

TITANTIC STRIKES ICEBERG IN OCEAN

Wireless Messages Brings Other
Steamers to Rescue—1,300
Lives in Peril

FRANTIC APPEALS FOR AID

Monster Liner Seriously Damaged,
But Said to Be Making Her Way
to Cape Race.

New York, April 15.—Wireless dispatches from Captain H. J. Harbeck of the White Star Liner Olympic says that five boat loads of passengers have been taken from the sinking Titanic by the Parisian of the Allan Line and that twenty others have been taken off by the Cunard Liner Carpathia.

The Parisian and Carpathia are standing by the Titanic and the Baltic was reported as approaching by the Olympic's captain.

This information came direct to the local offices of the White Star Line and Vice-president Franklin.

In making it public, Vice-President Franklin declared that he personally had no doubt but that the Titanic would be safely towed to port. He declared that she has plenty of water tight compartments, and that, while she may sink several feet because of the weight of water in the forward compartments and the necessity of trimming ship, she will not go down.

The boats of the Titanic are very large and they took care of 35 passengers each trip. In accordance with the custom of the sea, women and children were transferred first. About 800 had been taken off when the Olympic's captain sent his wireless, according to Franklin's estimates.

A second dispatch stated that the Virginian had passed a line to the Titanic and will tow her to Halifax.

Cape Race, N. F., April 15.—Wireless advices from the Allan Liner Virginian which was rushing to the aid of the disabled White Star Liner Titanic, stated that the last word received from the wireless operator on the Titanic was at 3:05 this morning. In that message he reported the women and children being taken off in a calm sea.

In addition to the Virginian there were in the vicinity of the Titanic, and racing toward her today the White Star Liners Olympic and Baltic; the Hamburg-American Liner Cincinnati; the Cunard Mauretania; the Prinz Adalbert, Amerika, Friedrich Wilhelm and a half dozen freighters.

Halifax, N. S., April 15.—Wireless messages received by the nearest wireless station at 4:30 said that most of the passengers aboard the great liner Titanic, which struck an iceberg off Cape Race, "have been put to sea in lifeboats." The message read: "Most passengers Titanic in lifeboats. Sea quiet."

It was unsigned.

It is thought to have come from one of the boats hurrying to the stricken liner.

The weather this morning was clear and calm. The pumps of the Titanic were being worked to their utmost, it was stated, and while the forward holds were full of water, the water tight compartments were holding and if they can stand the strain there is hope that the leviathan will yet make port.

There is no doubt of the grave danger. The great steel prow of the Titanic crumbled before the impact with the enormous iceberg. At the smash, however, the water tight compartment doors closed automatically. Immediately the wireless apparatus calls for aid were sent out, and the response was immediate.

It was believed here at 9:30 after every known bit of information had been considered, that all on board will be saved and that there is a fair chance of the Titanic reaching port.

As soon as the passengers can be transhipped it is believed that Capt. Smith will try to have the Titanic towed to port. It is likely he will have her drawn stern foremost to lighten as much as possible the terrible strain on the collision bulkheads.

The position of the Titanic, when she was last heard from was 41.46 north; 50.14 west.

The first news of the accident was received by the wireless operator at Cape Race. It said:

"Wave struck iceberg; we are badly damaged; rush aid"

Within half an hour the Virginian of the Allan Line had been communicated with and her captain was headed directly to the scene. Shortly afterward the Virginian sent the following to the steamship agents:

"Titanic says she is badly damaged as result of striking an iceberg. She demands immediate assistance and we are rushing to her help."

From time to time other wireless advices were received. In each it was stated that the Titanic was still in touch and it was not until 12:27 that the Virginian reported that she had lost the Titanic. The last report was that the women and children were in the lifeboats ready to be lowered into the Atlantic should it be necessary.

It was believed here that the Titanic's wireless was working badly instead of that she had gone down, and this was confirmed later when an unsigned message was received reporting that the Titanic was afloat at 8:30 this morning.

