

ALL HOPE FOR MISSING IS ABANDONED

Ocean Disaster is Unparalleled

Biggest Ship Went Down With Frightful Loss of Life—866 Passengers Saved—Over 2,200 Aboard—Vessel and Cargo Loss

Telegram by United Press.

New York, April 16.—Hope for the safety of the passengers on the Titanic other than those reported from the Carpathia, which is enroute here, was practically abandoned this afternoon. According to the latest reports 866 were rescued, chiefly women and children.

Lord Pierle, designer of the Titanic, was among the saved. Officials of the White Star line admitted that there was practically no hope for the 1492 still missing. That all would have had a chance for safety if there had been rafts enough in the general belief among navigators.

The Titanic carried but twenty-two large life boats and they were filled with women and children. Among the most prominent of the missing are John Jacob Astor, Major Butte, Benjamin Guggenheim, Jacques Futrell, William T. Stead, F. D. Millet and Henry B. Harris.

The steamer with the survivors will reach here late Thursday or early Friday. The attitude early today and yesterday of line officials evidently withholding information is bitterly resented by the public.

Telegram by United Press.

Montreal, April 16.—The last ray of hope that more passengers of the Titanic might have been saved was shattered when Capt. Campbell of the Virginian reported to agents here that his rescue trip was fruitless.

"We arrived too late to rescue anyone," said Capt. Campbell, "and we are proceeding to Liverpool."

This is accepted here as meaning that the only persons saved are the 866 rescued by the Carpathia.

The cable wireless station reports that the steamer Parisian has none aboard.

Wild Scenes of Grief.

Telegram by United Press.

New York, April 16.—A crowd of men and women in tears, jammed the offices of the White Star line today. So dense was the throng in the building and streets that police reserves were called. They handled the crowd as gently as possible. Women were hysterical. It was a typical case when City Magistrate Cornell was told that Mrs. Cornell's name was not in the list of survivors and the strong man collapsed.

Mrs. Benjamin Guggenheim, whose millionaire husband is missing, cried, "For God's sake, do something; don't let expense count; hire steamboats and rush to the scene," but money was futile in face of the disaster.

Gloom at White House.

Telegram by United Press.

Washington, April 16.—Gloom prevailed at the White House today as a result of the Titanic disaster. President Taft tried to get "just a word" concerning Major Butte, his military aid, who is missing, and is feared to be a victim.

Reference was made to the disaster in the prayer of Chaplain Couden of the house today. Steamers for foreign ports put their flags at half mast.

Telegram by United Press.

Charleston Navy Yard, Wireless Station, Mass., April 16.—Six hundred and fifty persons, mostly women and children, on board the liner Carpathia, are the only ones saved from the Titanic. The others went down with the ship and wreckage. Other rescue ships fail to find any more of the Titanic's passengers.

This Marconi message, relayed by at least two ships, which caught it, some distance north of Cape Cod, was sent to the wireless station here and was picked up by the operator shortly before 6 o'clock this morning.

The message was perfectly clear, according to the wireless operator, Kemper, and was twice repeated. It is thought to have come from an authoritative source, though it was unsigned.

White Star Director Saved.

Telegram by United Press.

Cape Race, April 16.—About the only well known man whose name is contained in the list of survivors picked up by the local wireless station was Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star line.

Efforts to communicate with the Carpathia failed. The Olympia refuses to reply to urgent appeals for details concerning those lost.

Report 866 Saved.

Telegram by United Press.

New York, April 16.—The latest news at the steamship offices was that the Carpathia had 866 survivors aboard. All the Titanic's boats had seemingly been accounted for. The company didn't believe there was any chance of the missing having been saved.

Virginia May Have More.

Telegram by United Press.

Boston, Mass., April 16.—The local office of the White Star line received a wireless message saying the Virginia is headed for port St. Johns. As she is a mail steamer it is believed that she must have survivors aboard, if it is true that she turned back. Every effort is being made to speak to her.

Ship and Cargo Total Loss.

Telegram by United Press.

London, April 16.—The Titanic and her cargo, which included five million dollars worth of diamonds, will be a total loss. "The sinking was in mid-ocean and at the depth which prevails there, it absolutely precludes any hope of salvage," said Capt. Parton, manager of the line.

Believe Notables Lost.

Telegram by United Press.

New York, April 16.—The steamship offices received a wireless from the Carpathia this morning saying that Mrs. John Jacob Astor and her maid were among the survivors aboard.

Privately the officials said they feared that the Astors and all the noted men aboard went down. They couldn't figure any way they might have escaped, though they informed Vincent Astor that they "hoped soon to tell him that his father was safe."

An Early Message.

Telegram by United Press.

New York, April 16.—The text of the message from the steamer Olympic reporting the sinking of the Titanic and the rescue of 675 survivors which reached here late last night, also expressed the opinion that 1800 lives were lost.

"Loss likely to total 1800 souls," the dispatch said in its concluding sentence.

It is hoped and believed here that this is an error, unless the Titanic had more passengers on board than was reported. The list as given out showed 1310 passengers and crew of 860, or 2170 persons in all. Deducting 675, the known saved, would indicate a loss of 1495 persons.

