

AN ELECTRIC STORM PLAYS FREAK TRICKS

Two Richmond Women Had Very Narrow Escapes Sunday Morning from Death From Lightning Bolts.

ONE WOMAN HURLED STUNNED FROM BED

Another Sent Reeling Across Her Kitchen by a Bolt—Trees and Houses Struck by Lightning.

In the electrical storm Sunday morning two Richmond people had narrow escapes from death. Mrs. Mabel Spink, 300 Linden avenue, was thrown from her bed by a bolt of lightning, then hurled across the room, but not injured. Mrs. Gertrude Simmons, 43 South Eighteenth street, was stunned by a lightning bolt, which knocked a teakettle from her hand, and sent her reeling against a door, but did not injure her.

The storm broke about seven o'clock. Sheets of rain fell accompanied by a fierce display of lightning. Each thunder crash shook many houses.

About 7:15, a vivid bolt of lightning struck the top of the Spink home on Linden avenue. The bolt entered the house by tearing off a part of a window casing. It jumped a few inches to an iron bed, occupied by Mrs. Mabel Spink, and threw her out of the bed across the room. The ball of fire raced around the bed and at one corner set fire to the mattress, then went out through the window which it entered, wrenching loose a shutter with such force as to drive it into the ground several inches.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Spink heard the terrible crash and ran upstairs to their daughter's room. The room was filled with smoke from the burning mattress. Mr. Spink seized a board and beat out the flames, while his daughter ran to a place of safety, below. The firemen had been summoned by a neighbor, but by the time they had arrived, the fire was out.

Edward Wilkins and Edward Kettler, who were standing across the street from the Spink home, on Wilkin's veranda, were severely shocked by the bolt of lightning which struck the Spink home.

Mrs. Spink was dazed for a time by the shock, and was unable to hear from her left ear, but has recovered the use of that organ now. The damage to the Spink home was slight.

While Mrs. Simmons was moving a teakettle from the top of the stove, a bolt crashed into the chimney of the house. The bolt raced down the chimney flue and knocking the kettle from Mrs. Simmons' hands, she was sent staggering the length of the room. The damage to the house was slight.

The Thornburg home near Thirteenth and Main streets, was struck by lightning, demolishing a chimney and ruining the wall paper and carpets of two rooms.

A magnificent cotton wood tree on the Earlham campus was ruined by the storm. A bolt of lightning struck the tree, running down each fork to the trunk and splitting the trunk. The bark was almost entirely torn off the tree.

Several trees were ruined by the storm. The damage by lightning in the rural districts is believed to have been great.

