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SHOWERS TONIGHT AND TUESDAY.

LOVELORN, KILLS SELF

Guest of Holland House
Here Blows Out
His Brains.

LEFT LETTER TO WOMAN
HE LOVED HOPELESSLY

Expected Communication from
Her and Sighed "She Must
Have Forgotten."

After writing a note to Mrs. Fannie Leach, a trained nurse, of 18 Seventeenth avenue, Paterson, whom he called "his wife in the sight of God," Jasper M. Volk, a butcher, 56 years old, of Paterson, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head at the Holland House, 158 Market street, today.

The man had come to the hotel last Wednesday, following the refusal, it is said, of Mrs. Leach to allow him to board at her home. He had been injured in a trolley accident at the Four Corners on February 5, and after two weeks' treatment had gone to Paterson, where he was nursed by Mrs. Leach at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Volk had come to the hotel on Wednesday, and asking for a room confined himself there almost continually. When he appeared for meals finally.

Yesterday he called in the dining-room as usual and asked for his mail at the desk. When he was informed that there was none for him he emitted a sigh and was heard to murmur, "She must have forgotten."

About 7:10 a. m. today, as William Nagle and Charles Muller, employees, were working in the hall, they heard a sharp report. Rushing to the room they found the door unlocked and Volk stretched across the bed moaning. Patrolman Frank J. Weber, stationed at the Four Corners, was summoned and he quickly called for the city ambulance. Volk was hurried there but died in twenty minutes.

The man had contemplated suicide for several days, it is believed. This is shown from the way he had things arranged about the room and from the letter which had been written several days. It was in ink.

The letter which lay on a table addressed to Mrs. Leach and bore a special delivery stamp was as follows:

"My Dear Little One—This is to tell you that my last thought is of you. That is all. Please be kind enough to send word to my folks. If you had

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THIEVES LOOT MAHER HOME

The palatial home of Mrs. Catherine Maher, widow of former Police Commissioner Maher, at 190 Ballantine Park road, was ransacked during the absence of the family yesterday and jewelry valued at \$925 and \$26 in money was taken. On the dining-room table was left a pile of silverware, and an open suitcase lay on the floor, indicating that the thieves had been frightened away.

The Maher home is one of the finest in that section, and was built by the late Mr. Maher, of the firm of Maher & Flockhardt, a short time before his death. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Maher has employed a watchman. It was always closely watched by patrolmen on the beat. How the robbers evaded the watchman is a mystery.

Entrance was gained by prying open a small window.

POSTPONES SENTENCE IN DANIEL DUGAN'S CASE.

Sentence in the case of Daniel A. Dugan, Jr., convicted last week by a jury on a charge of manslaughter in having caused the death of Leo Francis McDermott, in an automobile accident at Main and Day streets, Orange, Christmas day, was postponed until Thursday at the request of his counsel, Louis Hood. Judge Martin granted the postponement.

