

## ENGINEER TELLS OF MURDER OF WOMAN NEAR GLENDIVE

### FOUND WOMAN IN FRONT YARD OF HER HOME

Rosebud Posse Makes Quick  
Work of Running Down  
Young Murderer

Woman Killed Because She  
Discovered Hoesner's  
Attempt to Rob

When Caught He Had Stolen  
Rifle and Said He Was  
Hunting Wolves

Special to The Tribune.

GLENDIVE, Mont., April 17.—  
Engineer Frank Regan of this  
city, who was the first to discover  
and report the murder of Mrs.  
William Merrill of Joppa, Mont.,  
and whose expeditious handling  
of the situation was very largely  
responsible for the speedy capture  
of the man, Frank Hoesner,  
who is alleged to be the man  
guilty of this foul crime, tells a  
very graphic story of the occurrence  
at Joppa after his engine  
pulled onto the siding at that  
point.

Boy Gives First Alarm.

"About 4:55 in the afternoon," said  
Mr. Regan, "we pulled in at Joppa to  
take water, as we often do. We had  
cut off the engine and run up to the  
water tank, and I had the oil can in  
my hand ready to step down, when a  
young lad about 15 years of age—  
breathless, terror-stricken, crying pit-  
eously—climbed upon the gangway  
and said: 'My mother has been murdered.' This boy is the only child of  
the Merrills.

"I could hardly believe what he  
said, and I asked him if he were sure  
it was true. He said 'Yes,' and then  
pointed out the murderer, who was  
just then disappearing over the top  
of the divide, riding rapidly to the  
southward. He was then about a half  
mile from the house, and was astride  
a horse he had taken from the Mer-  
rill ranch.

**Body Found in Front Yard.**  
"The home of the Merrills is a small  
log shack of three rooms, about 250  
feet from the water tank. I called  
Fireman C. W. Carter and Brakeman  
H. M. Houser, and we went with the  
boy to the house. Mrs. Merrill was  
lying about four feet from the yard  
gate, flat upon her back. Life was en-  
tirely extinct. An ugly wound in her  
right breast told the story of her  
fate at the hands of a cowardly  
murderer, and I feel certain that if  
the men who first apprehended Hoes-  
ner, and who had gone out on the hunt  
direct from Rosebud, had first seen  
the body of that unfortunate woman  
as we saw it, Rosebud county would  
have been saved the expense of a mur-  
der trial in this case.

"Subsequent examination seems to  
prove that the wound in the breast  
was the point where the bullet that  
caused death came out, and that she  
was in reality shot from behind.

"Our first intention was to start  
after the murderer at once, and I  
asked the boy if they had any guns  
or horses about the place. He said  
they had a rifle and a shotgun, but  
nothing in the shape of horseflesh ex-  
cept a colt. Since the man we wanted  
was fleeing on horseback, we knew  
it was useless to attempt to follow  
him on foot.

"That young lad, in spite of his ter-  
rible experience, showed great pluck.  
He told us he himself would have  
gone in pursuit of his mother's slayer  
if he had only been able to mount a  
horse. And he himself also came very  
near losing his life. If our train had  
not pulled in just when it did, I am  
convinced that there would have been  
a double murder—of mother and son  
—to chronicle; and the boy himself  
thinks the same thing.

**Heard His Mother Scream.**  
"He was on his way home from  
school and was within about 150 yards  
of the house when he heard a shot  
and also heard his mother scream.  
He broke into a run for the house,  
and then met Hoesner, who was es-  
caping on the horse. The man reached  
for his six-shooter when he saw the  
boy, and the latter, realizing his dan-  
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ADVENTUROUS GIRL HAS  
RETURNED

MINOT, April 17.—Miss Ruth  
Maletrom, a 17-year-old girl who  
mysteriously disappeared on the  
night of April 6, returned to Mi-  
not today from Devils Lake,  
where she was located by Alex  
Scarlett, president of the Minot  
humane society. Miss Maletrom  
walked from Minot to Granville,  
25 miles in the middle of the  
night and said that she made the  
trip merely for an adventure.

## SURVIVORS WILL BE RUSHED TO WASHINGTON

Congress Will Immediately  
Commence Investigation  
of the Ocean Horror

Survivors of the Titanic Will  
Give Chief Testimony Be-  
fore Committees

Disaster Has Aroused Con-  
gress for More Safety  
for Ocean Travel

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The sur-  
vivors of the Titanic disaster will be  
summoned to Washington to tell the  
committees of congress the facts con-  
cerning the inability of the steamship  
officials to save the lives of all the  
passengers on the giant liner.