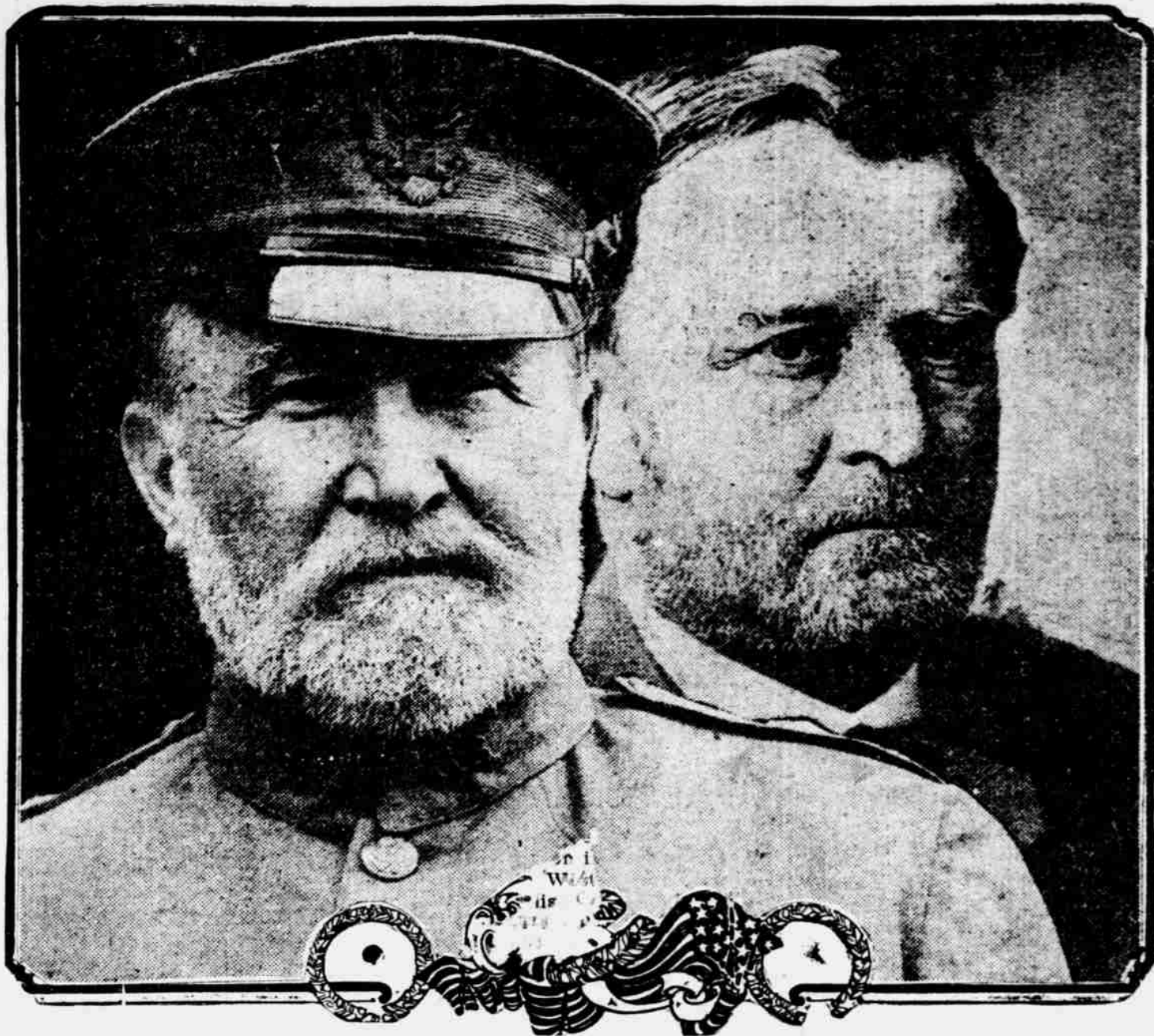
BROTHERS ENGAGE IN KNIFE BATTLE

Chas. Andrews Has Face Laid Open, Russell Has an Arm Cut.

Charles and Russell Andrews, colored, half-brothers, living near New Paris, engaged in a knife duel Saturday night on Ft. Wayne avenue, near D street, at 12:40 o'clock. They had been drinking and started quarreling about a place to stay all night. Charles knocked Russell down twice. When his half brother arose the second time he had a knife in his hand. They closed with both men stabbing at each other with pocket knives. Charles cut Russell's arm, requiring six stitches to close the wound. Russell retaliated in a fearful manner, cutting Charles' face from the lobe of the left ear to the end of his nose. This slash laid the victim's face open to the jawbone.

Officer Menke saw the fight and arrested both men, sending Charles to the hospital, and locking up Russell, charged with assault and battery. Both men will be tried on this charge. They were said to have been at the Manhattan dance hall. Leaving the hall several times they were seen to go to saloons and fill up on whiskey.

Late Gen. F. D. Grant and His Famous Father



General Frederick Dent Grant, who died in New York, Thursday night, on the left, and his father, Gen. U. S. Grant, on the right. The photographs show the striking resemblance between the late Commander of the Department of the East and his noted father.

COL. ROOSEVELT SWEEPS THE KEYSTONE STATE

(National News Association) PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—President Taft will have nine delegates from Pennsylvania in the national convention. The other sixty-seven are for Roosevelt. This was made sure today from the final returns of Saturday's preferential primary. Twelve of the 67 Roosevelt delegates mentioned are delegates-at-large to be chosen by the state convention. The returns are not absolutely complete yet, but so few votes are lacking that a complete picture can be drawn. One of the most interesting results of the primary was the defeat of John Dalzell, for 26 years the champion of protection in congress. Dalzell was defeated by Clyde Kelly, of McKeesport.