The Virginian was then less than two hours' sail from the crippled liner, and it seemed certain here that within five hours at the very most all of the passengers would be transferred to safety, although this will be a most gigantic task.

Siasconset, Mass., April 15.—The wireless station here was in communication early today with the White Star Liner Olympic which was rushing to the assistance of her sister vessel, Titanic, reported to be sinking in latitude 41.46 north, longitude 61.18 west. The Olympic stated that the latest advices showed that the damage to the Titanic was very great and Captain Smith had reported that he would tranship his passengers to the first vessel that would arrive which was expected to be the Virginian of the Allan Line.

The Olympic refused to say what the latest information regarding the extent of the Titanic's damage was.

New York, April 15.—The Titanic, the greatest of modern leviathans, exceeded even the monster Olympic in size. In addition she is the most luxuriously fitted and furnished vessel ever sent to sea.

The vessel is 888½ feet long and 92 feet beam; displacement, 66,000 tons; and registered tonnage, 45,000. Five thousand passengers could be accommodated aboard the big liner, six hundred in the cabins. She carries a crew of 600 men. Captain E. S. Smith, a veteran shipmaster of the White Star Line, commanded her when she left Southampton on her maiden voyage.

Even then the huge ship showed that her immense size might make her an embarrassing factor in trans-Atlantic navigation. When she pulled out from Southampton docks, the suction she created in the harbor dragged the American Liner New York from her berth, next to the Titanic's, breaking two heavy hawsers like pack threads. It was with the utmost difficulty that the leviathan was maneuvered to avoid a collision.

On board the Titanic when she sailed for this point was a big list of prominent Americans. The novelty of sailing on the greatest of modern ocean going vessels had augmented the passenger list far above the average.

Montreal, April 15.—At 8:30 this morning the Titanic was still afloat, and her engines were working. At that hour she was crawling slowly in the general direction of Halifax, and toward the Virginian which is en route to her.

The Titanic reported that the women and children had been put in the life boats, and that they were ready to be lowered at a moment's notice. This will not be done, however, until it is certain that the disabled liner is actually sinking.

Boston, Mass., April 15.—Indirect messages received from points along the north coast at 9:40 said the Titanic is struggling slowly but surely toward Cape Race.

At 9:55 the following telegram was received by the United Press from the Marconi station at St. John, N. B.: "Titanic, according to messages from Cape Race, St. John, N. F., and other nearby points, nearing vicinity of Cape Race."

Marconi Station.—Montreal, Quebec, April 15.—At 11:10 the local agents of the White Star Line announced that they had received a relayed wireless, which confirmed the earlier reports that the Titanic was not only afloat but that her engines were working. She is heading toward Halifax, the agents say, and her passengers are safe.

The line agents did not know whether the Virginian was then with the Titanic but they believe that she is

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Hubert Snowden, One of Alexandria's Most Promi- nent Citizens Dies Shortly Before 4 O'clock Today

Mr. Hubert Snowden, Whose Critical Illness During the Past Few Days Had Occasioned his Relatives and Many Friends Great Anxiety, Passed Away About 3:40 This Afternoon.

At three o'clock this afternoon Mr. Snowden's condition was thought to have improved, and as this cheering news was phoned from one section of the city to another, it brought forth many expressions of thankfulness from his many friends who had realized the gravity of his condition yesterday. A sinking spell, however, followed, from which he never rallied.

He leaves a widow, daughter of the late Turner W. Ashby, who over half a century ago was postmaster of Alexandria, and three children, Dr. Edgar Snowden and Misses Elsie and Edith Snowden. He was born January 22, 1851.

