N. German Lloyd)	27,000
France (French Line)	27,000
Kaiserin Augusta Victoria (Hamburg-American)	25,000
Adriatic (White Star)	24,541
Rotterdam (Holland-American)	24,170
Amerika (Hamburg-American)	22,500
Kronprinzessin Cecilie (North German Lloyd)	20,000

The Titanic was a four-funneled boat, the great stacks rising a fraction over 81 feet above the upper deck, while the distance from the top of the funnels to the lower deck was 175 feet. The passenger accommodations were among the most gorgeous of any ship ever built. There were many innovations for travelers. Those who could afford it might have a private promenade deck for themselves. These latter were in connection with some of the finest suites, and the Titanic was the first vessel to offer this additional luxury.

The Parisian cafe and the palm room were other features. In the main dining-room 600 passengers, the population of a good-sized village, could dine in comfort at the same time. In addition there was a French restaurant where 200 more might dine a la carte. Then there were Turkish baths, a swimming pool, a finely fitted gymnasium and a squash racket court.

TO MEET THE RESCUED.

President May Dispatch Newspaper Reporters to the Carpathia.

Washington, April 16.—President Taft has tentatively decided to dispatch two revenue cutters from New York to Sandy Hook to meet the Carpathia and act as an escort into the harbor.

The question will be definitely determined at a conference tomorrow between the President and Secretary MacVeagh, of the Treasury Department. If convoys are sent out, they will be the cutters Seneca and Mohawk, now at New York.

In order that a waiting world might receive the earliest possible information regarding the tragedy, Secretary MacVeagh indicated his willingness to consider the question of sending the revenue cutter Gresham, with newspaper correspondents aboard, from Boston to meet the Carpathia, provided the Cunard Line was willing to allow them aboard. This question was held in abeyance, however, by advice from Deputy Collector of Customs Stewart, at New York, stating that the steamship line would not grant the privilege.

REAL ANCIENT HISTORY.

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did a little later. But America would have whipped England sometime unaided; in fact, she did the job about thirty years later in the war known as that of 1812. Of course I am merely bolting down a few well-known historical facts at this moment—well-known to few people, however, for I contend that at least 90 persons out of every hundred do not know anything about history, even if they have a fair education. Like Biblical history, in some respects, ordinary earthly history grows more interesting every time you read it, even though only a year or two may have elapsed since you read the same thing before, and you may have read the identical history a dozen times in your life. Truth is, much stranger than fiction. For that reason I always recommend that hit would be a guide thing for people to quit reading a certain style of so-called newspapers in North Carolina and read papers like The Caucasian-Enterprise. After awhile some more of the people will begin to take my advice. A few doses of 6-cent cotton and 50-cent wheat will "set the hair" on 'em. If I thought hit would do any good to give the folks another Cleveland object lesson, I'd vote for Billy J. Bryan, or some of them fellers just one time, and then I'd watch 'em squirm. If Bryan or that New Jersey college professor happens to be elected this year, I look for cotton to go down to 2 1/2 cents per pound in the lint, and eggs will not bring over 2 cents a dozen. For a time farm hands will be forced to work at 20 cents or less per day and carpenters and machinists, many of whom are disciples of Bryan in the South, will be proud to get 40 or 50 cents per day; in fact, carpenters did not aver-

age that much farin' the latter part of the Cleveland administration for most of 'em were idle an' didn't earn any wages for some time, so my picture of Mr. Bryan's dream of administration is not overdrawn; one year of Bryanism would doubtless cut down the price of farm products to half what they now are sellin' for an' land values would in that time fall off from a third to a half what they now are. I only hev a passin' interest in such matters. But I hev bin through hit once and I don't care to witness such a period again, hence I will vote for what I want instead of what I don't want, as many South-erners air in the habit of doin', because their father or grandfather owned a nigger or two before the Civil War, or, possibly, swapped shotguns with some man who did own 12, 15 or 20 cent cotton, \$1.00 per bushel corn, an' the rite to own a gude dog without payin' tax on hit, an' I'll guarantee prosperity to any highly-favored country like the United States. You'll say, I'm gettin' somewhat political in this. Well, awl or us had better try to stave off any an' awl political calamities; an' the only practical, sensible way iz party hez the greatest record as a calamity producer an' then vote the other way. I know which party now holds the record. Gentle reader, you ought to awlso find out about this an' act accordingly, an' act this year, for delays are mity dangerous.

Az ever,
ZEKE BILKINS.

Simmons' Greatest Enemy.

Maxton Scottish Chief.]
The Congressional Record is doubtless the greatest enemy Senator Simmons has among the newspapers and periodicals published. It has ruthlessly recorded his anti-Democratic votes and remarks which the North Carolina press, or a large number of them, seem to reject as only abuse of the Senator.

