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LINER TITANIC KEPT AFLOAT BY WATER-TIGHT COMPARTMENTS BEING TOWED INTO HALIFAX, N. S.

MAJOR ARCHIBALD BUTT.

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THE GIANT WHITE STAR LINER TITANIC.

MRS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR.

NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

MAP SHOWING REGION OF ACCIDENT.

THOUSANDS FLEE

HOMES IN LOWER

Red Cross to Issue National

Appeal for Aid to

Victims.

In the face of increasing destitu-

flood, President Taft decided today to

send a special message to Congress

The arrival of the crest of the Mis-

rom their homes 100,000 inhabitants of

he Tensas and Bouef river valleys in

Louisiana and Arkansas, according to a

telegram received at the War Department by Major J. A. Woodruff, of the Corps of Engineers, stationed to watch the dikes at Vicksburg. Of these 25,000 are destitute, and relief has been sent, bringing the number of flood victims now being cared for by the army to

Congress to appropriate \$500,000 for the relief work. The Red Cross in the near future whi issue a national appeal for money

FLOOD DISTRICT

NEW FOUNDLAND

HE TITANIC



WOMAN SHOT DOWN BY WIFE OF HER SON

Mrs. Olive Souder in Dangerous Condition as Result of Quarrel.

MRS. ROSIE PADGETT IS UNDER ARREST

Daughter-in-Law Tries to Kill Herself Later-Fought Over Destiny of Orphan Boy.

As the result of a quarrel over the destiny of a ten-year-old orphan boy, Mrs. Olive Souder is in a dangerous condition at Casualty Hospital today, with a pistol wound in her right breast, inflicted by an old civil war relic in the hands of her daughterin-law, Mrs. Rosie Padgett.

The daughter-in-law is spending her fifth wedding anniversary in the House of Detention.

The shooting occurred shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, in the dining room of the Padgett home, 1600 Gales street northeast. There had been differences between the mother-in-law and Mrs. Padgett for

Visited Son's House.

This morning, Mrs. Souder went to the Padgett home, and was sitting in the dining room, when the quarrol started. Mrs. Padgett ordered her from the house. Mrs. Souder refused to go, saying that she would not be driven from the home of her own son. The quarrel became violent, and Mrs. Padott struck her mother-in-law with her fist. Mrs. Souder replied in kind, and refused to be driven from the house.

Enraged, Mrs. Padgett ran to an upstairs room and obtained an old army pistol from a bureau drawer in the room of Charles N. Kerpel, veteran and father of Mrs. Souder. She returned and pointing the weapon at Mrs. Souder again ordered her to leave. Mrs. Souder would not go, but started toward Mrs. Padgett. She reached for Mrs. Padgett's arm, saying "Don't shoot me, Rosie," when the old weapon was discharged, and Mrs. Souder reeled backward. She did not fall, but stag-(Continued on Page Thirteen.)

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Overcast weather, probably showers tenight or Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURE.

VIEW OF AN ICEBERG. CONTINENTAL HALL CROWDED AS D. A. R. CONVENTION OPENS

Mrs. Matthew Scott Receives Ovation as She Takes Chair to Preside.

Filling every seat in the assembly room of Continental Memorial Hall, Daughters of the Revolution, this morn ing at 11 o'clock, opened the twenty first annual continental congress of the

Down the center aisle of the hal a procession which included many of the national officers, who were followed by fifty girl pages dressed in white. At their rear came Mrs. Matthew Scott, the president general, and Mrs. Ellen H. Walworth, of New York a venerable woman who leaned upon a walking stick. She is an honorary vice president general, and was one of the founders of the society here in Wash-

ington twenty-one years ago.

Mrs. Scott made her way to the pistform amid handclapping of the delegates and took her seat behind a table
massed high with flowers. After formally declaring the congress in sessor, Mrs. Scott called upon the chaplain general, Miss Elizabeth F. Pierce,
of Washington, to open the proceedings. When Miss Pierce had read from
the Epistle to the Hebrews, Mrs. Scott
read a number of telegrams and announcements. One was from Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York, regreetting
that on account of a bercavement she
could not attend the congress, At Mrs.
Scott's suggestion the delegates rose in
expression of sympathy for Mrs. McLean, a former president general. A
similar rising was called for later as
an expression of appreciation of the
life and work of Clara Barton.

Talking Politics. ington twenty-one years ago.

Talking Politics,

Prior to the opening of the Congress political gossip ran rife among the del-Advocates of Mrs. Alexander Ennis Patton, of Pennsylvania, as president general in 1913 urged her as a compromise candidate."

"Let us have no administration or anti-administration candidate, but bury (Continued on Fourth Page.)

of the Baltic, Which Is to Convey Them to New York. Disaster Unparalleled in History of Navigation. MONTREAL, April 15 .- A message to the Montreal Star from its correspondent

CAPTAIN E. J. SMITH.

Steamer Virginian Taking Disabled Ship to Port of Refuge.

Passengers Trans-shipped to Other Vessels to Await Arrival

at St. Johns, New Brunswick, at 1:15 says that the Titanic is being towed toward port by the Allan liner Virginian.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, April 15 .- Held affoat only by her water-tight compartments the great White Star liner Titanic is slowly crawling toward this harbor. Her passengers have been taken off to other vessels, only to have to face a second ordeal, as they are to be again transferred to the Baltic, of the White Star line, this afternoon. The Baltic will take them to their journey's end in New York, where they are due next

The disaster to the Titanic was unparalleled in the history of navigation. The largest, most luxurious and best appointed vessel ever laid down, she seemed proof against any disaster, and it is to the very fact that she was a new steamer that the passengers on board, noted financiers and society leaders, owe their lives.