Near Clean Sweep for Wilson. In the Democratic primaries, Woodrow Wilson made almost a complete sweep. He will get seventy-four of the seventy-six delegates to the Baltimore convention.

Champ Clark will get the other two delegates. They come from the Twenty-eighth district. It was at first reported that these two delegates had been won by Judson Harmon, but com-

plete returns show that the supporters of the Missouri man were chosen. Penrose Is Eliminated. Senator Penrose, who had dominated Pennsylvania politics for years, was the victim of one of the most crushing defeats in the history of American politics in the Republican primaries. He will not even be a delegate to the national convention. His machine from one end of the state to the other is a complete wreck.

ALMOST KNOCKOUT BLOW. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—It is admitted by the closest friends of President Taft that the overwhelming majorities given by Illinois and Pennsylvania to Theodore Roosevelt were a paralyzing blow to the Taft candidacy. It is admitted the president has only a little chance of carrying any of the states in which presidential preference primaries will occur, and there is grave apprehension that the politicians, seeing the strength of the Roosevelt movement, will go over to his standard. The president is greatly cast down over the situation, and has been conferring with his managers, Senator Crane of Massachusetts; Con-

gressman McKinley, of Illinois, director of his campaign, and others. This much is said positively: The president will not withdraw and intends to be beaten in the convention rather than do so. He is backed in this determination by members of the old guard, who are anxious, above everything else, to retain control of the party machinery. They have supported the president, not because they believed he could win, but because if he were defeated they would still have command of the machine.

No Compromise Possible. Some of the old guard are talking about a compromise candidate, but there is small chance of this, consequently the politicians behind Mr. Taft are hoping that Col. Roosevelt, if nominated, will be defeated, in which case they will have their hands on the throttle of the Republican party machine. Two men have been talked of as compromise candidates. Supreme Court Justice Hughes and Senator Cummins. Justice Hughes will not permit himself to be put forward as a compromise candidate, he has told his friends, and Cummins has been unable to hold his own state, Iowa.

LOCAL AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS BOOMING

Four Manufacturing Concerns Here Will Double Their 1911 Output.

Present indications indicate that the automobile manufacturing business in this city will be greater this year than in any previous year in the history of this industry in Richmond. The local automobile manufacturers declare they will put out at least twice as many cars during 1912 as they manufactured in the past year.

The craze for motor cars is increasing with astounding rapidity and the four automobile manufacturing concerns in this city declare that prospects for a record year are exceeding bright. The Davis Motor Car company will double its output this year, according to a statement made by George W. Davis, head of the concern today. He asserted that the company will manufacture at least 300 cars in 1912. In 1911, 150 Davis cars were sold.

The Westcott Motor Car company will also double its output, it is authentically stated. The Westcott people intend to place 500 cars on the market. Lee Ashley, president of the Westcott Motor Car company, stated today that the company is over seventy-five cars behind now. Last year the company manufactured 400 cars.

"We get orders for from eight to fifteen cars per day and our building capacity is but five cars per day," said Mr. Ashley. "We have material for only 500 cars, but we expect that before the year is over we will have built 750 cars."

The other companies manufacturing motor cars—the Pilot Motor Car company and the Wayne Works—will both put out a larger number of automobiles this year than last.

ARREST TODAY IN LYNN MURDER CASE

Wealthy Californian Is Suspected of Killing Rich Soap Manufacturer.

(National News Association) LYNN, Mass., April 15.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of W. A. Dorr, who is charged with the murder of George E. Marsh, the wealthy soap manufacturer found shot to death here Friday. Dorr is from Stockton, Cal., and is the adopted son of the murdered victim's dead brother, Charles Marsh, who went west in the California gold rush in 1848. Dorr is said to have had differences with George Marsh, who was administrator of his adopted father's estate. The information that led the police to ask for a warrant for the arrest of Dorr, came from a Boston druggist, named Taylor, a former Californian. Taylor read of the murder in the papers and came to Lynn of his own accord to tell what he knew of the case. He told Chief Burke that he saw Dorr in Commonwealth avenue in Boston at 3 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, the day Marsh was slain. Dorr was in a black automobile. He had as a companion a man who answers a description of a man well known in Lynn. Dorr appeared very much surprised to see Taylor. Taylor knew Dorr was coming east but thought he was going to New York. Dorr told him he was in Boston on business and was going to Lynn. Taylor told the chief Dorr was well fixed. Taylor also gave other information which the police did not make public.

