

More Than Twelve Hundred Persons Go Down To Death When
Titanic, Mistress of White Star Line, Sinks Beneath Waves

MEETING TO BE
WELL ATTENDED

Hotels Filling With Political
Advance Guard

ALL TO BE HARMONIOUS

Democratic Convention Will Be
Free of Factionalism

SENATOR JOHNSTON HERE

Second Choice Men Work for Position
in Delegate Election, But Under-
wood Supporters Will
Be Largely in
Majority

If the crowd which assembled Mon-
day night in the lobby of the Ex-
change Hotel is to be taken as an in-
dication, the State Democratic Con-
vention, which meets Wednesday at
noon will be one of the most largely
attended political gatherings ever
assembled in Alabama. Two days in
advance of the meeting the hotel lob-
bies were thronged and the hotels
were full.

According to the gossip of the mem-
bers of the advance guard the con-
vention will be harmonious, because a
majority of the convention will be for
Oscar Underwood for President and
without a second choice. It was also
indicated that the convention would
not permit any division by the drag-
ging in of State and personal issues
in Alabama politics. Of course, it is
expected that there will be men in the
convention who will want to de-
clare for local option or who will want
to declare for prohibition. There
will be other men who will want this
leader punished for his political
sins. But the convention as a
whole will be in favor of keeping out
all factionalism and of devoting itself
solely to the selection of a leader
capable of making the fight for
Oscar Underwood at Balti-
more.

Johnson and Clayton Arrive.
Conspicuous among the ap-
privals for the convention were United
States Senator Joseph F. Johnston and
Congressman Henry D. Clayton, Chair-
man of the Judiciary Committee of the
House, who will be temporary
siding officer of the convention. Con-
gressman Clayton was hurried away
to the situation which Senator John-
ston, however, spent some time in the
lobby of the Exchange Hotel, moving
around among the crowd. Notwith-
standing his lines from the "grippe,"
during the winter, Senator Johnston
appeared in excellent health.

To his friends he talked freely of
the political situation. He thinks
Taft will be nominated by the Republi-
cans, in spite of the recent report by
Roosevelt in vouching delegates. The
Republican members of Congress seem
to think that Taft will win the nom-
ination. They also think that Taft
would be a harder man to beat than
Roosevelt. Senator Johnston agrees
with this view. He also thinks that the
Democratic nomination would have
more trouble in defeating Taft than
defeating Roosevelt. He believes that
if Underwood is nominated he will be
elected over any Republican.

Chairman E. K. Campbell of the Un-
derwood Campaign Committee was an
early arrival and he predicted a har-
monious convention. "When the dele-
gates get here you will find that they
regard their instructions seriously,"
said Mr. Campbell. "Their only in-
struction is to vote for Oscar Under-
wood and to do all in their power to
advance the interests of Oscar Under-
wood. It will be found that the dele-
gates get here that they are here
with a single purpose of helping
Underwood's candidacy. There are
probably a few self-seekers and leaders
who think they are going to lead the
fight and that fight, but the delegates
to the convention know what instruc-
tions they received from the people
and they are going to carry out those
instructions."

It was reported in the hotel lobby
that Congressman Richmond Pearson
Hobson would campaign for Underwood
to become a candidate for delegate from
the Sixth Congressional District, but
he did not reach the city Monday night
and it is not known that he will come
or that he will be a candidate to the
convention from his district.

It is expected that the con-
vention will have an overwhelming
majority of out and out Underwood
men. Still there will be a number of
second choice men jockeying for a po-
sition and trying to secure the election
of delegates who will favor their sec-
ond choice in the national convention.
Again, there will be men who will
want to punish the State Committee
because it did not act according to
their way of thinking, and men who
will be for and against every promi-
nent political leader in the State. But
according to indications the men who
believe the convention should solely
devote itself to the interests of Oscar
Underwood will be largely in the ma-
jority.

