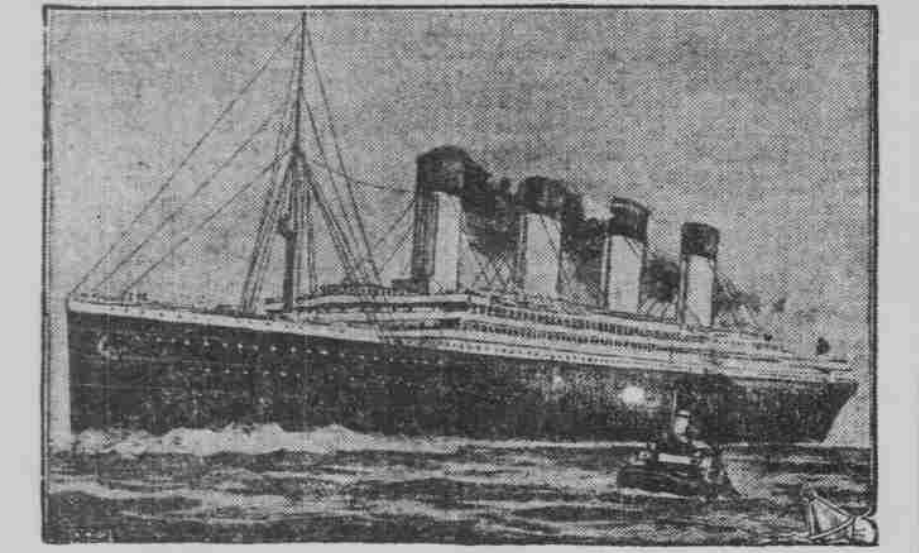


HITS AN ICEBERG

The Titanic, the Largest Boat in the World,
Badly Damaged in a Collision in Mid-Ocean.
ALL PASSENGERS ARE SAFE
They Are Taken on Board the Carpathia, a Cunarder.
Disabled Ship Is Making Her Way Toward Halifax.

Wireless dispatches up to noon today showed that the passengers of the White Star liner Titanic which struck an iceberg off the Newfoundland coast last night were being transferred



The World's Largest Vessel, the Titanic, Which Hit an Iceberg.

about the steamer Carpathia, a Cunarder.

Already 30 boatloads had been transferred and allowing 40 to 60 persons as the capacity of each lifeboat some 500 or 1,200 passengers have been transferred. Latest reports indicate the transference is being carried on safely. The sea is smooth and the weather calm. It is probable that all passengers of the Titanic are safe.

While badly damaged the Titanic still is afloat and is reported to be making her way toward Halifax under her own steam.
She is the largest steamer ever built. She is 882 feet long and has 46,325 tons displacement. She was launched last May and this was her maiden trip. Among the passengers are Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mr. and Mrs. G. Vanderbilt, Major Archibald Butt, military aide to President Taft; F. D. Miller, the artist, Mr. and Mrs. Isador Straus, J. G. Widener of Philadelphia, President Hays of the Grand Trunk railway, J. E. Bruce Ima, managing director of the White Star line; W. T. Stead and others. The liner carried 1,400 passengers and a crew of 800. Another liner, the Parisian, of the Allen company which sailed from Glasgow for Halifax on April 6, is already close at hand and assisting in the work of rescue.

The Baltic and Virginia also are near the scene and the Olympic is reported to be near at hand as the wireless information concerning the transfer comes from Captain Haddock of the Olympic. The accident occurred at 10:25 last night, about 400 miles east of Cape Race, N. F., and about 1,100 miles east of New York.

Montreal, April 15.—The Montreal Star says an unofficial report from Halifax states that the Titanic had been rescued there that the Titanic which struck an iceberg last night still was afloat and was making her way slowly toward Halifax.

New York, April 15.—A dispatch received here from Halifax this morning reports that all the passengers of the Titanic left the ship shortly after 3:30 o'clock this morning.

New York, April 15.—The transfer of passengers from the disabled Titanic now is under way and two boat loads already have been taken aboard the steamer Carpathia.

