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## 1,800 PERISH WHEN THE WHITE STAR LINER TITANIC GOES DOWN

World's Greatest Steamship Valued at \$10,000,000 Collides With Iceberg at Sea and Sinks to the Bottom of the Ocean—Only 670 Women and Children Are Saved in Life Boats—Colonel John Jacob Astor Torn From His Bride and Goes to Watery Grave—White Star Officials Confirm the Story Told By the Wireless.

### UNABLE TO GET LIST OF THE SURVIVORS

Scenes Around the White Star Office in New York Are Pitiful—One Ocean Steamer Turned Back From Her Course But Arrived Too Late to Render Assistance—Cargo of Ill-Fated Steamer Worth More Than a Million—Was On Her Maiden Trip—Captain Smith Distinguished Himself For Bravery—New York Gets Confirmation of the Wreck From Marconi Station and Halifax—At First Reported That Passengers and Crew Had Been Transferred to Other Liners—World's Most Horrible Sea Disaster.

New York, April 16.—(1 A. M.)—It is now reported by wireless from Cape Race that 1,800 were taken in the sinking of the Titanic, which from now on will be known as the greatest disaster of modern times. The greatest liner, up to 24 hours ago bearing the proud title of the largest vessel afloat, is tonight at the bottom of the Atlantic with all of her crew and 1,000 of her passengers.

#### Report Confirmed By Marconi.

Marconi Station, April 15.—At midnight tonight wireless messages picked up by this station state positively that 1,800 lives were lost in the sinking of the Titanic.

#### Halifax Also Confirms It.

Halifax, April 15.—A wireless message received here at 10:52 o'clock tonight from one of the vessels which went to the aid of the Titanic state that the loss of life on the Titanic will reach 1,800 people.

#### No List of Survivors In Yet.

New York, April 15.—At 11 o'clock tonight Vice President Franklin issued the following statement at the White Star Line offices:

"We have received absolutely no definite news within the last few hours. The Virginia and the Persia were not due alongside the Titanic until 10 A. M. There is no rule of the sea, but it is customary in cases of this kind for the women to be saved first, even the women in the steerage would be taken up before the men passengers of the first and second cabin. This, however, does not apply to the women employees of the boat.

"I am certain that if anyone went down with the ship Captain Smith was the man. We have no definite news of any single survivor. We have marooned in every possible direction in an effort to obtain a list of the survivors. The Carpathia will arrive at this port late Thursday night or early Friday morning."

#### Greatest Catastrophe in Marine History.

New York, April 15.—The White Star Titanic, the world's greatest steamship, has gone down some five hundred miles off Cape Race with 670 of her 1,300 passengers and her full crew of 860 on board.

That the greatest catastrophe in marine history has occurred to a vessel of their line is admitted late to-night by the officials of the White Star Steamship Company in New York. The liner Carpathia, the first vessel to come within sight of the Titanic, rescued all of the Titanic's life boats in which were 670 persons, most of them women and children. Many women and children, however, have perished.

Early reports stated that all of the passengers and the crew of the Titanic had been taken off by the Allen liner Virginia and the Carpathia, but wireless messages received here tonight discredit those reports in every detail.

#### Saw Liner Afloat.

That the sinking of the Titanic was witnessed from the bridge of the Carpathia, which was leading the Persia and the Virginia to the rescue, is believed here tonight. That the vessel was seen through the glasses of the Carpathia's captain to be afloat, is regarded as a source of the early encouraging reports.

No hope is held out at the offices of the White Star Line that any man on board has survived to tell the story of the final sinking, although some of the women in the boats may have witnessed the sinking. Only by a miracle, it is pointed out, could any person who stood by the ship escape the great vessel's powerful suction as she sank to the bottom.

The Titanic carried the most notable list of passengers ever borne across the Atlantic by one vessel. Tonight's dispatches state that the Titanic went down at 2:20 o'clock this morning. The delay in the transmission of the news is attributed to the fact that all dispatches have been subjected to difficult delays.

#### Head-On Crash.

The collision of the Titanic with an iceberg is now known to have been a head-on crash that occurred while the liner was proceeding at little less than half her best speed. She was a day ahead of her schedule and it is considered probable that an attempt to make a record breaking voyage was the hope of her crew when she entered the ice field.