Among the crowd Monday night was
a large advance attendance of the
members of the State Democratic Com-
mittee, including Secretary John
F. Abbott of the committee, who met
with Chairman Goodwyn to make the
preliminary arrangements for the
meeting of the committee Tuesday, in
the Council Chamber in the City Hall.
Opposition to Certain Officers.
Former Congressman Jesse Stallings
is said to have framed up a resolu-
tion to put before the convention, to
keep officers out of the national
convention. There is opposition to
certain officers getting in on the
delegation, but many consider it doubt-
ful that a resolution aimed at this
can pass the convention. It is sup-
posed to be aimed at Governor O'Neal
and Senator Bankhead.

The introduction of such a resolu-
tion would bring on a lively fight be-
tween opposing factions, and in case
it should carry would break when the
that have already been set. Should
such a resolution go through, both
Senator John H. Bankhead and Gov-
ernor O'Neal would be stripped of



RELATIONS ARE AT
A CRITICAL POINT

Wilson's Warning Note to
Mexico Significant

SIMILAR TO CUBAN EDICT

Will the United States Invade
The Republic?

TURBULENCE IS GROWING

Conditions in States of Michoacan,
Puebla and Morelos Daily Be-
coming Worse—Serious Dis-
turbance in And Around
Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Al-
though there was a conspicuous
revival of intervention talk
throughout the national capital
today as a result of this govern-
ment's warning to Mexico de-
manding more respectful treat-
ment of Americans and their in-
terests, Acting Secretary Wilson,
of the State Department, refer-
enced that nothing was "more re-
spectful" than American intervention
in Mexico.

State Department officials ex-
pected to hear tomorrow how the
communications setting forth the
American attitude were received
by the Mexican government and
the revolutionary leader.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Relations
between Mexico and the United States,
it is believed here today, have been
brought to a critical point by the
State Department's forceful note to
the contending factions in the south-
ern republic, warning them against
any mistreatment of Americans.

Conditions in Mexico seem to be
growing worse hourly.
It is still hoped by administration
officials, however, that Saturday's
note will have a sobering effect upon
the passions of the struggling fac-
tions. This hope leads to reassurances
from official quarters today that there
will be no intervention.

The next step must be taken by
Mexicans, either through the rebel
leader, Orozco, or by President Ma-
dero, from whom some kind of an an-
swer to the State Department's rep-
resentations surely will be forthcom-
ing.

Titantic Disaster Recalls Other Great
Mishaps in Marine History of World

NEW YORK, April 15.—Among the
important marine disasters recorded
are:
1864—January 11, Steamer London,
on her way to Melbourne, foundered in
the Bay of Biscay; 220 lives lost.
1867—October 25, Royal mail steam-
ers Rhone and Wye and about fifty
other vessels driven ashore and
wrecked at St. Thomas, West Indies,
by a hurricane; about 1,000 lives lost.
1873—January 22, British steamer
Northfleet sunk in collision off Dun-
gannon; 200 lives lost.
1873—November 23, White Star liner
Atlantic wrecked off Nova Scotia; 547
lives lost.
1874—December 6, emigrant vessel
Caspatic took fire and sank off Auck-
land; 476 lives lost.
1878—March 24, British training ship
Urydice, a frigate, foundered near the
Isle of Wight; 300 lives lost.
1878—September 3, British iron
steamer Princess Alice, sank in colli-
sion in the Thames River; 700 lives lost.
1878—December 18, French steamer
Byzantin sunk in collision with the
British steamer Rinaldo in the Dar-
danelles; 210 lives lost.
1880—January 31, British training
ship Atlanta left Bermuda with 290
men and was never heard from.
1882—January 23, steamer Kapunda
in collision with bark Ada Melior off
coast of Brazil; 300 lives lost.
1887—November 15, British steamer
Wah Young caught fire between Can-
ton and Hong Kong; 400 lives lost.
1890—February 17, British steamer
Duburg wrecked in the China Sea; 400
lives lost.
1890—September 19, Turkish frigate
Erzogruf foundered off Japan; 540 lives
lost.
1891—March 17, Anchor liner Utopia
in collision with British ship Anson,
off Gibraltar, and sunk; 574 lives lost.
1892—January 13, steamer Namchow
wrecked in China Sea; 414 lives lost.
1894—June 25, steamer Norge wreck-

