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Biggest Ship Afloat Sinks; 1,500 Go to Watery Graves

Most Appalling Marine Disaster in the History of the World, Followed by Loss of Life Unprecedented in Ocean Travel.

PROBABLE THAT 675 PERSONS WERE SAVED

Vessel went down Two Hours after Striking Ice Berg and only Life Boats, filled mostly with Women, were Found by Other Ships.

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."

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, 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.

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 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 lifeboats from the Titanic, and in them, as appears from the meager 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 despatches 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 a great loss of life among the male passengers, as the proportion of women and children among the passengers was greater than the men.

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 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 8 children.

Notable persons, traveling 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, Maj. Archibald Butt, aid 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 Col. Washington Roebling, builder of the Brooklyn bridge.

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 on the Titanic the operator reported that it was difficult to deliver them as the passengers are believed to be dispersed among several ships.

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 country.

First News of the Accident.

New York, April 15.—A wireless message received shortly after midnight this morning, announced that the bran new ocean liner steamship the "Titanic," the biggest steamship afloat and making her maiden trip across the Atlantic, due to arrive in New York tomorrow had struck an iceberg off the banks of New Foundland and was in a sinking condition.

That the injury was so serious to the vessel that the work of transferring passengers to the life boats began at once.

The accident occurred at 10:25 last night. Two hours later the ship's wireless apparatus, which had been working so badly as to permit of only intermittent and fragmentary messages, failed completely. The last words sent by the operator told that the vessel was apparently doomed, "sinking by the head," and that the women passengers were being rushed in the lifeboats. That the weather was calm, clear and help only few hours away, was reas-

suring. The Titanic's first S. Q. S. message was received by the Allan liner Virginian, a hundred and seventy miles away. The Virginian's captain started his ship for the scene of the disaster, announcing to his brother officer on the Titanic's bridge that the Virginian should reach him by 10 o'clock this morning.

The Titanic's accident occurred in latitude 41.46 north, longitude 50.14 west. This point is eleven hundred and fifty miles due east of New York city, and four hundred and fifty miles south of the Cape Race, Newfoundland, wireless station.

All messages from the Titanic were relayed to Cape Race wireless station by the Virginian and forwarded by the Marconi Company to New York City.

The Olympic, which left New York last week, was in direct communication with the sinking boat, three hundred miles away and started for the scene.

FINAL ROLL CALL SHOWS 1,312 PERISHED.

Carpathia Reports She Picked up 868, Virginian and Parisian Report They Picked up None and Hope Is Almost Abandoned.

New York, April 16.—That the final roll of those rescued from the Titanic disaster had practically been made up was the impression that grew almost into conviction last night, as the hours wore on without revision of lists adding measurably to total known survivors.

Down the Atlantic coast, fog enveloped in many places, as reports showed, crept the Cunarder Carpathia bearing the 868 lives that had been snatched from the waters when the Titanic's life boats laden to the limit, one by one made their way from the giant liner as it became known that she was soon to take the final plunge.

But although the ship was reported within wireless range of the Sable Island station at an early hour, every wireless ear waiting to catch the snap of the receiver which might mean that the great secret of the liner's death was about to be given up, midnight came and went and the night began to grow old, and still the word had not been spoken.

Significant List.

Carefully compiling the available lists, the records of the survivors of the disaster stand significantly thus:

Men, 79.
Women, 233.
Children, 16.
Total, 328.

Of the remaining 540 known survivors it is estimated that not more than a hundred were seamen required to man the boats. This would leave approximately 440 and in the ordinary proportions of women and children in the steerage, where the passengers in the Titanic's care numbered 710, it seems probable that the greater part of these 440 are women and little ones.

Heroism of Men.

Nothing could show more plainly heroism of the crew and men passengers who stood by the doomed ship, facing practically an inevitable death and sent the women and children away in life boats. Some would have to be left. That was certain. But appearances are that the men who were left stayed behind deliberately, calmly stepping aside to let the weaker ones take their way to safety.

Final Message.

"Sinking by the head. Have cleared boats, filled them with women and children." This was the final message these brave men sent to the world, for it was directly afterwards that their wireless signals sputtered and then stopped altogether.