Representative Alexander of Mis-  
souri, chairman of the house commit-  
tee on merchant marine and fisheries,  
announced today an investigation  
in which the surviving passengers will  
give the chief testimony.  
A sweeping resolution for an in-  
quiry into the Titanic disaster was  
presented in the senate today by Sen-  
ator Smith of Michigan, who asked  
for immediate recognition.  
The resolution would authorize and  
direct the committee on commerce,  
or sub committee thereof, to investi-  
gate the causes leading to the wreck  
of the White Star liner, with its at-  
tendant loss of life, and empowering  
investigators to summon witnesses,  
with the view to legislation as may  
be necessary to prevent as far as  
possible, any repetition of such a dis-  
aster.

The senate resolution for the Ti-  
tanic investigation was favorably re-  
ported by the senate committee on  
commerce, and was immediately  
brought up in the senate.  
As a supplement to the congression-  
al investigation, the scope of which  
has not yet been fully determined,  
Secretary Nagel of the department of  
commerce and labor, will take up at  
once with President Taft the entire  
subject of safeguarding ocean travel  
by more stringent American shipping  
regulations. The disaster has aroused  
congress, President Taft and his cabi-  
net to urgent need for immediate  
measures of safety for oceanic travel.

## VISITORS REMAIN FOR FLOWER BATTLE

Convention Delegates Remain  
for Big Flower Festival

Special to The Tribune.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 17.—  
Nearly four hundred delegates from  
various state councils of the Modern  
Order of Practitioners have been in San  
Antonio attending a two day session  
of the annual state convention which  
always precedes the meeting of the  
supreme council and is numerically  
much greater. It's business deals  
with the conduct of the organization  
and recommendations are made by it  
to the supreme council. Counting  
delegates and nondelegates and mem-  
bers of their families here with them,  
not less than one thousand visitors  
were brought to San Antonio for the  
convention and many of them re-  
mained over for the Fiesta San Jacinto  
and Battle of Flowers the fol-  
lowing week.

## PARLIAMENT TO INVESTIGATE CAUSE OF WRECK

All Aboard Titanic Did Not  
Have Chance To Save  
Their Lives

Mansion House Fund Opened  
for Relief of Families  
of the Crew

Pet Idea of Lord Pirris in  
Steamship Construction  
Blamed for Disaster

By Associated Press.

LONDON, April 17.—While travel-  
ers generally understood the fact that  
the great liners do not carry enough  
boats to accommodate all passengers  
and the crew, to the general public  
the news that all on board the Titanic  
did not have a chance of saving their  
lives, came as a surprise, and there  
is likely to be considerable agitation  
in and out of parliament on the sub-  
ject.

The lord mayor of London today  
opened the Mansion house fund for  
the relief of families of the crew of  
the Titanic, and of others left in  
needy circumstances as a consequence  
of the disaster.

A memorial for the victims will be  
held in St. Paul's cathedral April 19,  
and much indignation was expressed  
in connection with the publication of  
a telegram that stated the Titanic was  
in tow of the Virginia, just after the  
news of the accident was received.  
Col. Charles E. Yate, a member of  
parliament for Leicestershire, will  
ask the president of the board of  
trade in the house of commons if his  
attention has been drawn to the pu-  
lication of these telegrams and  
whether their origin could be traced.  
The electrical control of bulkheads  
installed in the Titanic is coming in  
for much criticism. It is stated here  
they were the pet idea of Lord Pirris,  
who insists on introducing them in  
ships built at Belfast, despite the  
condemnation of many well known  
contractors who pin their faith to hy-  
draulic power far more reliable. These  
contractors point out that even a  
small mishap was liable to render  
their installation useless.

## TAFT APPOINTS WOMAN AS CHIEF OF BUREAU

Julia Lathrop of Chicago Is  
First Woman to Head to  
Become Chief

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Julia C.  
Lathrop of Chicago, associate to Jane  
Addams in work at the Hull House,  
as a member of the Illinois Board of  
Charity, and a graduate and a trustee  
of Vassar college, was today ap-  
pointed by President Taft as chief of  
the new children's bureau, department  
of commerce and labor. Miss Lathrop  
was the first woman to be made bu-  
reau chief under the government.

## LAND VALUES ARE INCREASING

Southern Property Values  
Keep Constantly Advancing

Special to The Tribune.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 17.—  
According to the annual report of the  
state comptroller of public affairs,  
now in press, Bexar county property  
had a valuation of \$97,088,591, an in-  
crease of \$14,753,755 or 17.9 per cent  
over the previous year. The county  
tax is thirty-cents, as it was the pre-  
ceding year. The average value of  
land is \$19.06 an acre, an increase  
of \$3.84 an acre, or 24.4 per cent  
over 1910. But the bulk of the gain  
is shown by the increased valuation  
of city property, which is \$311,913-  
830, a gain of 20.2 per cent. The  
value of the country lands was fixed  
at \$56,668,730. The remainder is re-  
presented by personal property of all  
kinds in city and country.  
The total value of real and personal  
property in Texas is \$2,515,632,745, an  
increase of \$2,515,632,745, an  
increase over 1910.