Official Statement.
New York, April 15.—Officials of the White Star line had received no word here at 3 o'clock other than from the press dispatches of the reported accident to the Titanic.

They were unable to understand why they had not received some dispatches from the Titanic. The following statement was made by one of the officers.
"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 340 miles away from the Titanic. The Olympic should be alongside the Titanic at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Olympic has been notified of the reported accident."

A wireless message from the Titanic received shortly after midnight announced that the 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.

First S. O. S. Message.
The Titanic's first S. O. S. message was received by the Allan line 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 speed for the scene of the disaster announcing to his brother officer on the bridge of the Titanic that the Virginian should reach him by 10 o'clock this morning. The Titanic's accident happened in latitude 41° 46' north, longitude 50° 14' west. This point is about 1,100 miles due east of New York city and 450 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland, wireless station. All the messages from the ship were relayed to the Cape Race wireless station by the Virginian and forwarded by the Marconi company to New York city. The Titanic's twin ship, Olympic, which left New York last week, was also in direct communication with the sinking boat from a point 300 miles away and started at once for the scene. The Titanic, which is on her maiden trip is in charge of Captain Smith, who was on the bridge of the big Olympic when that boat collided with the British cruiser Hawke last September. The Titanic carries 1,470 passengers, of whom 318 are in the first cabin and 202 in the second cabin.

Notable Passenger List.
The passenger list is a notable one including Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor; Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt; Major Archibald Butt, aide to President Taft; F. D. Miller, the artist; Mr. and Mrs. Isador Straus; J. G. Widener of Philadelphia; J. Bruce Ima, managing

director of the White Star line; C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk railway; Benjamin Guggenheim, W. T. Stead and others.
Steamship men here today characterized the disaster as "the most startling news which has come in from the seas since the advent of wireless telegraphy."
The first heard of the accident was about 1 o'clock this morning when a bulletin from Montreal stated that the Allan line officers there had received a wireless from Captain Gambell of the steamer Virginian, stating that the Titanic was calling for assistance after a collision with an iceberg. The Virginian's captain added he was heading his boat for the Titanic, whose position was said to be about 350 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland.

Immediate inquiry by the United States Associated Press in dispatch to the Marconi station at Cape Race was answered soon afterwards in the following words:
"At 10:25 last night the steamer Titanic called 'C. Q. D.' and reported having struck an iceberg. The steamer said that immediate assistance was needed. Half an hour afterwards another message came reporting that the ship was sinking by the head and that women were being put off in the lifeboats."

"The weather was calm and clear, the Titanic's wireless operator reported and he gave the position of the vessel as 41° 46' north latitude and 50° 14' west longitude. The Marconi station at Cape Race notified the Allan line Virginian, the captain of which was then en route to the scene of the disaster.
"The Virginian at midnight was about 170 miles from the Titanic and reached to reach that vessel about 10 a. m. today.
"The Olympic at midnight was in latitude 40° 32' north and longitude 51° 15' west. She was in direct communication with the Titanic and is now making all haste toward her. The steamer Baltic also reported herself at 1:15 a. m., making all possible speed toward her.
"The last signals from the Titanic were heard by the Virginian at 12:25 a. m. The wireless operator on the Virginian says these signals were blurred and ended abruptly."

Biggest Boat in the World.
The Titanic is the biggest boat in the world. She has on board more than 2,000 persons—1,470 passengers and a crew of 860 men. A large percentage, if not the majority of the passengers are Americans. The newspaper offices were besieged today by inquiries from hundreds of persons shocked by the fragmentary newspaper dispatches seen at the breakfast table but in the early morning hours there was nothing vital to add to the alarming reports from Cape Race. Something further was expected every moment, but there was nothing at hand to relieve the anxiety shown in every quarter. Vice President P. A. S. Franklin of the International Merchant Marine, the highest official of the White Star line here, was one of the first to be notified of the reported disaster but it was only through the Associated Press that he learned of it and for hours thereafter he could only express his astonishment at the news and his doubt that such a large and thoroughly protected ship as the Titanic could be in danger at sea.