An interesting incident was disclosed in connection with the will of the late Mary A. Roberts in the Wayne circuit court this morning during the hearing of the objections to the probate of the will. The plaintiff, Grace B. Strader, testified that the will was not found until after the administrator had been appointed. While cleaning a cupboard in the house she discovered some papers which apparently had been hidden under some boxes. Upon examination she found that one of the papers was the will of her mother, the late Mary Roberts.

According to the will fifty-two acres of land and personal property was left to the sole heir, Grace Strader, which, after the latter's death, was to become the property of the two grandchildren of the late Mrs. Roberts. Provision in the will prohibited the plaintiff from selling the land, which she desired to do in order to purchase another farm. Evidence submitted by the plaintiff's attorney, Gath Freeman, tended to prove that the will should be set aside inasmuch as the decedent was of unsound mind when the will was made, November 21, 1911. Mrs. Strader testified that her mother acted queerly for some time prior to her death. During the period from 1907 to 1909 the late Mrs. Roberts spent \$600 for jewelry and a larger sum for clothes, a part of which she gave away. She also borrowed money when she had no occasion to do so, it was said. After a number of witnesses testified that the decedent was of unsound mind when the will was made, Judge Fox sustained the objections to the probate of the will.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE The district schools in Wayne township will close Friday, April 19. County Superintendent Williams and Township Trustee Howarth are inspecting the schools in the township today and making final preparations in anticipation of the closing of the schools until the next semester, which opens in September. The annual commencement exercises of the Webster schools was held Saturday evening.

ROBERTS WILL IS REFUSED PROBATE

Judge Sustains Plea that the Late Mary Roberts Was of Unsound Mind.

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TO SELL STATUARY Of a Famous German Sculptor, Reinhold Begas. (National News Association) BERLIN—April 15.—Art dealers and collectors from all Europe flocked to the new establishment of the Heilbrod Brothers in the Zimmerstrasse today for the opening of the auction sale of the entire collection of works left by the late Prof. Reinhold Begas, the famous German sculptor and friend of the Kaiser. The collection that will go under the hammer includes twenty-five completed works by Begas in marble and bronze and 100 sketches and plaster models. The completed works embrace several of Begas' best female figures, including his "Venus," as well as his celebrated "Adam and Eve" and "Cain and Abel" groups.

HARVESTER CO. AND HOOSIER MAKE A DEAL

Formal Announcement Made That Local Seeding Machine Co. Have Made a New Sales Agreement.

COMPANY AND CITY TO BE BENEFITED

Official of Local Company States Agreement Insures Capacity Working Force at the Plant.

The American Seeding Machine Company, Inc., of Richmond, Indiana, announces to its customers and the trade generally that its line of goods manufactured at its Richmond, Indiana plant and consigned to Hoosier, Empire, and other brands of seed planting machinery will be sold throughout the United States for shipment after November 1st, 1912 by the International Harvester Company of America.

For shipment prior to November 1st, 1912 the Richmond local travelers will solicit orders as heretofore and, also, jobbers at present handling Richmond product will continue to do so until November 1st, 1912.

This new arrangement in no way affects the sale of the product of the Springfield, Ohio plants of the American Seeding Machine company which product will continue to be marketed at present.

The above statement was issued today by the local branch of the American Seeding Machine company.

This statement silences the report, current for some time, that the American Seeding Machine company was to be, or had been, purchased by the International Harvester company.

Under the deal just closed the entire output of Hoosier, Empire and Kentucky brands of seed planting machinery, manufactured exclusively at the local plant of the Seeding Machine company, will be taken over by the great harvester company, which has one of the most wonderful sales organizations in the world, and the products of the Richmond company will find a market any place on the globe where seed planting machinery is used which means practically everywhere.

