

### U.S. Population

## WORLD'S WORST MARINE DISASTER

Mammoth Steamship Titanic Goes Down in Ice

**SURVIVORS ARE MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

**Were Picked Up From Lifeboat**

While the fate of the majority of the 2,100 persons on board the mammoth White Star liner Titanic, which sank early yesterday off the Newfoundland

the shape of a wireless message from the White Star liner Olympic, one of the vessels hovering near the scene of the disaster, sending the welcome news that 856 of the Titanic's passengers

First reports were that the Carpathia had saved but 675 persons. The new figures reduced the list of those for whose fate fear was felt by more than 200 and, as seems probable, practically all those saved were passengers.

After the first despatches came of the Titanic for help had been sent flying through space and brought steamers for hundreds of miles around speeding to the rescue, what seems to have been an impenetrable wall of silence was raised between her and the

Other than the early news last evening that 655 persons, largely women and children, had been rescued from the liner's boats by the Canadian Carpathia, more than six hours of the

were on board her at the time of the fatal collision. Along the entire Atlantic coast wireless antennas were attuned to catch from any source the slightest glimmering of hope that possibly on board one of the many

In the light of the probabilities, may be recorded as the world's greatest marine horror, came the slightest syllable of encouragement to the anxiously waiting world until news of the addition of more than 200 to the number.

Early last night there was hope that any moment might bring word of relief. But anxiety deepened and many friends and relatives of those who sailed on the Titanic began to

either of the Allan lines, Parisian or Virginian, believed to be, with the exception of the Carpathia, the vessels nearest the Titanic when she made her fateful plunge.

As the Titanic sank before 3 o'clock

**London Underwriter Says Titanic Hull Is Valued at \$5,000,000.**

The steamer *Virginian* was finally heard from at 3:15 o'clock this morning. She did not report the presence of any survivors on board, the message from her saying only that she

survivors of the Titanic as she "is rescued." The fact that the Virginian was to go out of her course to put into St. Johns on her voyage to Liverpool was taken as a favorable indication, arousing the hope that after all she would be rescued and saved.

**The Titanic herself** lies buried two miles beneath the ocean's surface, midway between Sable Island and Cape Race. Her position when she struck the iceberg was given as latitude 41° 43' N. and longitude 50° 14' W.

The calculation was made by an official of the government marine department, who finds that depth on the sounding chart at a point about 500 miles from Halifax and about 75 miles south.

It seems to be established that there were about 2,400 persons on the lost liner. This was the estimate of the

Accepting this earliest estimate of the fatality as accurate, the disaster is the greatest in the modern history

steamer Atlantic in 1873, when 574 lives were lost, and that of La Bourgogne, in 1898, with a list of fatalities of 571. Should it prove that other liners, notably the Allan liners Parisian and Virginian, known to have been in

News of the sinking of the liner and the consequent loss of life reached New York early last evening and caused much excitement.

Waterbury.—On account of the continued ill health of Charles Backus, assistant treasurer of the

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night

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