

STILL VIGOROUSLY SEEKING TO FIX THE TERRIBLE BLAME

Sailors Not Practiced in Handling Life Boats--Had Been Fire Aboard the Ship

More Details of the Sinking of the Titanic Come to Light--Captain Smith Not Blamed for Course Taken--Wireless Operators Appealed Before Senate Committee Today--Inquiry Will Be Held in Washington Monday and Ismay Will Again Testify.

New York, April 20.—Nearly a week has passed since the Titanic sank in mid-ocean but much of her story is still untold. The number of dead probably will never be exactly determined. The complete passenger list went down with the vessel. The number of survivors is fixed at seven hundred and fifty and the White Star Line officials believe the death list totaled sixteen hundred and thirty-five. Narratives gathered piecemeal, from the Titanic's survivors, pay unprecedented tribute to the men who sacrificed their lives that the women might be saved. By common consent the world's churches will tomorrow hold memorial services. Of the needs of the living ample provision has been made. Relief funds in New York and London total many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Most of the steerage passengers, reaching here, were distraught, and penniless. They were clad, fed and housed and will be given a start with ample funds. The most complete story of the Titanic's fate yet obtained is being gathered here by the Senate investigating committee. The testimony already presented emphasized the Titanic's officers faith in the ship's un-sinking character. The Titanic's fate resulted in prompt action by trans-Atlantic lines to insure hereafter taking a course far south of the zone of icebergs. There is little disposition to criticize Captain Smith for following the ocean lane in which he met disaster. He showed caution, Naval hydrographers say, by steering his course well south of the regular South-ern lane.

Couldn't Handle Life Boats. There was some criticism among the survivors because of the Titanic's crew's inability to handle the life boats. Albert Major, the Titanic's steward, admitted there had been no boat drills and the life boats were poorly handled. Major said: "The crew realized that we were unorganized. Although every man did his best, we were handicapped in getting the best results, because we could not pull together. The only time we were brought together was when we mustered for roll call the morning we sailed. From Wednesday, until Sunday there was no boat drill."

Another story by members of the crew, which may have bearing on the investigation of the ship's rapid sinking, is of a fire, which, it is said, started in one of the coal bunkers shortly after the Titanic left Southampton, which was not extinguished until Saturday afternoon. One fireman told this story:



Philadelphia, April 20.—John B. Thayer, who lost his life in the wreck of the Titanic, was second vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad. His wife was among those who were put off the sinking ship in lifeboats and were later picked up by the Carpathia and landed at New York. Mr. Thayer was born in this city on April 21, 1862. He was educated at the University of Pennsylvania. He entered railroad work in 1881 as a clerk, and had filled many important positions. He was elected a vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad in 1909.

Fire Aboard the Titanic. "It had been necessary to take coal out of sections two and three on the starboard side, forward, and when the water came rushing through, after collision with the iceberg, the bulkheads would not hold, because they didn't have the supporting weight of the coal. Somebody reported to Chief Engineer Bell that the forward bulk-head had given away. The engineer replied 'My God, we're lost.' The engines stopped by their pumps and went down with the ship. The firemen and stokers were sent on deck five minutes before the Titanic sank. The lights burned to the last, and the dynamo was run by oil engines. The story of what injuries were sustained by the Titanic striking the iceberg, causing her to sink, may forever be a mystery.

No Official Statement as Yet. The White Star Line's promised official statement was not forthcoming this morning and there is no indication it will be. The officers and crew have been kept under the seal of silence. With the sailing of a majority of the crew this morning on the Lapland, the sources of much interesting information was closed. Senator Smith believes certain members of the crew to be held for examination to the Titanic below decks when she struck the iceberg. Second Officer Lightholder says the Titanic didn't break in two, but made a dive diagonally into the sea and that when half way under the waves two explosions occurred to the boilers. Contributions to the survivors relief fund continue pouring in.

'Brutally Unfair,' Says Ismay. J. Bruce Ismay, President of the International Mercantile Marine, whom the Senate Committee forbade leaving the United States' jurisdiction, characterized the investigation as "brutally unfair." About his escape from the boat, Ismay said: "I took the chance of escape when it came to me. I did not seek it. Every woman and child had been cared for before I left the boat. I took no other man's place."

He Died a Sailor's Death. Taking refuge on the Titanic's bridge, two little children remained by Captain Smith's side until that portion of the ship was submerged. Survivors of the crew, saved by clinging to an overturned life boat, told of Smith's efforts to save one of the children. He died a sailor's death and the child died with him.

Inquiry Monday in Washington. J. Bruce Ismay and other officials of the White Star Line, were subpoenaed today by the Senate Investigating Committee, to appear before the committee in Washington Monday.