The Olympic's dispatch follows: "Carpathia reached Titanic's position at daybreak. Found boats and wreckage only. Titanic sank about 2:30 a. m., in 41:16 N., 51:14 W. All her boats accounted for, containing about 675 souls saved; crew and passengers included. Nearly all saved women and children. Leyland liner Californian remained and searching exact position of disaster. Loss likely to total 1800 souls."

When the Ship Went Down

Telegram by United Press.

Cape Race April 16.—Unparalleled scenes accompanied the foundering of the Titanic and it was marked by intense suffering and great heroism, according to the few disjointed fragmentary messages which have been picked up by wireless operators.

It was a night black with terror. Sunday had been cloudy and foggy, but the Titanic held steadily in her course. Precautions were taken against accident, but it seemed necessary to make considerable headway to keep the vessel manageable.

Many passengers undoubtedly were in bed at the time of the smash. They hurried on deck in scant attire. Signals by burned rockets and sent by wireless were snapped for help while the seamen prepared the boats. When the boats appeared the order "Women and children first" was unnecessary, as the men stood aside while their wives and sisters, with last kisses on their lips, were marshalled to their places as the Titanic sank lower momentarily.

It must have been apparent at the outset that there was little hope for the majority. The boats containing the women and children were rowed far away so as not to be sucked under when the ship went down, and they probably didn't see the final plunge which carried away many of the flower of American and British manhood to their graves.

The Carpathia is hurrying to New York, which is believed to indicate that many of the women are in a serious condition from the shock and exposure.

Where is Happened.

The Titanic's accident happened in latitude 41.46 north, longitude 50.14 west. This point is about 1150 miles east of New York city and 450 miles south of Cape Race, New Foundland 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 about 300 miles away and started at once for the scene.

News of the sinking of the liner and the loss of life in consequence came early last evening with all the greater shock because hope had been buoyed up all day by reports that the steamship, although badly damaged, was not in a sinking condition and that all her passengers had been safely taken off. The messages were mostly unofficial, however, and none came directly from the liner, so that a lurking fear remained of possible bad news to come.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night there came flashing over the wires from Cape Race, within 100 miles of which the liner had struck the iceberg, word that at 2:20 o'clock Monday morning three hours and fifty-five minutes after receiving her death blow, the Titanic had sunk. The news came from the steamer Carpathia, relayed by the White Star liner Olympic.

Losses Enormous.

Telegram by United Press.

London, April 16.—Whether the underwriters will be able to meet the obligations caused by the Titanic disaster will not be known for several days. The losses are staggering, the greatest in the history of marine insurance.

In addition to the vessel and cargo, there were big registered mail shipments of thousands in precious jewels. Consignment of diamonds aboard are estimated at from two to five million dollars.

The underwriters will have to pay enormous damages. One woman alone is known to have been carrying jewels valued at six hundred thousand dollars. The vessel and furnishings represented at least nine million dollars.

Ship Cost \$10,000,000.

London, April 16.—A member of a leading firm of marine underwriters, when informed of the disaster to the Titanic said:

"Even if the Titanic reaches port her owners will have to calculate on the 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.

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.

It is generally understood the Titanic carried diamonds of the estimated value of \$5,000,000, consigned to dealers. She also took a large amount of bonds. She was insured in Lloyd's for \$5,000,000.

MAY FILE A PROTEST

Oklahoma City, April 16.—It is probable that a protest will be filed early this week against the Akin initiative measure, but the nature of the grounds on which the protest will be based has not been made public. Attorney Orville T. Smith, who represented the board of agriculture in the protest against the first Campbell Russell petition, and Senator Reuben Rodde of Ada examined the list of signatures Monday at the office of the secretary of state. Ten days from date of filing are allowed for protests.

WORTHY FAMILY WAS ASSISTED

The Christian Sunday school contest resulted in one good thing, even if the final results did go to El Reno. While the ladies of the church were canvassing the town for new pupils in the home department they found a case of destitution in the Frisco addition, a family homeless, foodless, bedless, sick and hungry.

The family had been in the city only a few days and were unwilling to apply to the city for charity. They came in overland and in a family difficulty were left here without funds of any kind. The husband was ill and the three-month-old baby was almost without clothes. The case was reported to the church and the family supplied with the necessities. At the meeting of the Young Ladies' Circle yesterday afternoon the young women made clothes for the baby. The husband of the family has been given work and the family has been assisted in every way during the past week.

HAS CHANCE FOR SECOND PLACE



Gov. R. P. Ross of New Hampshire is one of the prominent Progressive Republicans and has been urged by New Englanders as available for second place on the ticket with Theodore Roosevelt if the latter is nominated.

BUILDING LARGE CEMENT PLANT

The Ames plaster and cement plant, located three miles west of Rush Springs, will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 when completed and the company will employ between seventy-five and one hundred men.

The company has erected the plant for the manufacture of cement-plaster and it is estimated that there is enough natural material in that immediate section to keep the plant in operation more than a century.

The company located the plant last September and it was here that the man was killed last week while working on the roof of the building. The plant will be completed in a few weeks.