Her forward plates were completely wrecked, a gaping wound opening below her water line and letting the water into her forward compartments.

In the meantime the life boats were manned and into them were placed as many of the women and children as they could hold. These boats were put off while there was yet some hope of holding the Titanic afloat until her wireless messages could summons help.

#### John Jacob Astor Drowns.

Later and more comprehensive messages tell of great bravery on the part of the men passengers. There was a minimum of disorder. John Jacob Astor, who with his bride, were returning from their honeymoon abroad, saw his bride placed in a lifeboat and safely away. Colonel Astor was drowned.

The work of getting the life boats away, the work of allaying the fears of the great crowd of passengers as much as possible, the work of keeping the pumps in operation and engines throbbing, those tasks and countless others, were directed by Captain Smith, the commander of the Titanic and before her advent the commander of the Olympic, who displayed the almost super-human power of mind and body as the world's most horrible sea disaster crowned his long and honorable service on the high seas.

A wireless message from the Virginia states that the occupants of the small boats which she picked up have been transferred to the Carpathia, which proceeded to New York.

The Titanic struck the iceberg at 1:25 Sunday morning and foundered at 2:20 this morning. At daybreak the Carpathia arrived on the scene and her passengers and crew beheld only the small boats with their precious human cargoes and a dismal scene of wreckage.

#### A Palace on Water.

New York, April 15.—The new White Star Liner, "Titanic," the largest steamer in the world, was due to arrive in New York Monday or Tuesday from Southampton and Cherbourg. She was a sister ship to the "Olympic" but larger even than that vessel. The great liner carried 356 first class passengers on this trip. Her full passenger capacity was 3,000—600 in the saloon, 500 in the second cabin, and 1,900 in the steerage.

The "Titanic" like the "Olympic" possessed the great length of 882 feet 6 inches and a beam of 92 feet 6 inches.

Over the boat deck, the "Titanic's" beam spanned 94 feet even, from sail to sail.

Fifteen watertight bulkheads divided the great vessel, making her unsinkable. It was thought, even though half of her compartments should be filled with water. Eleven steel locks added to the "Titanic's" sturdiness, while an idea of the vast promenading space may best be had when it is noted that the main promenade deck along had an unbroken sweep of 570 feet on either side of the ship.

Beside the main dining saloon, which had a seating capacity for nearly 600 passengers, there was an a la carte restaurant, French service, which seated 200 passengers, a Parisian cafe and a Palm Room.

The size of the staterooms was also one of the remarkable features of the new glaucous. Varying from 8 feet to 9 feet, 6 inches in height, they were all roomy. Some of the 2-berth cabins were 17 by 10 feet, 6 inches in size. There were no 4-berth rooms, but a great number of single-berth rooms, 8 1/2 by 10 1/2 feet having been provided.

A great swimming pool, squash racket court, gymnasium and the Turkish baths were all closely together on a lower deck, from which elevators carried passengers to the various upper decks.

Three screws propelled by turbine and reciprocating engines, furnished the motive power of the vessel.

#### Olympic Arrived Too Late.

The collision occurred 1,150 miles east of New York and 450 miles south of Cape Race, the most westerly point off New Foundland. Contrary to early dispatches there was no storm when the vessel struck. The weather was clear and the sea calm.

Almost as soon as the Virginia picked up the distress signal it was recorded by the operator on the Olympic, the Titanic's sister, and next to her the largest vessel afloat. This was at midnight. At that hour the Olympic was 200 miles from New York en route to Southampton. The Olympic forged ahead under full steam but tonight wireless dispatches indicate that she reached the scene too late to be of any assistance.

The Baltic, famous for her rescue of the passengers of the Steamer Republic and for her Jack Binns, who sat aloft and braved death to summons help, was the next ship to pick up the relief story of the Titanic's plight. She was on her way from New York to Liverpool, but turned about and put on full speed before the Titanic's position.

The Parisian, according to her messages, reached the Titanic shortly after the Baltic.