Gives \$10,000 to Fund. Vincent Astor has sent Mayor Gaynor a \$10,000 contribution for the Titanic's destitute survivors.

The Investigation Today. The Senate Committee today examined Thomas Cotton, the Carpathia's wireless operator, and Harold Bride, the Titanic's surviving operator. Senator Smith, in questioning the operators, endeavored to find out whether any official sought to keep back news of the disaster. Senator Smith sought to clear up the messages between the Carpathia and Titanic. "What was the last message you sent to the Titanic?" asked the Senator.

"We sent it word to have the life boats ready; that our life boats were ready and we were steaming to them as fast as we could."

Cotton denied receiving any message from the time the Carpathia left the scene of the disaster until it reached New York. Didn't Wire All Safe. Cotton denied sending a message that all the passengers were safe and the Titanic was being towed to Halifax. He testified that he worked without sleep from Sunday to Wednesday. Bride testified that he made no permanent record of the iceberg warnings, but gave the memorandum warning to the officer on watch. Bride said Sunday he intercepted a message from the Californian for the Baltic, about three huge icebergs near the former vessel.

"I gave the message to the Captain personally," Bride said. International Regulation Needed. Washington, D. C., April 20.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today agreed to recommend to the Senate the adoption of a resolution looking to international co-operation in the regulation of ocean traffic.

Roosevelt Wires His Sorrow. Theodore Roosevelt telegraphed Captain McCoy, "I am deeply shocked and grieved about poor Archie Butt. If any news about him pray let me know."

HUNDREDS MAY BE DROWNED

Flood Continues Awful Work in the South

States of Mississippi and Louisiana Feeling the Blight Today—Many Reported Killed, Being Unable to Reach High Ground—Number of Refugees Increases.

Jackson, Miss., April 20.—Two hundred, mostly negroes, are reported drowned in Dolivar county by floods. Verification is difficult. The victims failed to reach the high ground, out of the flood's path, it is reported. Six thousands of refugees are camped at Cleveland.

Another Levee Breaks. Greenville, Miss., April 20.—Fifteen persons are admit near Benoit. The levee broke between Benoit and Beulah. There are unverified reports of other extensive loss of life.

Water Continues to Rise. Tallulah, La., April 20.—Water from the Dog Tail crevasses of the Mississippi river continues rising. Surrounding sections are under two to ten feet of water. Many refugees from flooded plantations are here.

LOOKS LIKE CLARK GETS BRYAN'S STATE

Omaha, Nebraska, April 20.—Incomplete returns from yesterday's primaries show that Roosevelt is the favorite of the Republicans and Champ Clark the choice of the Democrats for Presidential nominations. Indications are that William Jennings Bryan was named as one of the delegates at large to the National convention.

THE RECORDER'S COURT Small Number of Cases Disposed of Today.

Only four cases were tried in the Recorder's Court this morning. H. E. Truelove was fined \$5 and costs for acting in a disorderly manner in front of the Crystal Palace a few days after the recent election. He submitted. It is said that he used language of a lurid tinge. The remarks were made in connection with the election. L. Clayton Grant, Esq., prosecuted the case and G. H. Howell, Esq., and Marsden Bellamy, Esq., defended Mr. Truelove. Dandy Johnson was fined \$10 and costs for working his horse, when the animal, by reason of sores, was not able to work.

Dick Willson got drunk yesterday as soon as he could after having been fined \$5 and costs for being drunk in the court. He paid \$5 and costs again. Rachel Brinkley went to the roads for 30 days for stealing wood from Mr. R. H. Northrop. She was led off to jail loudly protesting her innocence.

SHILOH DAY The Daughters of Will Celebrate Anniversary of Famous Battle.

Following the recommendation of Mrs. F. M. Williams, president N. C. Division U. D. C., the Cape Fear Chapter will celebrate the anniversary of the battle of Shiloh on Wednesday, April 24, at 5 o'clock p. m. in the armory, with an historical afternoon; the program of which will be published later.

One of the features of the occasion will be a question box, into which may be dropped unsigned questions relating to the Confederacy or the work of the Chapter. These queries will be answered at the same meeting if possible. All members of the Cape Fear Chapter and of the children's George Davis chapter are invited to be present.

All Men Invited.

All men of the city are cordially invited to attend the men's meeting to be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church this evening at 8 o'clock, when Rev. W. S. Jacoby, who is successful in being converted. Mr. Jacoby was once a professional gambler and all round "sporting man" in the Western States. His marvelous change is the material for a good story, which he tells in an inimitable style. The same talk, when he was here with Dr. R. A. Torry several years ago, made a profound impression. All men are cordially invited to hear him.

CARS TO THE BEACH Tomorrow Cars to the Beach every half hour in the afternoon.