Upon hearing the first reports he spoke reassuringly, saying that only eight or ten hours before the Titanic had received a wireless giving the liner's position. He was sure if she had met with any accident he would have heard from her promptly.

"We are absolutely satisfied even if she was in collision with an iceberg she is in no danger," he said.

"With her numerous water tight compartments she is absolutely unsinkable and it makes no difference what she hits. The report should not cause any serious anxiety."

Mr. Franklin Weakens.
When the more serious news came from Cape Race, a little later Mr. Franklin qualified his statement with the hope that the reports were not true. He doubted that they could be correct. At 7:30 a. m. the White Star line officers

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SIGNS OF WARM WEATHER.

By John T. McCutcheon.

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Ah, here is Mister Constable. His work will soon begin. He'll take you to the calaboose. B'gosh, and put you in.

Ah, see the busy housewife. As happy as can be; Her husband says, "B'gosh," she says, "This is no place for me."

See the golfing gentleman; He wears a look of pain. For every time he wants to play, Begun, it starts to rain.

Ah, here is Mister Moving Man. Each springtime he appears. He'll move you out of house and home. He'll move you all to tears.



And here is Mister Small Boy. He's glad to beat the band. Gee, sez he, I love the springs. I think it's awful grand.

And teacher, too, believe me true. Is sad, believe me not. She says she loves her girls and boys. But that's all tommy rot.

Behold the gentle fisherman! What stories he will tell us! He'll make old Ananias score, And likewise very jealous.

And here is Mr. Tourist Man. Ah, does he really love it? He'll spend a week in Europe. And a year to tell us of it.

SHOP MEN MEET

Forming Gigantic Federation of Railway Employees.

Five of the Crafts Are Represented at Meeting.

Kansas City, April 15.—To perfect a federation of the shop employees of all the railroads west of the Mississippi river, representatives of five railway craft organizations began a meeting at the Labor temple here today. Plans for the new organization have been under way for several months.

The object of the federation embracing unions with an aggregate membership of 200,000 men employed on forty-seven railroads is to do away with the necessity of separate organization, taking up negotiations with separate railroads and to unite all the mechanical trades so that concerted action may be taken when wages demands are made. Demands will be made on all railroads in the same territory at the same time so that all the roads will be involved simultaneously if a strike is called.

Labor leaders say they discovered the need of the federation during the disputes last winter with the Harriman lines and Illinois Central and that the next time a strike is called it will be on a broader scale.

March 4 was originally set for the meeting but it was postponed by the international officers of the unions who said too much publicity had been given to their plans.

The meeting was called to order by J. W. Cline of Chicago and after committees on rules and credentials had been appointed and an address of welcome delivered by John T. Smith, business agent of the local industrial council, an adjournment was taken until 2:30 this afternoon. Representatives of four affiliated unions, the clerk painters, laborers and steamfitters organizations were present and they will make an effort to be admitted to the federation that is to be formed.

"This is the most important labor meeting of railroad men ever called in this country," said M. T. Ryan, Harman line and Illinois Central, who presided at the meeting probably would last all this week.

WHEAT UP AND DOWN

Traders Are Whipsawed Over a Range of Four Cents.

Chicago, April 15.—Buyers and sellers alike were whipsawed today in wheat. The market swiftly whirled up, then down, and up again over a range of nearly four cents.
Trading reached a magnitude seldom equaled except in war times.
On the other hand the bears pointed out that at Liverpool and elsewhere prices had not risen in anything like the degree recorded in Chicago and that according to conservative stand-

SMASH THE DOORS ROOSEVELT WINS

Factions of the Cook Co., Ill., Democracy Clash. Incomplete Returns Indicate That the Colonel

Over Rights to Possession of Will Get 65 of Pennsylvania's the Convention Hall. 76 National Delegates.

BOTH HOLD INJUNCTIONS MADE ALMOST CLEAN SWEEP

Armed Forces Guard the Place Wilson Captures All but Two Inside and Out. Democrat Delegates.