#### 670 Women and Children Saved.

A wireless message from Captain Haddock tonight confirms the fears of the White Star Line officials that all but the 670 women and children, who escaped in the small boats from the

ten million dollar steamship, had perished. A part of the message was withheld, but enough was divulged to the newspapers to make certain the appalling extent of the catastrophe.

Not until Captain Haddock flashed "Horrible disaster, all but 670 lost" did the White Star officials believe that the mightiest ship ever launched had gone down on her maiden voyage. The scene at the White Star Line office tonight was pitiful. Brought to a realization of the wreck—the complete destruction of the fruit of dreams, gray haired men, many of them veteran seamen, wept.

#### Loss of Life Enormous.

Wireless Station Camperdown, N. S., April 15.—Messages flashing through here late tonight indicate that the passengers in the life boats from the Titanic had thrilling experiences.

Huge quantities of field ice covered the ocean and the boat steers had to guide their craft with the greatest of care. In some cases the ice was so heavy that the boats could not force their way through it and as a result many of them became widely separated.

Many of the passengers in the life boats were scantily clad, having been hurried from their berths in the dead of the night and ordered into the boats. The loss of life is believed here to be enormous.

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### WHY ARE THEY WORN?

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### FLOOD SITUATION IS IMPROVING

WORST IS OVER IN ST. FRANCIS BASIN AND ENGINEERS ARE MORE HOPEFUL.

#### WEATHER FAVORABLE

Mississippi Rising Again At St. Louis But No Fears Are Entertained Because Of It.

Memphis, April 15.—Improvements all along the line is the outlook today in the flooded regions. The worst is over in the St. Francis basin and if the levees at Carruthersville, Osceola, Bartlett or Luxora should break it would affect only about 25 per cent of the territory of the basin, as the remainder is already under water or the breaks at Point Pleasant, Wilson, St. Clair and Wynoke have joined and the back country is now a single sheet of flooded water. The fight at Luxora and Osceola is still proceeding, but with a falling of the river and a dry weather today, the hopes of the engineers rose. More sacks are needed, however, and they will be sent out today.

On the lower river, the breaks in the Texas system have completely relieved the other levees. Thousands of square miles are under, but only two drownings are reported. They were negroes, near the Panther Forest crevasse.

The Mississippi river is rising at St. Louis again, the rise in the Missouri river reaching that point. Another rise follows in the Missouri, and Upper Mississippi and the Illinois are climbing, but it is not believed that the water will reach Cairo in time to affect the situation in the St. Francis Levee District.

#### Redford Levee Safe.

Col. Gus Waterman, of Dumas, Desha county, who is spending a few days in the city and who has been prominently identified with levee districts in Southeast Arkansas for many years, says that the report that the Redford levee had given way several days ago is incorrect. He says at last reports the levee was holding well and had been strengthened in many places sufficiently to make the residents behind it easy and confident that it would not give way. There have been no breaks in either the Desha or the Redford Levee Districts said Colonel Waterman.

"The situation, however, in Southeast Arkansas," said Colonel Waterman is anything but encouraging at this time. Water is everywhere and the loss of live stock has been tremendous. The back water that is giving so much trouble in South Arkansas comes from the two mile gap, which if closed would join Arkansas and Mississippi river levees. Watson and all towns around it are under water and hundred of acres of fine farm lands are inundated. North of the Arkansas river the flood waters are from the crevasse in the levee at Laconia, Ark. There is no water in Dumas as yet, but the back water has come within a mile of us.

"The government engineers have been doing magnificent work in South Arkansas, not only by aiding in holding the levees, but in caring for refugees and aiding others who are inconvenienced by the flood. The railroads have also been doing fine work in aiding in the levee improvement plans."

McGehee High and Dry  
Mayor G. B. Ewing of McGehee, has written the Graphic correcting a statement made recently that that town was under water or was threatened with an invasion of the flood waters. He says McGehee is "near-

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er troubled from dust than from high water," and adds that the town is too high to imagine any danger from the flood. His letter follows:

"The nearest water from the flooded district is six miles from McGehee the fact of the matter is that we are nearer troubled from dust than from high water. McGehee is the 'Pike's Peak' of Southeast Arkansas. The elevation of McGehee was given by U. S. Government is fourteen feet above Arkansas City and Lake Village and eight feet above Dermott.

