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### SURVIVORS TELL OF HEROISM ON ILL-FATED SHIP TITANIC

#### Brave Men Stood On Deck of Sinking Vessel and Fought to Enable Women and Children to Get Into Lifeboats After Terrible Collision

#### THE OFFICIAL FIGURES MAGNIFY THE HORROR

Estimates That Came by Wireless Told Only Part of Ocean's Most Tragical Story, and There is no Hope That Death List, Now Estimated at 1,595, Will Be Reduced—Major Archibald Butt Was One of Those to Stand in Steerage Way so That Women and Children Might Be Saved—Mrs. Isadore Strauss, Loyal to Her Husband, Sank in His Arms. Survivors on Carpathia Relate Events of Voyage and Sinking of Titanic. Complete Account of Disaster.

New York, April 19.—The Titanic disaster, as written into history today by all of the 745 survivors, accounts for the loss of 1,589 persons at sea off New Foundland banks early Monday morning and the subsequent death of six persons who had been rescued, bring the total list of lost to 1,595.

These official figures magnify greatly the estimates which came by wireless. The stories survivors tell make it certain that this disaster was the greatest ocean travel has ever known. The facts coming to the surface in the flood of narratives are that 1595 persons met death; that there is practically no hope that this total will be curtailed by a single additional survivor; that several men of wealth and world-wide prominence are among those perished; that the only women not saved are those who chose to die in their husbands' embrace; that

nearly all the survivors saw the Titanic sink and heard the band playing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," amid the shrieks of those whom the sea claimed as the vessel sank in 2,030 fathoms.

The Titanic struck an iceberg about 90 feet high, which ripped the liner's sides open and made the water-tight compartments useless.

While the vessel was gradually sinking the icy water reached her steaming boilers, causing an explosion which sent her to the bottom.

#### Among Those on Deck.

Among the hundreds on the decks when the Titanic sank were Col. John Jacob Astor, Maj. Archibald Butt, President Taft's military aide; Benjamin Guggenheim, Jacques Futrelle, George D. Widener, Henry B. Harris, and scores of persons as well-known.

#### Died With Husband.

Isadore Strauss was among them, with Mrs. Strauss, who refused to leave her husband behind, when she had the opportunity to save her life.

#### Brave Archie Butt.

Major Butt was one of the heroes. With an iron bar in hand he is said to have stood at the steerage passageway defending women and children from the maddened men in that part of the ship. Mr. Astor met death bravely after seeing his bride safe in the lifeboat.

It was only because the maximum capacity of the Titanic's lifeboats was barely one-third the complement of the ship in passengers and crew that hundreds of despairing passengers went down. J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line, and one of the few prominent men who escaped, it is said by some passengers, was one of the first to get into the lifeboats. Mr. Ismay denied this.

The Titanic's survivors were still suffering from exhaustion and exposure on water-icy cold, before they were picked up by the Carpathia.

#### Was Running Fast.

Surviving passengers agree that the "unbelievable" happened. The voyage had been pleasant, uneventful, except for the fact that it was being made on the largest vessel, and the passengers exhibited keen interest in the daily speed bulletins. All accounts agree that the Titanic on the night of the disaster, was going from 21 to 25 knots an hour. Quartermaster Moody, who was at the helm, said the ship was making 21 knots, and that the officers were under orders to keep up speed in the hope of making a record passage. These orders were being carried out

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### Ismay Tells Committee How The Titanic Met Fate

New York, April 19.—The story of how the Titanic met its fate was told to United States senate investigating committee by J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line, one of the survivors. Asked as to the circumstances under which he left the boat, Mr. Ismay replied almost in whisper: "One of the boats was being filled. Officers called out to know if there were any more women to go. There were none. No passengers were on deck. As boat was being lowered I got into it."

Mr. Ismay was visibly nervous. After detailing the circumstances surrounding the voyage, in response to questions by Senators Smith and Hughes, the witness said he came on a "voluntary trip." He said he knew nothing about America and the Titanic. Talking about icebergs, Ismay denied he sought to send messages from the Titanic after she struck.

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### "BE BRITISH MY MEN" CAPTAIN SMITH CRIED

New York, April 19.—Seven hundred and forty-five persons, mostly women, sick in heart and body, wrote into the annals of maritime history the story of the finest steamship ever built by man. They were the survivors of the White Star liner Titanic which sank, bow foremost, with 2,225 souls aboard, the captain at the helm, colors flying and the band playing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," in 2,030 fathoms of water off the banks of New Foundland under star light stars at 2:20 a. m. Monday.

With one voice they told of the splendid heroism of those who remained behind to find a watery grave than they might lose. Captain Smith died, they say, as a gallant sailor should, after having first placed all the women who would go aboard the life-boats. There were many who aimed behind to die in their husbands' arms.