Magnificent Picture.

The picture that presents itself to view from what is known, is of men like John Jacob Astor, master of scores of millions; Benj Guggenheim, of the famous family of bankers; Isidor Straus, merchant prince; William T. Stead, veteran journalist; Major

Archibald Butt, soldier; Washington Roebling, noted engineer—of any or all of these men stepping aside bravely and gallantly, remaining to die that the place he otherwise might have filled could perhaps be taken by some illiterate and penniless peasant woman of Europe.

That the stream of women with toddling infants and babes in arms—perhaps most of them soon to be widowed—filled up from the cabins and over the side and away to life, the men, by far the greater part of them, remained to die—millionaire and peasant and man of middle class alike—bravely, it must have been, sharing each other's fate, going to a common grave.

No Others Rescued.

Montreal, April 16.—A definite statement that neither the steamer Parisian or the Virginian succeeded in rescuing any of the Titanic's survivors was made tonight by General Agent of the Passenger Line Geo. Hannah of the Allen line. He said it was believed that the Titanic sank more rapidly than those aboard expected she would, and that the work of loading the boats and getting the passengers over the side had not been completed when the final plunge occurred.

Virginia Has None.

Cape Race, April 16.—A wireless message tonight from Captain Haddock of the steamship Olympic, relayed by the Celtic, reads follows: "Please allay the rumor that the Virginian has any of the Titanic's survivors. Neither has the Tunisian. I believe the only survivors are on the Carpathia. The second, third, fourth, fifth officers and second Marconi operator were the only officers reported."

No Survivors on Parisian.

Halifax, April 16.—In reply to a dispatch sent by the Halifax manager of the Allen line, Captain Hains of the steamer Parisian sent the following reply by wireless. "I have no survivors of the Titanic on board." The ship is expected to reach Halifax early tomorrow morning.

THE TITANIC THE LARGEST STEAMSHIP IN THE WORLD.

New York, April 15th.—The steamship Titanic of the White Star Line was the largest vessel afloat, and was on her maiden voyage, being due in this port April 16.

The Titanic had a displacement of 66,000 tons. Her total length 882 feet 6 inches, her breadth 92 feet 6 inches, and she was 175 feet from the keel to the top of the smokestacks. She had eleven decks, which was equal to what was called a sky-scraper a few years ago.

The vessel would carry 4,000 passengers, including passengers and crew, and this in spite of the fact that the staterooms were unusually spacious, beds taking the place of bunks in most of the apartments.

Two regal suits on the Titanic cost \$4,350 each for the trip, the occupants having a private promenade deck on which they had as much privacy as on the piazza of their own home.

When the huge ship left Southampton April 10 she passed near the New York of the American line, and the tremendous suction developed by the passage of the leviathan caused the seven havers holding the New York to snap and turn that vessel loose. She was pushed back into her dock without mishaps.

Notice.

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C. V. S. Boydin,
Administratrix and heir-at-law

Eat 'em—National Oats.

WAR TO THE KNIFE.

Roosevelt Goes to Nebraska This Week and Later Will Invade North Carolina.

H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

Washington, April 14th.—The Pennsylvania election has reversed conditions in the Republican party according to the opinion of the politicians here. It looks now as if Roosevelt had the advantage. The Roosevelt people are very hopeful and aggressive, but the Taft forces are under hack. Director McKinley of the national Taft bureau was confident that he would get 60 delegates in the Quaker State. He got a mere handful.

"It is all over but the shouting; they are taking the count," said Senator Dixon, discussing the situation today. "Taft is down and out. He was knocked out in Illinois, but didn't know it."

"The Republican voters are for Roosevelt, and against Taft. The politicians are for Taft and against Roosevelt. But the people have rallied to Roosevelt, and repudiated the so-called Taft leaders and smashed into smithereens the political machines. The Penrose machine in Pennsylvania and the Lorimer machine in Illinois went down last week; they were put in the scrap heap. Before another new moon a lot of fine political junk in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and other boss-ridden States will be sent to the scrap pile."