Orders of Rival Courts Are Senator Penrose's Organization Put at Defiance. Is Routed Completely.

Chicago, April 15.—Though riot and bloodshed still are feared at today's Cook county Democratic convention, the Hearst-Harrison faction won the first victory peaceably enough when, after the doors of the Seventh Regiment armory had been broken down at orders from County Judge Owens, the delegates filed into the armory while state troops made no resistance.

Until the arrival of Judge Owens the two factions faced each other outside the building each armed with a court order and backed by men at arms.

The Hearst-Harrison forces depended on an order from Judge Owens directing that Election Commissioner Czarniecki, a Republican, preside as temporary chairman. When Czarniecki reached the armory, however, backed by 250 blue coats and 100 deputy sheriffs to open the convention, he was refused admittance by Captain Octagon of the Seventh regiment.

The Sullivan forces have behind them an injunction from Superior Judge McKinley restraining the police, the election commission and the sheriff from interfering with the convention.

Each faction ignores the court order of the other and several times clashes between troops, inside the building and the police, seemed imminent.

At noon County Judge Owen appeared at the armory and demanded that the doors be opened. On being refused he ordered the police to break in the doors.

Assistant Chief of Police Schaeffer then began battering down the door with an axe.

After the doors had been battered down the Hearst-Harrison delegates who had been waiting outside filed into the armory.

On the orders of the officers, the militiamen inside offered no resistance and the delegates proceeded to their seats.

While the doors were being broken down some one turned in an alarm of fire. Firemen who responded found nothing to do and returned to their quarters.

TROUSDALE'S REWARD

Express Messenger Who Killed Two Bandits Is Promoted.

San Antonio, Tex., April 15.—David Trousdale, the Wells Fargo express messenger who killed two bandits who held up a Southern Pacific passenger train near Eldridge, Texas, on March 13 and attempted to rob the express car, will be given the run of the Wells Fargo service. This announcement was made here today by A. E. Steadman of Chicago, vice president and general manager of the company.

Trousdale's promotion will make him supervising messenger between here and St. Louis.

In addition to his promotion Trousdale, now on vacation with pay to his old home in Nebraska, will will on his return be given a \$1,000 and a \$250 gold watch by the express company and a purse of \$100 subscribed by the passengers on the train at the time of the holdup.

Trousdale's nerve saved nearly \$100,000. As the first bandit covered him with a revolver Trousdale pretended to be up and suggested that the bandit take a more valuable package. The bandit turned his head for a second and Trousdale killed him with a bullet on the head with an ice mallet.

He then waited, rifle in hand, until a second bandit appeared and shot him to death as he peered in the car door.

FLOOR GIVES WAY.

Nearly 300 Persons Precipitated to Basement of a Church.

Harrison Park, N. J., April 15.—Two persons were killed and more than a score injured, several seriously, when the collapse of the floor of the Church of Our Lady of Victory precipitated nearly 300 persons into the basement.

The church was only partly completed and the assemblage was in connection with the ceremonies of laying the cornerstone.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, threatened, 4 p. m.
New York at Boston, cloudy, 3 p. m.
Pittsburg at Cincinnati, clear, 3 p. m.
Chicago at St. Louis, clear, 3 p. m.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Washington at New York, threatened, 4 p. m.
Boston at Philadelphia, cloudy, 3 p. m.
St. Louis at Cleveland, clear, 3 p. m.
Detroit at Chicago, clear, 3 p. m.
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
Milwaukee at Columbus, clear, 3 p. m.
Kansas City at Toledo, clear, 3 p. m.
Minneapolis at Indianapolis, clear, 3:15 p. m.
St. Paul at Louisville, clear, 3:15 p. m.

For Self Defense.
Washington, April 15.—In response to an appeal from the American consul at Guadalajara, Mexico, President Taft has authorized the exportation of 50 rifles and 100 rounds of ammunition for arming the citizens of the United States in that district.