Hubert Snowden was next to the youngest son of the late Edgar Snowden. The latter succeeded his father, Samuel Snowden, as editor of the Alexandria Gazette in the early thirties. Edgar Snowden remained at the head of the paper until his death in 1875. He was succeeded by Edgar Snowden, Jr., who from boyhood had been associated with his father in the publication of the Gazette. He was managing editor of the paper until 1890, when he removed to Washington. The subject of this notice had been employed in different capacities from his early childhood, having ascended to the editorial chair of the paper by each successive rung of the ladder. As far back as 1861 he set type in the Gazette office, at that time being compelled to stand upon a box in order to reach the case. In the early part of 1862 federal soldiers burned the Gazette office and a few months later a diminutive sheet known as the "Local News" was published by the Snowdens. It was a losing venture, but the proprietors of the Gazette, ever ready to labor for the welfare of the community, kept the paper going in order to maintain the link of Alexandria history, placed their labors upon Alexandria's altar as well as the little capital left them by the fortunes of war. Hubert Snowden was at that time a carrier, in which capacity he continued almost during his teens. In 1872 he became one of a party of civil engineers who left Alexandria for Costa Rica and during about fifteen months worked with a surveying

corps, who were engaged in building a railway across the Isthmus. Upon his return to this city in the latter part of 1873 he re-entered the Gazette office and assumed an unimportant position in the job printing office conducted by the Snowdens. He later became a reporter, working with his brother, Edgar Snowden, until 1882 when he became local editor of the Gazette. He continued at this post until May 4, 1901, when by the death of his brother, Dr. Harold Snowden, he became the chief editor. With the industry of a beaver he was a bunch of nerves and he threw all his powers into the work, laboring in season and out of season in the employment, never thinking of weariness, until the strenuous occupation began to manifest ominous results. Though warned by his friends of the inevitable fate which overtakes all who persist in stretching nature to the danger point, he was loth to put on the breaks until about nearly a year ago he realized he was nearing his ne plus ultra. The Gazette at that time after having been in possession of one family for a century passed into the hands of representatives of a younger generation and he became a spectator of the progress of the paper in the onward march of the twentieth century. He had been in declining health for some time, and he had hoped that a complete relief from the toils and anxiety incident to the publication of a daily newspaper would restore his health. For a time it looked as if his hopes were to be realized, but serious organic troubles from which he had long suffered had made too much headway. He continued to move about, but his slow tread and anxious look made it too plain to his many friends that the fires of life

were burning slowly. He was on the street last Monday, but on Tuesday he became housebound. His condition later was alarming and he lingered until death closed the scene.

Hubert Snowden's political career during nearly thirty years has been a subject of investigation recently and from all that has been published during the past few days it does not need recapitulation in this article. It can, however, be said that he passed off the stage of life with clean hands.

He entered the City Council with such men as John B. Smoot, Col. L. W. Reid, William H. Marbury, Edw. S. Leadbeater, and other safe and sound representative of the people of Alexandria and was tutored in a school of political economy from which some of the best men of our city have graduated. As councilman from the First ward, he performed his duty conscientiously, and the same can honestly be said of his duties while acting Mayor, chairman of the finance committee, member of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and member of the light committee. Since the early eighties, he had been clerk of the school board. His duties in this laborious occupation were performed with diligence and satisfaction.

In closing this notice reference should be made to the fact that with his death there is but one representative now living of the family of which Mr. Snowden was a member—Mrs. Mary Wallis, wife of Rev. Dr. Wallis. At the close of the civil war, the household numbered fourteen. The decease of the last male member brings sincere sorrow to many now living who in bygone years were acquainted with them all, and who so justly esteemed them. They now mingle their tears with those to whom he was near and dear, while the mantle of sorrow is resting upon them.

THE BIG EUROPEAN TOUR CONTEST CLOSES PROMPTLY AT 9 P.M. TONIGHT

And it is your last chance to give her that new subscription; and in all probability, it will be the one she will need.

Two years ago a young lady won one of these same European Tours in Roanoke, Va., by a margin of 125 votes. Think how much the candidate that came second regretted it that she did not turn in JUST ONE MORE subscription. Will you let a subscription or two hold you back from making this Trip to Europe next summer? You only have until 9 tonight to decide, and now these last few hours you should strive to get every subscription that you possibly can. Undoubtedly the trip will be won from now until 9 tonight.

A new year's subscription may win her that Trip.
GET THEM BEFORE NINE TONIGHT.

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE CONTEST DEPARTMENT.

ROLL OF HONOR

First District.