"I wish that you would be kind enough in tomorrow's issue to correct this statement and give it just as much display as you have the statement that we are under water for we have friends and relatives who will see this and will cause a great deal of unnecessary uneasiness. Also it is very damaging to the town."

#### Free Homes For Refugees.

T. Pearce, the local real estate man invites the refugees from the flooded Southeastern Arkansas districts to come to Pine Bluff and offers to furnish them with free homes until they are able to return to their homes. He says he has several houses empty, where refugees can be made comfortable. Mr. Pearce will donate the rent to any who might wish to take advantage of his offer. He says he can accommodate about six families or thirty or thirty-five people.

### CARPENTERS AND CONTRACTORS DISAGREE

Seventeen of Them Employed On New Hotel Building Are At Odds With Contractors Over Time They Should Labor.

Seventeen carpenters, employed by Contractors Monk and Ritchie on the New Pine Bluff Hotel building at Fifth avenue and Main streets, are out because of a disagreement between the members of the Carpenters' Union and the contractors. At a meeting last night the carpenters were sustained in their contention and unless Monk and Ritchie yield to their demands this morning it may be necessary for them to employ non union men to continue their work on the new building.

According to the carpenters they agreed on February 1 to work ten hours a day instead of the usual eight hours for eight weeks. This concession was made by the carpenters to aid the contractors in their efforts to complete the job in a certain time. The bad weather of recent months has retarded the work on the hotel and for this reason the concession was made, they say. The eight week agreement expired Saturday night and the carpenters did not go to work until 8 o'clock yesterday morning. When they arrived for work Monk and Ritchie refused to permit them to enter upon their work unless they agreed to continue to work ten hours a day. The contractors say that the carpenter work on the building is so far behind the concrete work that eight hour a day labor on the part of the carpenters at this time will not be sufficient.

A committee representing the carpenters will call on Monk and Ritchie this morning and ascertain if the eight hour day will be acceptable to them. If it is not they will not go to work. Mr. Monk stated last night that if the carpenters do not agree to the ten hour day he will be forced to employ non-union men.

#### A. N. BLOOM IS THE NEW CATERER

At the annual meeting of the members of the Bluff City Club, held Sunday night at their parlors, new officers were elected for the ensuing year and A. N. Bloom was elected caterer to succeed the late Charles Deutsch. Mr. Bloom will assume charge of the affairs of the Club immediately. The new officers are Charles Levi, president; Harold Blumenthal, vice president; Ben Weil, treasurer and Roy Hanf, secretary. The trustees are Morris Schwartz, M. Gettleb and Sam Katzenstein.

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### TO HEAR MOTION FOR DISSOLUTION

ATTORNEYS FOR FREE BRIDGE COMMISSION TO APPEAR BEFORE JUDGE ELLIOTT.

#### IS ONLY TEMPORARY

Collier Is Given Notice of Hearing—Bridge Attorneys Confident of Victory.

Attorneys Coleman and Gank and Danaher and Danaher, counsel for the Jefferson County Bridge Commission, will file a motion in the Jefferson chancery court next Monday morning at 9 o'clock to dissolve the temporary injunction granted to T. H. Collier by Judge Grace recently, restraining the Bridge Commissioners from holding a meeting for the purpose of considering the petitions for and against the creation of the Free Bridge District or for the purpose of a certain and declaring whether or not said petitions are signed by a majority either in value, in acreage or in number of the landowners in the district as provided in the special act authorizing the district.

The temporary injunction was issued by Judge Grace at the instance of T. H. Collier, of the Taxpayers' Protective Association which is opposing the Free Bridge. The application for the injunction was asked of Judge Grace in the circuit court during the absence of Judge J. M. Elliott, the chancellor who was holding a term of court at DeVall's Bluff at the time. Judge Grace specified in the injunction that it should remain in force until it was set aside, revoked or modified by the Jefferson chancery court.

Judge Elliott has agreed to hear the motion of the Free Bridge Commission counsel on Monday and T. H. Collier has been served with notice that it will be heard on that day. The attorneys for the Commission are confident that the injunction will be dissolved.

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