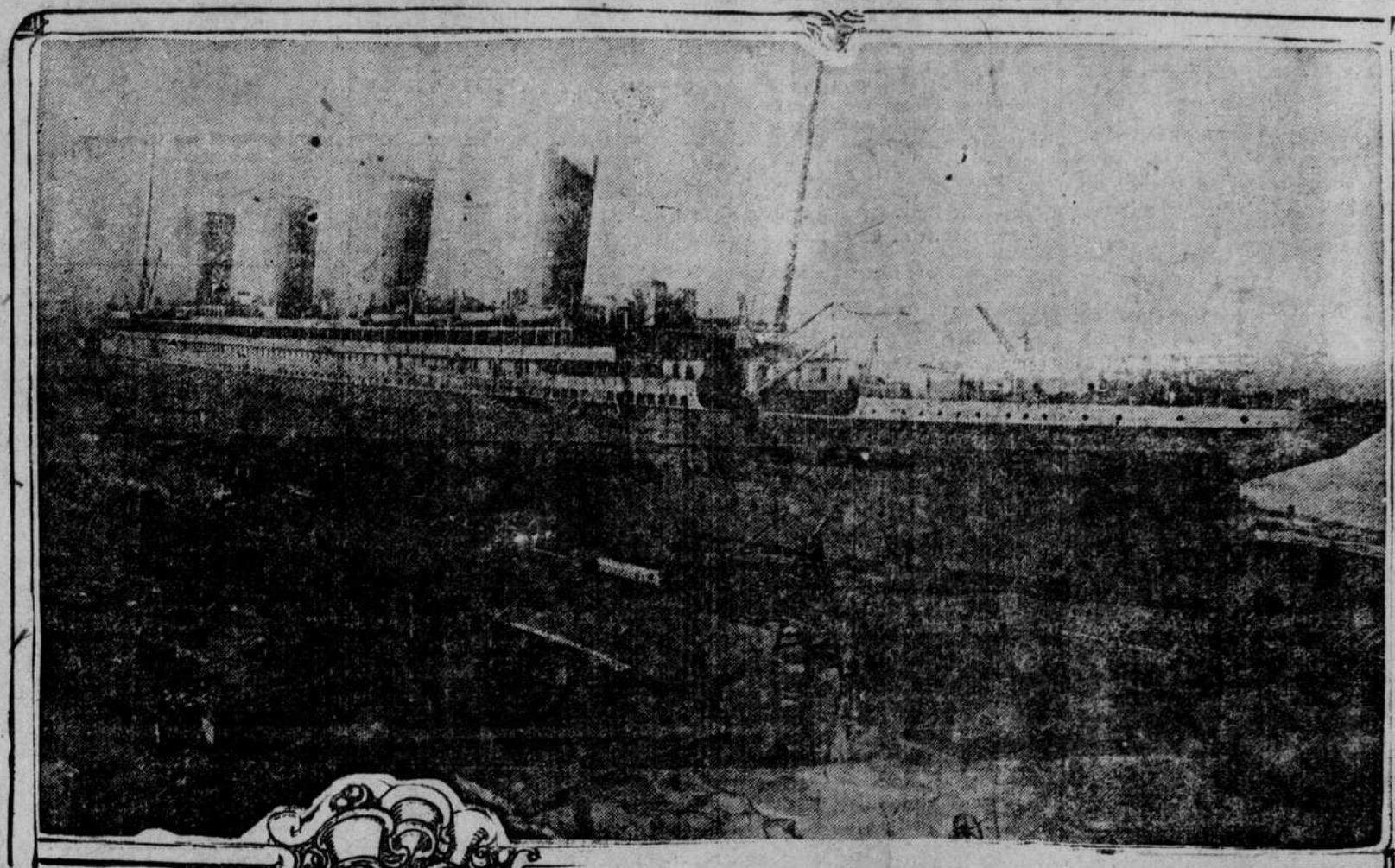
Wilson's Absence May Keep Solons in Session

[From a Staff Correspondent.] TRENTON, April 15.—Governor Wilson will leave tonight or early tomorrow for an extended trip through the South, and will, thereby, make impossible a final adjournment of the Legislature Thursday, as planned last week, unless the Republicans are willing to leave to him unrestricted say as to whether the new Congressional district bill, which they will pass tomorrow, shall become a law.

The new bill cannot reach the Governor's office until after he has left the State, and, with final adjournment on Thursday, the Governor on his return could kill the bill by a veto.

SHIP SINKING AFTER RAMMING ICEBERG; HUNDREDS TRANSFERRED AS AID NEARS

Ill-fated Steamship Titanic, Greatest Leviathan of the Sea, and Some of Her Passengers



Titanic, Floating Palace, World's Largest Vessel

The Titanic was the largest ship afloat. She was nearly 1,000 tons greater than her sister ship, the Olympic, and, like her, was 100 feet longer than their next rivals. She was 882½ feet long, 92½ feet in the beam and 94 feet deep. She was of 46,000 tons register and had a displacement of 55,000 tons. At the same time she was a floating marvel of luxury and carried literally a townful of people.

The Titanic was fifteen stories high. The floors were named the bottom, double bottom, bed plates, lower orlop, orlop, lower, middle, main, saloon, upper, promenade, upper promenade, boat and sun decks and extra compass platform. The Titanic had three propellers. The outer or wing ones were turned by reciprocating engines and the middle propeller by a steam turbine.

Among the attractions on the Titanic were Turkish and electric baths, swimming pools, tennis courts, ballroom, sun parlors, winter gardens, palm courts, gymnasium and a sports deck. Each stateroom had its own tub, with all kinds of water. There was a servants' hall for the valets, maids and other servants of the voyagers. When they were not actually engaged about the persons of their employers, servants were expected to remain in this hall, though they were traveling first-class. Another feature was an old English chop-house with high-backed stalls of black oak. The arbors in the palm garden were another novelty. They were artificially contrived with vines amid banks of real flowers. The sitting-rooms in some of the suites were as large as 15x15 feet. The Titanic was launched at Belfast May 31 last year.