Miss L. Violet Proctor...51,656

Second District.

Miss Lisa Anderson....77,692

Third District.

Miss Julia W. Lewis....26,991

THE JUDGES:

Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Church.

Arthur Herbert of Burke and Herbert, bankers.

Walter C. Foster, attorney at law.

George L. Appich, of Thompson & Appich, real estate.
J. Sutton Jones, manager Southern Bell Telephone Company.

Saturday a Busy Day

The weather man was not very kind to the contestants Saturday, but the rain did not seem to dampen or cool the ardor of the young ladies who are striving for these three tours abroad, and the other special prizes as they were out after the last elusive subscriber and if a single one of them escaped, the records at this office do not so indicate. The subscriptions came in in singles, pairs, quartettes and scores from every section of the surrounding country. A large number of patrons personally called at the

office to pay their subscriptions in favor of a favorite in the contest race, many of the contestants were here and every mail was loaded with subscriptions and votes.

There is just one new leader today—Miss Violet L. Proctor of the First District. She passes the fifty thousand mark by more than 1,500 votes. In the second Miss Lisa Anderson strengthened her lead by a special ballot. There was not much changing in the standing Saturday. Nearly every candidate was willing to let the other one do the voting and are saving their specials for the judges to count. The third district candidates and scores from every section of the surrounding country. A large number of patrons personally called at the

more than three thousand, which brings her total up to 26,991.

Alexandria will witness some live work by candidates from now up until nine o'clock tonight, as it is the last time which votes can be secured that will benefit the ladies striving for the magnificent awards to be made by the judges tomorrow night.

This is the last chance for YOU to "make good" that promise, Mr. Man. A subscription between now and nine o'clock may make a winner of your choice in the race; after nine it won't do HER a bit of good.

There will be no more changes in the vote standing until the judges make them tomorrow night. The "Who's Who" will not be published Tuesday, and will appear for the last time Wednesday.

The leaders on that day will hold the places of honor in the Alexandria Gazette's voting contest for life—that is the day to lead.

Not one of the many ladies working for the magnificent tours of Canada, Scotland, England and France offered by the Alexandria Gazette has a lead that cannot be easily overcome.

In each district the finish will be so close that "just a few more" new subscriptions will win.

There was a tour of Europe won in Roanoke, Va., two years ago on the Evening World, by 125 votes. The loser had so much confidence in her reserve that she eased up in her work before the close. She was advised by several of her supporters to turn in "one or two more" but failed to accept the advice. A new three months subscription would have made her a winner.

If you have failed to put forth your best efforts at all times during the contest DON'T WASTE ANY OF THE REMAINING HOURS.

Contestants are urged to follow the rules and conditions of the close in order that all their votes may be counted.

Don't fail to deposit your special ballots, in envelopes before 9 o'clock tonight.

ONE MINUTE AFTER NINE will BE TO LATE!
Have all your subscriptions entered in your books and TURN THEM IN BEFORE 9 o'clock tonight.

Everybody is invited to come to the Alexandria Gazette office and witness the counting of the votes that will decide the three winners of the European tours and other special prizes. Tuesday night, April 16, at 7 o'clock.

WASHINGTONIANS ARRESTED

Four men, who gave their names as Reuben Gottlieb, M. Green, Harry Mulitz and Dietz Liverman, were arrested at an early hour yesterday morning charged with disorderly conduct on the streets. Mulitz and Liverman were taken in custody at an early hour by Officer Rawlett and Special Officer Robey and they left collateral for their appearance before the Police Court this morning. Upon being released they were joined by Green and Gottlieb and renewed the disorder, Chief Goods and Officer Beach took the four in charge. They left collateral for their appearance and employed Leo P. Harlow as counsel. The case will come up in the Police Court Wednesday morning.

According to the statement of the officers, the quartette came to Alexandria Saturday and passed the night in the northeastern section of the city. They arose at an early hour yesterday morning to take a train for Washington and concluded to take passage on the steamer from Norfolk which was due at 6 o'clock. It was while waiting for the arrival of the steamer that they became disorderly.