ed on Rockfall reef in the North At-
lantic; 500 lives lost.
1899—January 28, Gerat Elbe sunk in
collision with British steamer Grathie
in North Sea; 335 lives lost.
1905—March 11, Spanish cruiser
Reina Regenta, foundered in the At-
lantic at entrance to Mediterranean;
400 lives lost.
1905—February 15, United States
battleship Maine blown up in Havana
harbor; 260 lives lost.
1905—July 4, French line steamer
La Bourgoigne in collision with British
sailing vessel Cromartyshire; 571 lives
lost.
1906—June 13, General Klocum, ex-
cursion steamer, took fire going
through Hell Gate, East River; more
than 1,000 lives lost.
1906—January 17, Brazilian battle-
ship Aquidaban sunk near Rio Janeiro
by an explosion of the powder maga-
zine; 212 lives lost.
1906—August 4, Italian emigrant
ship Siro, struck a rock off Cape
Palos; 350 lives lost.
1907—July 20, American steamers
Columbia and San Pedro collided on
the California coast; 100 lives lost.
1907—March 23, Japanese steamer
Mutsu Maru sunk in collision near Ha-
kodate; 300 lives lost.
1908—April 30, Japanese training
cruiser Matsushima sunk off the Pe-
ducadores owing to an explosion; 200
lives lost.
1909—January 24, collision between
the Italian steamer Florida and the
White Star liner Republic about 170
miles east of New York during a fog.
A large number of lives were saved by
the arrival of the steamer Baltic which
received the wireless distress signal
sent out by the Republic operator;
January 25 the Republic sank while
being towed; six lives lost.
1909—August 1, British steamer
Waratah from Sidney via Port Natal
for London last heard from leaving
Port Natal on July 26; 300 lives lost.
1911—September 15, French battle-
ship Liberté sunk by explosion in Tou-
lon harbor; 233 lives lost.

PITCHED BATTLE ON
STREETS OF MUSKOGEE

Cattle Men Renew Old Feud—
Two Rich Stockholders
Fatally Shot

MUSKOGEE, OK., April 15.—Jack
Davis shot and probably fatally wound-
ed Jesse Maxwell and Leonard McCul-
lough here today in the resumption of
a feud between cattle men and farm-
ers that already has cost half a dozen
lives. Davis is a wealthy cattle man.
McCullough and Maxwell are farmers.
In today's battle, which was fought
in the heart of town, rifles and pistols
were used. Davis was arrested. The
farmers are in a hospital.

JUDGE WARMS UP

Justice Erlanger Says H. C. Pierce
Will Have To Pay.

NEW YORK, April 15.—"If Mr.
Pierce does not think enough of \$177,-
000 to appear in court or send some
kind of an affidavit to open the judg-
ment against him, then I don't care
either, and he will be compelled to
pay the money," so said Justice
Erlanger in the Supreme Court today
when counsel for Henry Clay Pierce,
the oil magnate asked the Justice to
open the case in which Mrs. Alice G.
Rycroft obtained a judgment for \$177,-
000 against him on the ground that
Pierce had converted securities of
hers to that amount.
Justice Erlanger was angered when
told that Pierce had not even submit-
ted an affidavit asking that the case
be opened. "One hundred and seventy
seven thousand dollars, your honor, is
only a flea-bite to this man Pierce,"
said counsel for Mrs. Rycroft.
"Then he'll have to pay," said the
court. "Why, if I had a judgment
against me for \$177,000 I'd turn white
over night." Both sides were told to
submit affidavits.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN
REVOLUTION CONVE