While the deal just consummated probably means the dropping from the payroll of the local corporation, a number of members of its sales force; on the other hand it means a large increase in the number of its factory employees.

An official of the company stated today, in explaining the new selling agreement with the International Harvester company, that recently the John Deere Plow company, which has been selling a large quantity of the local company's goods throughout the West, purchased a drill plant and, therefore, it became necessary for the Hoosier branch to either establish its own branch house at several points in the west or make arrangements with some other concern having a complete sales organization. After much negotiation a deal was closed with the International Harvester Co., for the sale of the entire product of the local company.

"This will mean much, not only for our company, but for Richmond," said the official, "as it assures us the broadest possible market for our goods, and insures that we will be able to keep our factory employed to its fullest capacity."

Should the International Harvester company be split into several divisions, as the government demands in the suit it recently brought against the gigantic corporation, the agreement it has with the Richmond branch of the American Seeding Machine company will not be affected. Last week the government refused the International's compromise offer to split into two independent corporations, the attorney general demanding that the corporation be divided into six independent companies.

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ALL PASSENGERS ARE SAVED FROM THE SINKING TITANIC

DELAY ACTION AS TO CLUSTER LIGHTS

This Decision Made by Board Owing to Absence of the Mayor Today.

The absence of the Mayor from the meeting of the board of works today prevented any final action being taken in the matter of the cluster light proposition. The entire committee from the Commercial club which is fostering this project was present, headed by Chairman Fred Krone, also N. H. Johnson, superintendent of the light plant, who opposes it. Johnson asked that the matter be delayed until the mayor could be present that decisive action might be taken the same day the matter was presented, and the board, with the consent of the committee from the Commercial club, fixed next Monday morning as the date for the final hearing.

Several improvements were up for consideration. The improvement of North Twenty-second street from Main to North F street with cement sidewalks, curbs and gutters, was taken under advisement. Protests against the sidewalks extending farther north than E street were entered. Protests against the curbs and gutters were also entered.

A remonstrance was filed against the improvement of South B street from Fifth to Tenth street, by placing, in a patchwork fashion, cement sidewalks. This matter was also taken under advisement.

The improvement of Laurel street by sidewalks from Sheridan street to West First street was confirmed. The making of a sanitary sewer from the Rhoda Temple, between Fifth and Sixth streets, was also ordered. The board confirmed the improvement of South E street, calling for cement sidewalks on the north side of the street from Thirteenth to Sixteenth street.

Plans for an alley from the first alley south of the National road to Southwest D street were ordered.

Another brick street will be made, following the action of the board of works this morning. The brickwork of North Seventh street from Main to North A street was ordered. The city will pay \$1,150 on the total cost of the improvement.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIS BROTHER

Russell Doren Victim.—Paul "Didn't Know the Gun Was Loaded."

Mistaking a loaded shotgun for an old-fashioned rifle, with which he had been playing and which was never loaded, Paul Doren, aged ten, last evening accidentally shot through a glass window, wounding his brother, Russell, aged 13 who was standing outside of the door. Russell had just stepped to one side, and this saved his life, for he would have been in the direct path of the shot which passed through the window. As it was, he was struck on the left side of the face by flying glass and a few shot. Physicians are hopeful of saving the left eye, which is wounded severely.

The two small boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Doren, Wernle road, were playing at the home in the afternoon. The parents were in the city. About six o'clock Russell, the elder, stepped out of the back door, and going to a bench, picked up a milk bucket, preparing to do the evening's milking. About eight feet from the door he stopped for a moment. Just at this point, as he turned his face to the west, aligning the left side of his face with the window in the door, his younger brother accidentally discharged the gun.

Flying glass from the window embedded itself in Russell's face and he dropped to the ground. His brother inside heard his screams of agony, and dropped the gun, horror stricken and unable to move to help him.