Cars to Greenfield Park tomorrow every 10 minutes from 1 to 7 p. m.

Big Laughs Today in "Hot Stuff" Great comedy film on at the Grand Theatre today.



New York, April 20.—Among the grief stricken persons who implored the White Star line officers for news of the Titanic disaster in the hope that their loved ones might be reported saved was Mrs. Benjamin Guggenheim, whose husband was one of the victims of the disaster. Mrs. Guggenheim was accompanied by her brother, Dewitt J. Seligman. President Taft kept up a constant inquiry for word as to the fate of his military secretary, Major Archibald Butt, until advised that Major Butt was among the lost. The President is greatly distressed over the death of his aid and friend.

A FIVE-WEEK TERM

Wake County Gets Many Weeks of Superior Court to Adjudicate Civil Cases—Raleigh's Republicans Hold Primary Today.

Dispatch News Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., April 20, 1912. Five weeks of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases only will be held in Wake county, beginning Monday. Judge S. C. Bragaw will preside during the regular term of three weeks and Judge E. B. Cline will preside for the two weeks of special court. It is expected that many cases will be cleared from the calendar.

A special from Chapel Hill says that John Temple Graves, who was mentioned as being on the program for commencement, will not be placed on the program and that the literary address will be delivered by Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia.

Raleigh and Wake county Republicans are busy today holding a primary to select delegates to the county convention. The primary hours in the town are from 8 o'clock tonight until 10 o'clock, and in the county from 2 this afternoon until dark. The fight is chiefly centered in the election of a chairman, both Chairman Lester Butler and W. J. Andrews being candidates. Incidentally, if the Butler faction wins, Mr. E. C. Duncan will lose in this county.

FRENCH FIGHT AND REGAIN MOORISH CITY

Paris, April 20.—Following a desperate battle, many were killed and Fez, Morocco, was recaptured from the Moorish soldiers by the French troops.

A BIG CANAL

Planned by the Fatherland to be Made Out of the River Rhine—Flying a Recognized Profession in Germany.

Berlin, April 20.—The River Rhine, "the German Rhine," as the Fatherland's national song describes it, may eventually be made a German stream from that corner of the Black Forest where it first enters the empire to its mouth. Plans for a great ship canal to open the stream's way entirely through German territory to the North Sea, first broached when Bismarck was in power and known to have had his approval, have now been prepared, with full engineering and financial details, and will be laid before the government and the Reichstag, the parliaments of the federated states and the municipalities interested in the project.

The canal, according to these plans, will leave the Rhine near Wesel, follow the boundary of Holland closely and join the River Ems not far from Leer. The City of Emden, at the mouth of the Ems, would thus become the harbor city of two great German rivers, and shipping which now enters the Rhine through Dutch territory would need fear no embargo by hostile navigation of stretches of moorland, the so-called Bourtranger Moor, through which the canal would run for its entire length. This, it is believed, will appeal strongly to the government, as the Emperor in his address from the throne last year announced the government's intention of systematically pushing the reclamation and settlement of moorlands.

Flying is recognized as a regular profession, and professional aviators employed by German aeroplane builders are held entitled to the benefits of the state insurance act if killed or injured in flights executed in testing or selling aeroplanes by a decision just given by the Imperial Insurance Tribunal. The case was that of George Schendel, one of the best known German aviators, and his mechanician August Voss, who were killed at Johannsthal June 9, 1911, while attempting to break the world's record for height. The widow of Voss claimed for herself and child from the Union of Skilled Mechanics and Electricians, to which her husband belonged, the insurance provided by law, namely, an annuity equal to two-fifths of her husband's annual wages. In view of the extreme risk in this profession, 26 German aviators having been killed already, the union appealed to the insurance tribunal for a decision. This is to the effect that while the union is entitled to refuse to pay the legal accident insurance for casualties incurred in sport competitions, it must pay when its member is injured (Continued on Fifth Page.)

MONDAY IS THE BIG DAY, LIST OF CONTESTANTS THEN

All Names Will Be Published--Which Baby Does the Populace Think is the Most Popular?