President Taft Makes Address
of Welcome—Preliminary
Reports Made

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Addresses
of welcome and preliminary reports
made up the program of the first day
of the twenty-first annual convention
of the Daughters of the American
Revolution, which opened a week's
session here today. No President-
elect was chosen. The organization is to
elect its president for the year, although
President-general will be chosen.
With Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, Presi-
dent-general, in the chair, the morn-
ing session was occupied by reports
of credentials and program commit-
tees. President Taft was the feature
of the afternoon program with an ad-
dress of welcome, followed by a num-
ber of other similar greetings. Mrs.
Scott gave a reception tonight to the
visiting daughters at Memorial Con-
vention Hall, the home of the society.
President Taft told the Daughters
of the American Revolution that the
time had come "to take down the
copies of the constitution and of our
history of the growth of our institu-
tions embodied in our govern-
mental structure."

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eastern Louisiana are facing a deluge
unparalleled in the history of disas-
trous floods of the lower Mississippi
valley. Numerous small towns in
East Carroll and Madison parishes al-
ready 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 Alsatis, La.
Already thousands are homeless and
destitute. What can be done to help
the waters from the Panther Forest
and Red Fork crevasses in Arkansas
join their destructive 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 wa-
ter and a conservative estimate is that
the homeless in that territory will to-
tal at least 50,000 and may be 75,000.
No human agency can check the
rushing waters before they have
reached the Red River, which means
that the rain and made more difficult
the work of rescue in the overflowed
district and the almost hopeless ef-
forts of some to save their few re-
maining chattels.
Relief work is centered at Vicks-
burg, Miss., where already hundreds
of homeless and destitute people from
the flooded Louisiana territory are
quartered.

No further break occurred in the
levees of the Mississippi yesterday but
at many points the flood waters al-
ready have exceeded the previous re-
cord stage and the United States en-
gineers and State Levee Boards from
Vicksburg south are working desper-
ately against great odds.
To add to the already alarming sit-
uation, a veritable cloudburst in the
Tensas basin of North Louisiana yester-
day gave forth from four to six
inches of rainfall in the brief space
of ten hours. High winds accompa-
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SYNOPSIS OF WRECK SITUATION.

The Carpathia reached the Titanic at daybreak. Found boats
and wreckage only. Titanic sank about 2:30 a. m. in 41°14 north,
50°14 west. All her boats accounted for containing about 866 souls.
O saved crew and passengers included. Nearly all saved women and
O children. Leyland liner Californian remained and searching exact
O position of disaster. Loss, likely to total 1,200 souls.

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MAMMOTH GREYHOUND OF SEAS,
BOUND ON HER MAIDEN TRIP
GOES TO LAST RESTING PLACE

Magnificent Vessel Founders Within
Four Hours After Crashing Into
Great Submerged Block of Ice--
Nearly 900 Passengers and Mem-
bers of Crew Rescued by Steamer
Carpathia

Accepting Early Estimates of Fatality
List as Accurate, Disaster Is Great-
est in Marine History of the World
--Scores of Notables Were Making
Voyage--Monetary Loss Exceeds
\$18,000,000

While the fate of the majority of
2,100 or more persons on board the
mammoth White Star liner Titanic,
which sank early yesterday on the
Newfoundland banks after a collision
with an iceberg, still remains in
doubt, it is feared more than 1,200
persons were lost. A note, so good
cheer came from the ocean ways by
wireless between 1 and 2 o'clock this
Tuesday morning.

It was in the shape of a wireless
message from the White Star liner
Olympic, one of the vessels hovering
near the scene of the disaster,
flashing the news that 866 of the
Titanic's passengers, mostly women
and children were being brought to
port by the Cunarder Carpathia.
Other messages later brought con-
firmatory tidings.

First reports were that the
Carpathia had saved but 675 persons.
The new figures reduced the list of
whose fate fear was left by near 200
and if as seems probable, practically
all those saved were passengers. It
would appear that all but approxi-
mately 450 of the vessels passengers
are accounted for. A partial list of
the survivors received from the
Carpathia includes the names of many
women of prominence who were on
the steamer.