The little fellow, although the blood was streaming from his face, stumbled around the back of the house to a path leading up to the side entrance of the Wernle home. There he washed his face at the pump, and went into the house. His smaller brother, who in the meantime, aroused the superintendent of the home, Mr. Gahre, who with his wife and several of the children, came to the boy's assistance. They placed the wounded lad on a bed, and gave him first aid medical treatment, and telephoned for a physician.

It Has Two Cafes. Beside the main dining saloon, which has a seating capacity for nearly 600 passengers, there is an a la carte restaurant, French service, which seats

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THE WEATHER

STATE AND LOCAL—Fair and warmer.

HIGH SCHOOL OBSERVATORY Forecast for Richmond and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday, cooler. Maximum temperature, 78 at noon today. Minimum temperature, 60 at 6 a. m. today. Temperature at 11:30, 78. Barometer, 29.95. Direction and velocity of wind, S. W., 8 miles an hour. Rainfall since Saturday noon, .47 inch.

FIRST TRIP LINER MAKES RESULTS IN NEAR SEA TRAGEDY

Greatest Ship Afloat on Her Maiden Voyage Collides With Iceberg, but Wireless Brings Rescue.

CAPTAIN AND CREW TRY TO SAVE SHIP

After Passengers Are Transferred to Other Vessels, Battered Vessel Begins a Dash to Halifax.

(National News Association) ST. JOHN'S, N. F., April 15.—With a huge hole in her side as a result of a collision with an iceberg, the White Star liner, Titanic, the largest ship afloat, is limping towards Halifax today in a sinking condition. Wireless messages state that the gigantic liner probably will be able to make port under her own steam, despite her extensive damage. Her plates were shattered in the crash, her bow crumpled and a big hole rammed beneath the water line. The airtight compartments and the powerful pressure pumps upon the liner prevented her entire hull from filling and enabled her to keep afloat, despite the fact that she listed dangerously.

Wireless reports said Captain Smith declined to desert his vessel and was making every effort to save her. They added that the passengers were in no danger, as the sea was calm and the weather fair. Wireless reports state that all the passengers are now safely onboard other liners, which hastened to the scene of the disaster from various quarters.

WIRELESS ONCE MORE. HALIFAX, N. S., April 15.—Once more the flash of the wireless "S O S" has alerted a great sea tragedy. The Cunard liner Carpathia called by an aerial flash asking for aid, rushed to the assistance of the giant liner Titanic, in the darkness off New Foundland, early today and took on board 1,300 passengers of that vessel which struck an iceberg last night on her maiden voyage to New York. Passengers were taken off in small boats and transferred to the Carpathia without a single life being lost, according to a dispatch this afternoon. About six hundred were removed at dawn, and then there was a cessation for a few hours because of the heavy wind which suddenly arose. When this had decreased the rescue work was resumed and the remainder of the passengers were transferred. Subsequently part of the rescued passengers were transferred to the Virginian, which had followed the Carpathia upon the scene and was later joined by the Parisian. The latest reports received here said that the Titanic was low in the water, but that Capt. Smith and his crew had hopes of being able to bring her into Halifax where she will be docked for repairs.

A FLOATING PALACE. NEW YORK, April 15.—The new White Star liner "Titanic," the largest steamer in the world, is a sister ship to the "Olympic," but larger even than that vessel. The great liner carried 256 first class passengers on this trip. Her full passenger capacity is 2,000, 600 in the saloon, 500 in the second cabin, and 1,900 in the steerage.

The "Titanic" like the "Olympic," possesses the great length of 882 feet, 6 inches and a beam of 92 feet, 6 inches. Over the boat deck, the "Titanic's" beam spans 94 feet even, from rail to rail. Fifteen water-tight bulkheads divide the great vessel, making her unsinkable even though half of her compartments should be filled with water. Eleven steel decks add to the "Titanic's" staunchness, while an idea of the vast promenading space may best be had when it is noted that the main promenade deck alone had an unbroken sweep of 150 yards on either side of the ship.

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DENNIS SPOKE TO MINISTERS TODAY

At the meeting of the Ministerial association this morning Prof. David W. Dennis, of Earlham college, delivered an address on "The Inspiration of the Bible." Prof. Dennis' talk was very interesting. Aside from the regular routine matters which came up before the association, no business was transacted.