Some idea of the immensity of the great vessel can be gained from a few figures. In her double bottom alone there were 500,000 rivets, 1½ inches in diameter, and the weight of them amounted to 270 tons. The plates in the bottom weighed 4½ tons each and were 36 feet long.

The stern frame weighs 70 tons, the rudder 100 tons, and the boss arms 7½ tons aft and 45 tons forward. The largest beam in her was 92 feet long and weighed more than 4 tons. Three million steel rivets were used in binding her massive plates, and the total weight of them was 1,200 tons. The vessel had nine steel decks.

Fire Chief Sloan Is Critically Ill

A very discouraging statement was given out today concerning the condition of Fire Chief Joseph E. Sloan, who is seriously ill at his home. The chief has been in poor health for the past year and while he seldom was compelled to remain away from his duties it was noticed by his friends and associates that he was not the same man. Specialists have been summoned to his bedside to administer for internal troubles which the chief acquired during the performance of his duty at a fire several years ago. He is in intense pain and opiates are being continually administered. His family are near. During the chief's illness Paul J. Moore, his deputy, is acting chief.

PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF SUN VISIBLE TOMORROW.

The sun will be partly eclipsed tomorrow morning to beholders in Newark and vicinity, when the upper edge of the moon will pass in front of it, beginning a little after 6 o'clock. While only one-eighth of the sun's surface will be covered here, in England nine-tenths will be invisible, while in Portugal and Spain the eclipse will be total. Starting in Brazil the moon's shadow will move northeastward across the Atlantic ocean, gradually covering more of the sun's face until it becomes a total eclipse. It is due to repeat the operation in 18 years 10 days 7 hours and 42 minutes.

BOAT CAPSIZES; FORTY DROWNED. AMOY, April 15.—Forty persons, mostly women, were drowned yesterday, when the boat in which they were disembarking from the British steamer Saang Chun, which had just arrived here from Singapore, capsized.

SUGAR PRICE REDUCED. NEW YORK, April 15.—All grades of refined sugar were reduced 10 cents a hundred pounds today.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

Car Jumps Track; Two Are Injured

A Central avenue car failed to take the switch at the Four Corners today and ran into persons crossing the street, injuring two.

The car was going south on Broad street. Joseph Hamdler, a former pugilist, of 303 Norfolk street, was knocked down, and Nettie Burroughs, of 321 Mulberry street, was brushed to one side. Both were taken to the City Hospital.

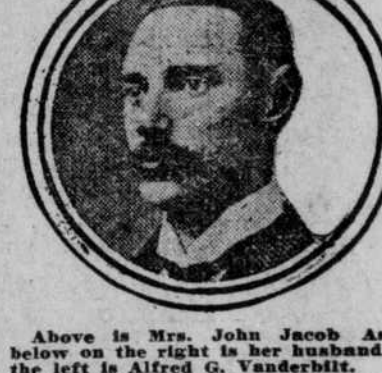
Americans Locked Out in Mexico. LAREDO, Tex., April 15.—A lockout of American engineers and conductors on the National Lines of Mexico today, Mexican locomotive engineers will reach here tonight ready to take the Americans' runs into Mexico tomorrow.

REFUSED POSITION, HE KNOCKS DOWN WOMAN.

Theodore Benson, 42 years old, of 2 Elm street, was arrested today for an alleged attack on Mrs. Henry Robinson, whose husband keeps a butcher shop at 201 Mulberry street. According to the police, Benson, who was formerly employed in the shop, went there in search of work. Robinson was not in and Mrs. Robinson answered Benson's call. It is alleged that when work was refused Benson attacked Mrs. Robinson and knocked her down. Lieutenants Tuttle and Ryan arrested Benson.



PHOTO BY DUPONT



Above is Mrs. John Jacob Astor; below on the right is her husband; on the left is Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

Loss May Reach Millions, Underwriter Estimates

LONDON, April 15.—A member of a prominent firm of underwriters, when informed of the disaster to the Titanic, said: "Even if the Titanic reaches port her owners will have to calculate on a loss of at least \$750,000, but if she becomes a total loss it will be an extremely serious matter." "The vessel cost \$10,000,000 to build. Her hull is valued for insurance purposes at \$5,000,000. Then there are all sorts of miscellaneous matters to be taken into account for disbursements and for passage money and freights paid in advance, as well as for stores, baggage and other things. "I do not suppose the owners are covered to the extent of \$7,250,000, or, at the utmost, \$7,500,000."