Dress Rehearsal for the Folk Dances

Thursday the dress rehearsal of the children in the folk dances that are to be given at the Charity ball will be held. There are forty-two children in the dances and the principal steps of the folk dances of northern Europe will be given. Miss Wheeler has been training the children since February. Only one American dance is to be given and this will be the "American Beauty" and will be given by Miss Joy Ringer. Mrs. F. E. Riddle has charge of the decorations and will begin the work of making the hall one of the attractive places of the city at once. Mrs. H. A. Coley is chairman of the refreshment committee and the refreshments will be served from the stage.

Literary Societies in Contest for the Cup

As the end of the term approaches in the Girls' college much interest is being manifest in the two literary societies. The programs each week are improving and the attendance is exceptionally good. The end of the term decides which of the two organizations is entitled to the cup that was presented to the college early in the term by the members of the faculty.

The points in the contest are recorded each week. They are, attendance, deportment, preparation and rendering of the program and the judges are present each week from the faculty committee. At the end of the term the points will be added up and the cup given to the society that made the best record during the year. The Leann society will meet Wednesday afternoon and the Utopia society Thursday.

CONCERNING RURAL CARRIERS.

Postmaster J. W. Kayser received notice of a new ruling from the department today regarding the rural carriers appointments. Hereafter the three highest men on the eligible list in Grady county will be the names considered in the appointment of men to any vacancies that may come up in the county postoffice. The list now includes the name of a man from Tuttle, one from Minco and one from Chickasha.

THIRTEEN COUNTIES DELUGED

Louisiana Now Feels the Force of the Disastrous Flood

New Orleans, April 16.—Parts of the thirteen parishes in northeastern Louisiana are feeling a deluge unparalleled in the history of disastrous floods of the lower Mississippi valley. Numerous small towns in East Carroll and Madison parishes already are wiped out, vast stretches of valley lands are covered by from six to twenty feet of water and a wall of the devastating flood waters twenty feet high and more than a mile in width is rushing through the great Dog Tail crevasse near Abbeville, La.

Already thousands are homeless and destitute. What will be the toll when the waters from the Panthers Forest and Red Fork crevasses in Arkansas join their forces with the sea of water pouring through the Dog Tail breach no one can say. Parts of thirteen Louisiana parishes and two Arkansas counties will be under water and a conservative estimate is that the homeless in that territory will total at least 50,000, maybe 75,000.

No human agency can check the rushing waters before they have reached the Red River, which means that a large percent of a territory 160 miles in length and from eight to sixty-five miles in breadth will be inundated.

No further breaks occurred in the levees of the Mississippi Monday but at many points the flood waters already have exceeded the previous record stage and the United States engineers and state levee boards from Vicksburg south are working desperately against great odds.

To add to the alarming situation a variable cloudburst in the Tennessee basin Monday gave forth from four to six inches of rain in the brief space of ten hours. High winds accompanied the rain and made more difficult the work of rescue in the overflowed district and the almost hopeless efforts of some to save their few remaining chattels.

Relief work is centered at Vicksburg where already hundreds of homeless and destitute people from the flooded Louisiana territory are quartered. Gov. Brewer of Mississippi has sent tents and supplies there for the unfortunate and Gov. Sanders of Louisiana ordered tents and bedding sent to the Mississippi city.

METHODIST TEACHERS' MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the teachers of the Sunday school board of the Methodist church at the home of A. E. McKenzie tonight. All teachers are requested and invited to be present.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight, fair and colder;
probably frost; Wednesday,
fair.

Co. Athletic and Spelling Contests

The county spelling contest, track and field meet and the county basketball finals will be held at Chickasha Friday and Saturday April 19 and 20.

The spelling contest will, in all probability, have thirteen boys and girls enter, one from each of the twelve reading circles and one from Chickasha city schools. This promises to be a long, hard contest, because it is composed of the thirteen best spellers in Grady county schools. The medals for the spelling contestants were furnished by Lubman of Chickasha and may be seen in his window. The contest will begin at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

It is quite evident that several basketball teams will be present as contestants for the large silver cups offered the Grady county champions, and it will be necessary to have county preliminaries for both girls and boys Friday evening, April 19, immediately after the spelling contest. The cups were provided by the county superintendent and will be the property of the county, but will be held for the

year by the best team of girls and the best team of boys in Grady county. Whether or not the county preliminaries are necessary, the finals will be played at the Chickasha high school at 5:30 Saturday morning.

The Grady county track and field meet will be held at the University park at 1:30 Saturday afternoon. Several teams will be present from different parts of the county to contest for a large loving cup that has been provided for the winning team and is now on display at Owsley's jewelry store. The cups will be contested for each year. Plateau's jewelry firm of Chickasha will present the best all around athlete a beautiful gold medal.

The sack race, three-legged race, wheelbarrow race, blindfolded and climbing greased pole are free for all to enter. Liberal rewards will be offered the winners. Every boy must furnish his own sack or wheelbarrow. A good lively time is expected during these contests. Next year the oratorical and general literary contest will take a prominent place.