COMMITTEE MEETS TONIGHT.

There will be another meeting of the City Democratic Committee at the Hotel Rammel at 8 o'clock tonight, when clerks and judges for the various voting precincts to serve at the Democratic primary, April 23, to be selected, will be named. Final preparations for the primary also will be made. Under a ruling of the city committee, made at a meeting last Monday night, the two committeemen in each ward will name the officials for their respective precincts, and but few changes are anticipated.

SUICIDE OR DESERTION?

People who were on the north side of the reservoir of the Alexandria Water Company on Saturday last witnessed a mysterious procedure on the part of a soldier. The latter, after reaching what he supposed was a secluded spot on the north side of the larger reservoir, proceeded to remove his clothes. He later disappeared, which caused speculations as to whether he had committed suicide or changed his clothes from a military to a civic garb for the purpose of deserting.

RIVER CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING

Breaks in Mississippi Levees Relieve Situation Below
Vicksburg.

THOUSANDS OF MEN AT WORK

Town Seventeen Miles from River
Flooded—Telegraph Service Cut
Off—Supplies Being Received.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 15.—Breaks in the levees below Vicksburg last Friday have greatly relieved the situation here. The river today showed a stage of 50.8 feet, a fall of three tenths. Yesterday the fall was eight tenths, but as the flooded territory is rapidly filling up, the weather bureau officials do not expect the fall to be so rapid from now on. All levees below here are reported holding today, but thousands of men are working on them.

The town of Tallulah, La., seventeen miles from the Mississippi river is flooded today from the breaks of Friday. Telegraph service to the town is cut off, but trains are still running. Supplies are pouring into the affected territory from Vicksburg and other towns and most of the homeless will soon be cared for.

HIGH SCHOOL FIELD DAY.

The field day to be held at the baseball park next Saturday under the auspices of the Alexandria High School Athletic Association promises to be a very interesting event. There is a large number of entries and some valuable prizes will be awarded.

BOILER MAKER INJURED.

S. B. Jordan, thirty-two years old, who resides at 117 south St. Asaph street, was brought to the Alexandria Hospital this morning suffering from a broken leg. He is a boiler maker employed by two Southern Railway.

Americans Leaving

El Paso, Tex., April 15.—All Americans, and practically all other foreigners are getting out of the city of Chihuahua today following news of the strong representations made by the United States to Orozco yesterday. Last night's train brought forty Americans from Chihuahua and today's train from the south had fifty more.

ALEXANDRIANS ON TRIAL.

Charged with violating the white slave law, G. Mason Smith of this city, was put on trial today before Judge Rose, and a jury in the United States District Court today, and among his accusers were many women of Baltimore and the Virginia city. In his opening statement Attorney McLaughlin declared Mason Smith and his brother, Douglas Smith, came to Baltimore and met two young women in the Givety Rathskeller, who were induced by the Virginians to go to Alexandria.

RIVER NOTES.

The steamer Three Rivers, from Baltimore and river landings, arrived this morning. She brought about two hundred barrels of fresh fish for Alexandria dealers.

The schooner Annie, loaded with lumber by W. A. Smoot & Co., sailed for Kinsale.

The schooner Ella, from the lower river, has arrived with lumber to W. A. Smoot & Co.

BOTTLE THROWERS FINED.

Officers Bell and Rawlett yesterday arrested a young colored woman named Mary Allen on the charge of assaulting James Brown, colored, with a bottle. She was fined \$20. Officer Young arrested Joseph Timbers, colored, charged with making Ellen Barbour, colored, a target for a bottle. He was fined \$10.

MISSIONARY ADDRESS

As has been stated, Miss I. Merle d'Aubigne, daughter of the historian of the Reformation, will deliver an address in the Second Presbyterian Church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. It will be an interdenominational meeting, and the women of all the churches are invited to be present. A free will offering will be made.

MR. EICHBERG ILL

Mr. Isaac Eichberg, one of the oldest, best known and most esteemed of our citizens, is extremely ill at his residence on north Washington street.