Titanic's Narrow Escape at Outset of Her Voyage

NEW YORK, April 15. THE leviathan Titanic narrowly escaped serious disaster at the very outset of her maiden voyage last Wednesday. As the Titanic swept from her berth at Southampton she sucked the water between herself and the quay to which the steamship New York was tied so that the hawsers holding the American liner snapped like cotton thread.

The passengers on the Titanic saw the New York drifting stern first toward them. The engines of the Titanic were reversed and the tugs Vulcan and Neptune raced to the New York and tried to drag her back to the quay. There was little space between the

Women Passengers, First in Lifeboats, Are Transferred to Carpathia, Which Is First to Reach Ill-fated Vessel.

OTHER LINERS STEAMING FULL SPEED TO SCENE

2,300 on Board Owe Their Lives to Fact That Sea Was Calm and That Wireless Call Reached World Before Machine Balked--Many Notables on Board.

WHILE the Titanic, the largest steamship afloat, is sinking in midocean after a collision with an iceberg on her maiden trip, the 2,300 men and women on board are being transhipped to the Carpathia, the first to reach her of all the liners rushing toward her in answer to her frantic S. O. S.

The huge vessel is apparently doomed, and the rescue of her passengers is due solely to the cry for help that her wireless operator sent before his apparatus failed at midnight.

"Sinking by the head" was the frantic appeal of the last S. O. S. message at 12:27 a. m.

In a few blurred signals the operator told that the women were being rushed to the lifeboats. Then abruptly the signals ceased.

A long silence, ominous and appalling, followed. Due east from New York 1,150 miles, it was known that the Titanic was sinking. And that was all.

Steaming full speed to her rescue were the Virginia, her sister ship, the Olympic, the Baltic, the Parisian and the Carpathia, but not until nearly twelve hours after the feeble pulse of the Titanic's wireless ceased was the silence broken and the rescue of the passengers reported.

The local office of Horton Davidson, of Montreal, one of the Titanic's passengers has received the following wireless message: "All passengers are safe and the Titanic taken in tow by the Virginian."

Already twenty boatloads of the Titanic's passengers have been transferred aboard the Carpathia, and allowing forty to sixty people as the capacity of each lifeboat, some 800 or 1,200 people have already been transferred from the damaged liner to the Carpathia.

Another liner, the Parisian, of the Allen Company, which sailed from Glasgow for Halifax April 6, is already close at hand and assisting in the work of rescue.

The Baltic and Virginian also are near the scene, and the Olympic apparently is near at hand, as the wireless information concerning the transfer comes from Captain Haddock, of the Olympic.

The latest reports indicate that the transference of passengers is being carried on successfully and safely. The sea is smooth and the weather calm. It is probable that all of the passengers of the Titanic are safe.

While badly damaged the Titanic is believed to be still afloat.

The Titanic carried one of the largest passenger lists of American notables, including Major Archibald Butt, the President's aide. There were 1,470 passengers and 860 members of the crew.

Its appeals for assistance, heard first by the wireless operator of the Virginia, are the most startling and ominous S. O. S. signals that have ever been received at sea.

Long Silence Ominous

NEW YORK, April 15. Officials of the White Star line had received no word here at 8 o'clock this morning other than from the press dispatches of the reported accident to the Titanic. They were unable to understand why they had not received some direct dispatch from the Titanic. The following statement was made by one of the officers of the company:

"Twelve hours have passed since the collision was reported to have taken place and we have heard nothing of the accident. It is most strange that the Titanic's sister ship, Olympic, which has a wireless apparatus of sufficient strength to send a message across the Atlantic, has sent us nothing. The Olympic left here last Saturday, and this morning is 360 miles away from the Titanic. The Olympic should be alongside of the Titanic at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Olympic has been notified of the reported accident."

A wireless message from the Titanic, received shortly after midnight today, announced that the giant new liner had struck an iceberg off the banks of Newfoundland and was in a sinking condition. Transfer of the passengers to the lifeboats began at once. The accident occurred at 10:25 o'clock 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 into the lifeboats. A reassuring feature was that the weather was calm and clear and help only a few hours away.

The Titanic's first S. O. S. message was received by the Allan liner Virginian, which, according to the position given by the Titanic's operator, was not more than 170 miles away. The captain of the Virginian at once started his boat at full steam for the scene of the disaster, announcing to his

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