Wall of Silence Raised.
After the first desperate calls
for the Titanic for help had been sent
flying through space and brought
steamers for hundreds of miles around
speeding to the scene, what seems to
have been an impenetrable wall of
silence was raised between her and
the anxious world. The giant liner,
so far as last night's advices ap-
pear, went to her fate without so
much as a whisper of what must have
been the scenes of terrible tragedy
enacted on her decks.

In the lack of even a line from a
survivor, imagination pauses before
even trying to conjecture what passed
as the inevitable became known,
and it was seen that of the more than
2,000 human lives with which she was
freighted there could be hope of sav-
ing, as it appears, far less than a
half.

Other than the news last evening
that 866 persons, mostly women and
children, had been rescued, from the
liner's boats by the Cunarder Garpathal
several hours passed without a word
as to the fate of the remainder of
those on board at the time of the
frightful crash. Along the entire
Atlantic coast wireless instruments
were tuned to catch from any source
the slightest whisper of hope that
possibly might come from one of the
many steamships which rushed to the
assistance of the stricken Titanic of
the seas. But from none of the ships
reported to be at or near the scene
of what, viewed in the light of prob-
abilities, may be recorded, as the
world's greatest marine horror, came
the slightest syllable of encourage-
ment to the anxiously waiting world.

Anxiety Deepens.
Early last night there was hope that
any moment might bring word of
cheer. But anxiety deepened and
many friends and relatives of those
who sailed on the Titanic began to
despair as hour after hour passed and
the night grew old without word from
either of the Allan liners, Parisian or
Virginian, believed to be, with the ex-
ception of the Carpathia, the vessels
nearest the Titanic's ocean burial
place when she made her plunge.

As the Titanic sank before 3 o'clock

Partial List of Rescued.
CAPE RACE, N. F., April 15.—Follow-
ing is a partial list of the first
claim passengers who were rescued
from the Titanic: Mrs. Rose Abbot, Miss G. M.
Burns, Miss D. D. Casseboro,
Mrs. Wm. M. Clarke, Mrs. B. Chibi-
nan, Miss E. G. Croasble, Miss H. E.
Croasble, Miss Jean Hippach, Mrs.
Henry B. Harris, (wireless version
Mrs. L. Y. B. Harris), Mrs. Alex Hal-
varson, Miss Margaret Hayes, Mr.
Bruce Ismay, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kim-
brey, Mr. F. A. Kenyan, Miss Emile
Kenchen, Miss G. F. Longley, Miss A.
F. Leader, Miss Bertha Lavory, Mrs.
Ernest Lee, Mrs. Susan F. Rogerson,
Miss Emily B. Rogerson, Mrs. Arthur
Rogerson, Master Allison and nurse,
Miss K. T. Andrews, Miss Ninette Pan-
hart, Miss E. W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs.
D. Bishop, Miss Mary Cline, Mr. and
Mrs. Singrid Lindstrom, Mr. Gustav J.
Lesueur, Mrs. Georgietta Amadill,
Madame Melicard, Mrs. Tucker and
maid, Mrs. J. R. Thayer, Mr. J. B.
Thayer, Jr., Mr. H. Woolmer, Miss
Anna Ward, Mr. Rich M. William, Jr.,
J. Steward White, Miss Marie Young,
Mrs. Thomas Potter, Jr., Mrs. Edna S.
Roberts, Mr. H. Blank, Miss A. Bas-
sina, Mrs. James Baxter, Mr. Geo.
Bayton, Miss C. Bonnell, Mrs. J. M.
Brown, Miss G. C. Bowen, Mr. and
Mrs. R. B. Beckwith, Countess of
Rathes, Mr. C. R. Almane, Mrs. Jacob
P. (second miss).

The foregoing list was received by
wireless at Cape Race station from
the steamer Carpathia. In spelling
and initials it does not correspond
with the list as called from London
today. Mistakes were due to the hur-
ried wireless transmission and delays.