Monday is the big day. The day the names of all the babies nominated in The Dispatch's prize baby competition for five hundred dollars in gold and the honor of being elected the most popular baby in this territory are announced. Look over this list carefully and see if your favorite is there, then consult the contest manager at your earliest convenience, secure the proper instructions, and go to work. The entire contest will be explained in detail form Monday as well as all the rules and regulations. Monday secure a copy of The Dispatch early, or you will be unable to see the list of names. Vote all your coupons at once. Send them in by mail if you haven't time to bring them into the office. Honey Boys and Mary Janes, Bill Tafts and Buster Browns, lads and lassies, of eyes of blue and cheeks of tan, or ruby lips and rose-bud dimples, they are the greatest gifts of God and cause the greatest sentiment in human nature to assert itself—the love of and pride for a baby. If you are going to nominate a little friend, do so at once, while the great offer of one thousand free votes is open. There are just "Skadoodles" of babies in Wilmington and vicinity and they are as cute and pretty and interesting as can well be imagined. Of course every mother thinks her baby is the most popular and all of her friends who have no babies of their own think the same thing. But which baby does the populace think is the most popular? That is the question. Call on your friends and you will soon learn how easy it is to get votes for your baby. Get one or two, or even a half dozen of your friends to help you. They will gladly do it, and you will be surprised how rapidly the votes will come pouring in. The parents and friends of the baby who work the hardest are bound to win in this contest. It is not too late to start now. The prizes cannot be bought. The Dispatch has planned to avoid this. There is absolutely no charge for entering the contest. Call at The Dispatch office and talk it over with the contest manager, and name your little sweetheart as a candidate. Many a race has been lost because one did not get a good start. Do not let this be true in your case. The Winners of the Gold Rings. Below is a list of the babies who won the gold rings and we must commend the friends of these babies for their ability to hustle. If the same spirit is shown all through the contest as they have shown on the start they are going to be hard to beat.

- District Number 1. Miss Margaret Howie, Sixth and Red Cross Sts. Master Richard Glenn Montgomery, 316 So. Sixth St. Miss Margaret Willoughby, 102 Front St. Master Percy Rann, 712 No. Fifth St. Miss Frances Elizabeth Orrell, 315 Dock St. Miss Eva Alene Pearce, 302 No. Second St. Master Frederick L. Saunders, 108 Church St. Miss Sadie Elizabeth Taylor, 312 Cottage Lane. Miss Frances Finks, 319 So. Fifth St. Master Earl A. Bender, 1015 So. Third St. District Number 2. Master Eugene Mann, Carolina Place. Miss Margaret Redmond, Lumberton, N. C. Miss Miriam Adele Andrews, Pembroke, N. C. Miss Alleen McGirt, East Wilmington, N. C. Master Kenneth D. Daniels, R. F. D. No. 2, Wilmington, N. C. Brown Twins, East Wilmington, N. C. Master Billy Kitchen Pearsall, Rocky Point, N. C. Miss Ruth Wiley Sikes, Burgaw, N. C. Master Craven Pait, Bladenboro, N. C. Miss Ida Withers Currie, Clarkton, N. C.

THE PRIZES. \$500 in gold will be distributed as follows: \$150.00 to the baby receiving the highest vote, regardless of district. \$125.00 to the baby receiving the highest vote in the district opposite to which the first prize winner resides. \$75.00 to the baby residing in the same district with the first prize winner, receiving the second highest vote. \$50.00 to the baby residing in the same district with the second prize winner receiving the next highest vote. \$100.00 in special prizes to be announced later.

If you haven't a picture of your baby that is entirely satisfactory come to the Contest Office and get an order and have one taken absolutely without cost to you. The Gem Studio, 114 Market street, has been appointed official photographer of the Grand Baby Contest and will make pictures of all the babies entered in the contest free of charge. All that is necessary is to come to the contest office and get an order.

NOTICE TO CONTESTANTS

The Contest Office will be open every day from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. and every Wednesday and Saturday nights until 9 o'clock. We will be pleased to have you call and get any information desired if you haven't time to come to the office telephons 176.

FAYETTEVILLE NOW HAS T. P. A. POST

Special to The Dispatch. Fayetteville, N. C., April 20.—A Fayetteville Protective Association post was organized in this city last night with 30 chartered members by C. C. McLean, State Secretary. This post will be known as Post M.

MASKED ROBBERS GRAB \$14,000 AND GET AWAY

Grand Junction, Colo., April 20.—Two masked robbers took fourteen thousand dollars in currency from the Globe Express office here today and gained two hours start on a posse, armed with shotguns.

OLD MAN TO PEN FOR SLAYING BROTHER

Houston, Miss., April 20.—Convicted of killing John, his 70 years old brother, a year ago, Reuben Davis, aged seventy, a Confederate veteran, was sentenced today to six months' imprisonment. Manslaughter was the verdict.

MORE BANK OFFICIALS ARE UNDER ARREST

New Orleans, April 20.—Following the recent disclosures in the investigation of the Teutonia Bank Trust Company's suspension, W. E. Dunn, cashier, and other officials have been arrested as material witnesses. See the Auto Race, the Flying Machine—Boys' Brigade Army, 8:30 tonight. E. M. F. Factory in moving pictures. Free. W. D. McMillan, Jr. It