No Compromise.

"There will be no compromise candidate." Roosevelt is the man the people want and they will have him. We are going to storm Nebraska, West Virginia, North Carolina, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and other States as we did Illinois and Pennsylvania. We will weed out the "instructed Taft delegates" of the South.

"I said early in the campaign that the Republican voters were four to one for Roosevelt in this campaign against Taft, and every primary election held has corroborated my statement."

The statement from the White House publicity man today included this paragraph: "In North Carolina, the backbone of the Roosevelt organization has been broken, and instead of holding a solid delegation of 24, the opposition was compelled to surrender one-third to the President."

No one here knows what this means but the claim grew out of the report that a compromise had been effected by North Carolina Republicans.

"About the 23rd I am going to take Colonel Roosevelt to North Carolina and introduce him for several campaign speeches," said Senator Dixon, chairman of the Roosevelt committee today. "We expect to sweep the Old North State from Cherokee to Currituck. There is to be no compromise, or trade. It is Roosevelt fist, last and all the time."

Mr. Roosevelt goes to Nebraska this week, and next week to North Carolina.

Greensboro Republicans Pleased.

Greensboro April 14.—The Republicans of Greensboro and especially the admirers of former President Roosevelt are keenly interested in the announcement of Senator Dixon, manager of the Roosevelt campaign to the effect that Colonel Roosevelt will, within the next ten days, come to North Carolina and make at least one speech. Republicans here who have discussed the approaching visit of the former President are of the opinion that Roosevelt will make more than one speech; that he will likely come direct to Greensboro and speak and then continue westward, making probably several talks going through Asheville and into Tennessee.

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Allen Venue Not Decided.

Roanoke World, 12th.

Judge Hairston said today to a World man that the dispatches published in the morning papers are inaccurate so far as the statement that Judge Staples held that a charge of venue should not be granted to Floyd Allen, and had set the question for hearing at Hillsville on April 23rd.

Further hearing and argument of the point at issue was postponed until April 23rd, at Hillsville, according to Judge Hairston's statement. On that date Judge Staples will give another hearing on the motion. Attorneys for the Allens are by no means sure that their petition will be denied by the court to have Floyd Allen tried elsewhere, preferably in Roanoke.

Judge Hairston will leave this afternoon for Hillsville to look after the interests of his clients.

Judge Hairston off for Hillsville

Roanoke World, 13th.

Judge N. H. Hairston left on the early train this morning for Hillsville, where he will look after the interests of the Allens.

The judge spent two hours in the jail yesterday in consultation with his clients. He stated to a World man that they are cheerful and hopeful.

Asked as to the condition of Floyd Allen the Judge said that he had never been able to get out of bed with his broken leg since he has been in the Roanoke jail, and that yesterday was the first day since his capture that he had been able to move his leg himself. He thinks now that his recovery from his injuries will be more rapid.

It is thought to be a question as to whether his physical condition will be such as to warrant the officers of the Carroll court for several weeks yet.

No one except attorneys and a minister or two has been allowed to see the prisoners in the jail, except the one time that representatives of the press were allowed when accompanied by the attorneys.

Detective Albert Baldwin who has been here for a day or two returned to Carroll this morning. He said that he for one had not given up the opinion that Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards are still in the Carroll mountains.

Allen Trouble Stops Moonshine.

Roanoke World.

The raiding revenue officers who for the past few months have been operating and destroying illicit distilleries by the score in the mountains of Franklin, Patrick, Carroll and Grayson, returned to Roanoke Saturday night from Carroll and Grayson counties where they have spent ten days in running down reports of illicit distilleries.

Their time was badly put in and was without results. Not a single moonshiner was captured nor did they have a chance to destroy any distilleries. They followed up a number of clues and went after plants that had been reported but they found nothing doing. Several dismantled places were located, but it was apparent that they would find neither stills nor men.

The Carroll tragedy seems to have had its effect on this element of the mountain population and it can be accounted for on no other grounds than that for the present at least they have abandoned their calling.

The last ten days have been less prolific of results in the work of the raiding officers than any like period for the past eighteen months.

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