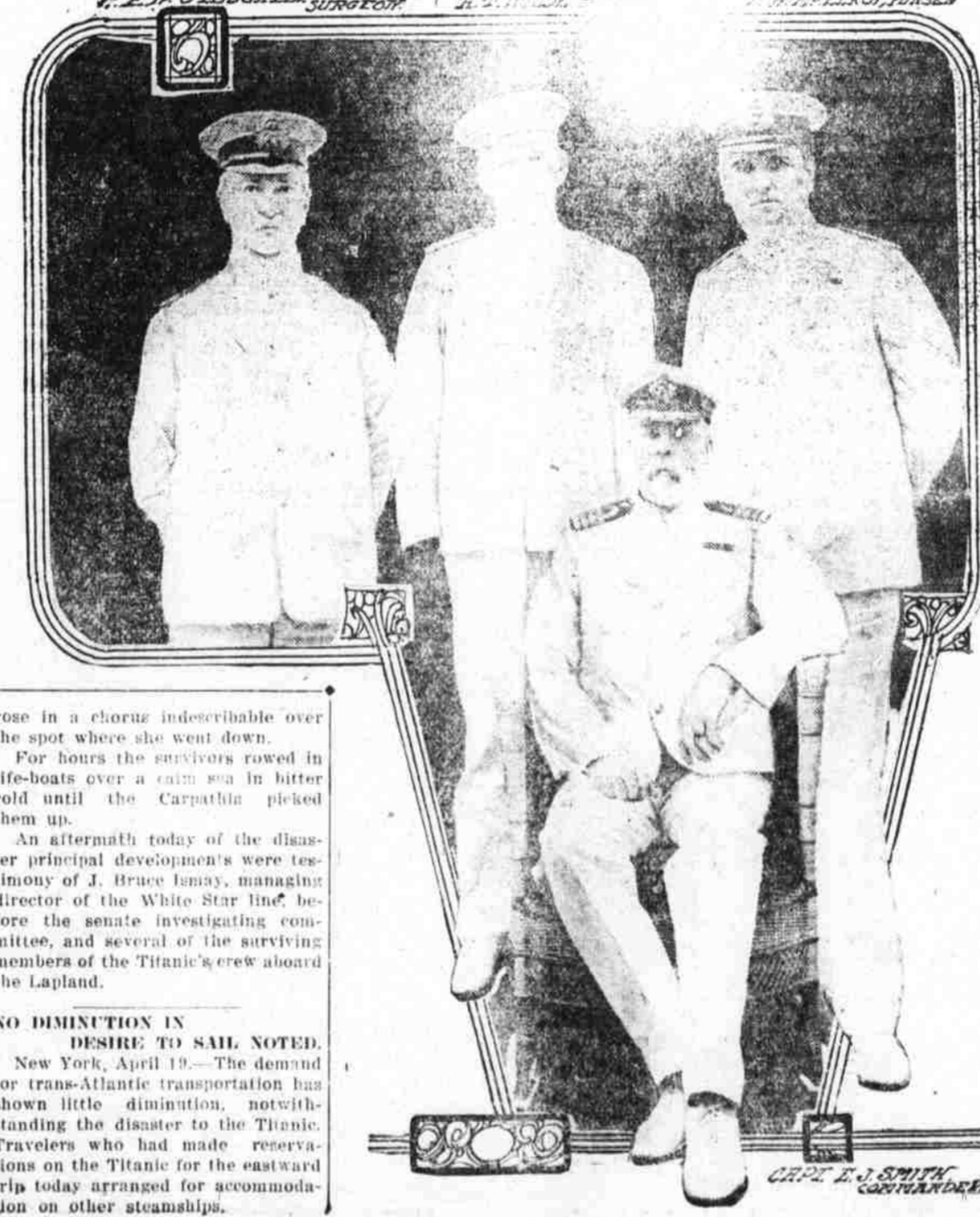
From their narratives stand out in bold relief the following facts: The Titanic was making twenty-one knots an hour when she struck the iceberg. No one at first thought she would sink. She remained afloat over two hours. The iceberg ripped open her bowels below the water line. Instant panic was averted by Captain Smith's terse appeal to his crew, "Be British, my men." A small number of steerage passengers tried to rush for life-boats and were held back by the crew and other passengers.

The Titanic turned her nose for the bottom when the last life-boat was less than a hundred yards away, reared her stern high in the air and trembled for a moment before seeking the bottom.

There were two explosions when the rushing waters reached her boilers. When she sank, there was silence, a moment later cries and supplications of 1,500 dying men.

#### COMMANDER OF THE SUNKEN TITANIC AND OTHERS OF HIS STATE.

Captain Edward J. Smith, commander of the Titanic known as "The Unsinkable Ship" and considered the most reliable ocean pilot on the Atlantic coast. Standing next to him are: J. W. N. Campbell, surgeon; H. T. White, chief officer, and J. D. Milligan, passenger, all of whom went down with their ship.



NO DIMINUTION IN DESIRE TO SAIL. NEW YORK, April 19.—The demand for trans-Atlantic transportation has shown little diminution, notwithstanding the disaster to the Titanic. Travelers who had made reservations on the Titanic for the eastward trip today arranged for accommodation on other steamships.



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This morning at 5 o'clock when Jailer Green was making his first trip to the jail, he saw a bottle dangling from a string in the front of the jail. In the bottle was a note telling him of an attempt at jail delivery and for him to get help as the negroes were loose in the corridors and were waiting for him to come in. He rushed over to Chief of Police Stell's house, which is near, and with him and another man they entered the jail to find that during the night the negroes had sawed the bars to one of the cells through and had been in the corridor, but all were in their cells pretending to be asleep. They were quickly transferred to another cell until the damaged cell can be put in strong shape again.

Recently the strong cell was emptied for repairs and the negroes were put in the weaker one which was the first cell installed and is of soft metal, being originally intended for the woman's compartment.

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