The Dead Pauper Law a Shame.

Union Republican.]

The dead pauper law stands upon the statute books as a shame and disgrace to North Carolina. Remember this when you cast your ballots for legislative candidates in November. As a Democratic Legislature passed that law, the party must stand responsible for it.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

Rules and Regulations for the Organization of the Republican Party of North Carolina.

(Amended and adopted at the State Convention, held in Greensboro, August 10, 1910.)

(1) County Organizations.—The election precinct shall be the unit of county organizations. Each precinct shall have an executive committee consisting of three active Republicans. They shall be biennially chosen by the Republican voters of the precinct who shall also designate one of their number chairman. They shall convene at such time and place as the majority may elect.

There shall be elected biennially by the County Convention called by the County Executive Committee to nominate candidates for the General Assembly an dcounty officers, a County Executive Committee to consist of five members unless the Convention shall designate a greater number; and said County Convention shall also elect at the same time a chairman of the County Executive Committee. Vacancies in precinct committees shall be filled by the voters of the precinct, and in the county committees by the county convention; provided, that in case a vacancy occurs within thirty days prior to an election, such vacancy may be filled by the votes of the remaining members and in the event of the removal of the chairman by death or resignation or any other cause a chairman shall be elected by the committee.

(2) Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial District Committees shall be composed of no less than one member from each county, nor less than seven members, biennially elected by the several district conventions, which shall also designate the chairman; provided, that a Senatorial Committee shall only be elected in districts embracing more than one county. Vacancies occurring within thirty days of an election may be filled by the vote of the committee.

(3) There shall be a State Executive Committee composed of one member from each Congressional District in the State to be designated by the district delegation at a State Convention assembled, ten members at large, to be selected by the State Chairman and shall also include the chairman of the convention at which election is held, and said committee are required to call a State Convention of the Republican party at least sixty days prior to every election for members of the General Assembly, and oftener if necessary in the interest of the party. Members of the State Executive Committee shall be biennially elected at the State Convention, and shall elect a Secretary, who is not a member, and the chairman of said committee shall be elected by the State Convention.

(4) The chairman of the respective County, District and State Executive Committee shall call their conventions to order and act as temporary chairman until a permanent organization is effected, with power

only to appoint and receive the report of a committee on credentials.
(5) No Executive Committee shall have power to elect or appoint delegates to any convention, whether County, District, State or National.
(6) No member of any Executive Committee or delegate or alternate duly chosen, shall have power to delegate his trust or authority to another.

(7) Representation in county conventions shall consist of one delegate for every twenty-five Republican votes, or fractional part thereof, cast in said precinct at the previous election for the Republican candidate for Governor. Provided, that each township shall be entitled to one vote, at least, in the county convention.

(8) The basis of representation in and State Conventions shall be apportioned so as to consist of one delegate and one alternate for every one hundred votes or fractional part thereof cast for the candidate of the Republican party for Governor at the last general election in the counties in the State. Provided, that each county shall be entitled to at least two delegates to the Republican State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial Conventions.

(9) Delegates and alternates to the County Conventions shall be elected only by a vote of the Republicans of each precinct meeting assembled, and delegates and alternates to the District, State and National Conventions shall be elected by a convention of delegates duly elected and sent by the people for that purpose, after notice and publican of not less than fifteen days of time, place and purpose of such convention, and not otherwise, and the delegates so elected shall be citizens of the county from which they are elected and that in all primaries electing delegates, a poll of the voters present shall be taken in order to ascertain the strength of all officers to be voted for and said votes shall be pro-rated and cast in County, District or State Conventions on the first ballot according to the strength

of each officer voted for, the said primaries and the delegates representing the minority shall be named by the minority.

(10) The certificate of the chairman and secretary of the meeting, setting forth the regularity of the primary meeting or convention and the election of delegates and alternates thereat, shall be accepted, when uncontested, as a good and sufficient credential for such delegates and alternates.

(11) The Chairman of the State Executive Committee shall, for sufficient cause, have power to remove any county chairman at his pleasure, and to appoint some suitable successor; provided, however, that the chairman thus removed shall have the right of appeal from the action of the State Chairman to the State Committee, whose duty it shall be to pass upon the question as to whether or not there was sufficient cause for such removal.

(12) It shall be the duty of the State Committee to prepare a temporary roll of the delegates elected to the State Convention, and such temporary roll shall be used for the purpose of effecting a temporary organization.

(13) There shall be a Campaign Committee appointed by the State Chairman to consist of five members and said committee shall assume management and control of the campaign in such sections of the State as may be designated by the chairman; said committee shall at all times be subject to the direction of the State Executive Committee.

(14) This plan of organization and procedure shall continue in force until changed or abrogated by a subsequent Republican State Convention.

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