Hardly another craft affoat could have withstood the terrific shock when the Titanic, driving along at better than half speed, although in the midst of icefields, crashed bow on into a great submerged mountain of ice which tore away her steel plates.

CAPTAIN SMITH SENDS IMMEDIATE APPEAL FOR AID.

wireless, and these fail to clear up the immediate vicinity. how the accident took place, or whether there was any panic among and in command of this latest ocean placed in the lifeboats and that they shown by an immediate appeal for aid, appear that the steamer was certain to The wireless of the Titanic picked up sink. the Cape Race station, and help was demanded.

The Alian liner Virginian was the first to be reached, but almost before she had turned her prow toward the wounded leviathan other craft had started on the same errand.

Then came a cruel waiting time, punctuated with brief wireless mes- due to atmospheric conditions, al- non-sinkable. They are capable of acthe air, but it was plain from the liner might have sunk so low her motors

Placed In Lifeboats. Finally word came that the situation

the passengers. That Captain Smith, on board the Titanic was so serious admiral of the White Star line's fleet, that the women and children had been

Captain Smith told the steamers that were headed toward him that he was working his pumps to capacity, and believed he could keep afloat, although the danger was very grave.

After this word all communication with the Titanic and the Virginian was cut off. This it afterward appeared was latest in the lifeboat line, wide and

Only meager advices regarding the start that the badly needed aid must and storage batteries for the wireless, wreck have been received here by the come from the steamers that were in and when this became known some of the apprehension was relieved.

CANADA

whi issue a national appeal for money to conduct a "sanitary survey" of the flood districts after the water has receded A scourge of typhold, it is feared, will follow the flood, caused by the vast number of dead animals left by the water, by polluted wells, mud-clogged houses and damp cellars. The Red Cross will clean up the district that has been floded and how seed for destricts farmers so Finally at 8:30 a brief wireless stating that the Titanic was still affoat and proceeding slowly under her own the district that has been floded and buy seed for destitute farmers so they may get their crops started. Director E. P. Bicknell, of the Red Cross, wired today the situation is growing worse, that there are 18,000 destitute refugees along the river banks between Cairo and Memphis and a larger number south of Memphis. steam was picked up. Then came word that the Cunard liner Carpathia, the creation, realized the danger, was were ready to be trans-shipped should it Allan liners Parislan and the Virginian were "standing by" and that the Baltic was coming up fast.

Take Off Passengers.

Another brief and fragmentary wireless followed, telling that the transshipment of the Titanic's passengers had been begun. The first boatloads were rowed to the Carpathia.

A steamer and several barges are being loaded with tents and provisions at St. Louis for Louisiana districts, and the Government-chartered steamer No-komis has already left for 50,000 rations. The boats of the Titanic are the very sages that caused the utmost alarm. though for a time it was feared the "Hurry! Hurry!" was the burden of liner might have sung so low her motors every word that came flashing through the sir, but it was plain from the liner might have sunk so low her motors. (Continued on Third Page.)

INTERVENTION BY IS THREATENED

President Taft Worried Over Late Developments in Mexico.

AMERICANS MAY INVADE COUNTRY

Every Train From Insurrection Zone Takes Crowds to Places of Safety.

That President Madero and General Orozco have received with hos-Government that intervention will result if any more Americans are killed or their property destroyed, frankly worried President

What has added to his worry is the official report that all Americans and practically all other foreigners are getting out of the city of Chihuahua today following the strong representations made to General Orozco yesterday. Last night's train brought forty Americans to El Paso and today's train from the south had

Hope Lies in Madero.

The only thing that now appears possible to prevent the threatened invasion of Mexico by American troops is the defeat of the rebel horde by Madero, tion among inhabitants of the Missis- who is reported to be massing the federal army near Torreon for a final efsippi valley, due to ravages of the fort to annihilate Orozco and his rebels. Both sides have been quietly preparing for this decisive battle for some weeks. Should Madero fail in his plan to exasking for \$500,000 for special relief terminate the revolutionists, then Congress must take up the matter and deide as to this country's next step. It became apparent some time ago

sissippi flood in Louisiana has driven that the President's proclamation, which (Continued on Fourth Page.)

IN CONGRESS TODAY

SENATE.

Senate met at noon.

Senator Cummins resumed speech the question of the appeal in the Tobacco case. Campaign expense statements of vari-

Secretary Stimson conferred with President Taft on the flood situation today and it was determined to ask ous candidates are filed. Concern felt in foreign relations circles over Mexican situation Senator Pomerene will discuss the question of criminal prosecutions in

the Oil and Tobacco cases. HOUSE.

The House met at noon Routine bills on the unanimous consent calendar were considered.

Judge Knapp and Commissioner Neill advocated the creation of a permanent board of arbitration and mediation at a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Committee.

The Banking and Currency Committee, for the forthcoming inquiry into the Pending the arrival of food supplies in the flooded Louisiana districts, Major-Woodruff was authorized to buy rations with army funds for immediate relief, Captain Hegeman, who has been in charge of relief work at Hickman, Ky, was today ordered to Vicksburg to direct the work in Louisiana, "Money trust,"

The Library Committee considered the Sharp bill to establish a vocational school as a memorial to Lincoln. Action was deferred.

White House Callers.

SENATORS. Bradley, Ky.

CONGRESSMEN. Loud, Mich. Wilder, Mass. Hawley, Ore, Morgan, Okla. Moon, Pa.