SENATOR BAILEY OF  
TEXAS THREATENED  
WITH TYPHOID FEVER



By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, April 17.—Senator  
J. W. Bailey of Texas, is ill and  
threatened with walking typhoid fever.  
He sent word to his colleagues  
that his condition was so much worse  
as to prevent his participation in the  
senate's consideration of tariff meas-  
ures and asked that they proceed  
without him.

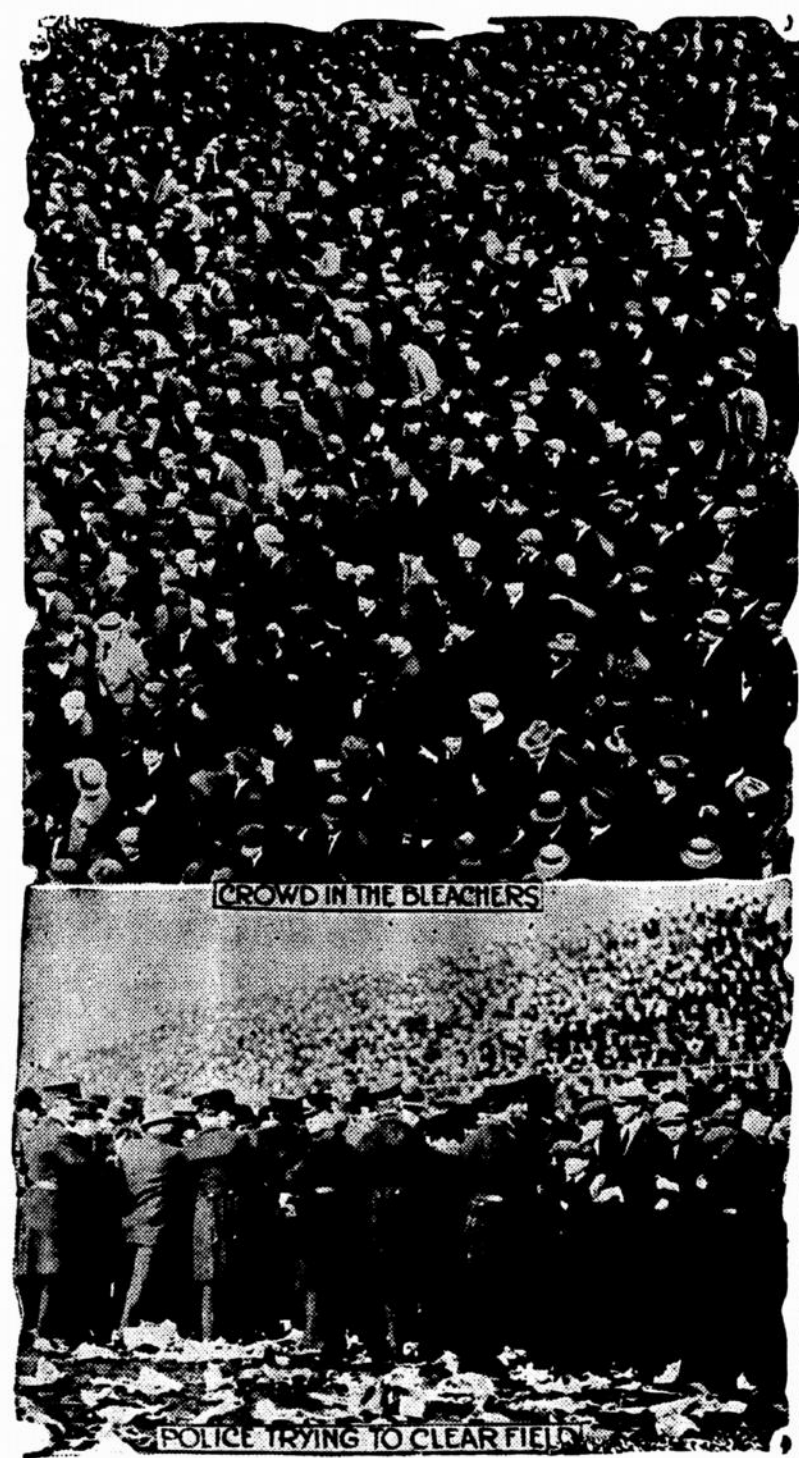
## IN MEMORY OF THE GREAT SEA FIGHTER

Statue of John Paul Jones  
Unveiled in Potomac  
Park

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The un-  
veiling of the statue of John Paul  
Jones here today in Potomac park  
brought to a close the movement be-  
gun several years ago to provide some  
memorial of the great naval hero.  
It was started with a waive of public  
interest by the discovery in France,  
and the removal to America of the  
remains of the sea fighter.

RIOTOUS SCENES AT OPENING OF BASEBALL SEASON  
—50,000 FANS ARE ANGRY AFTER FARCICAL GAME—



## CARPATHIA NEAR NEW YORK WITH SURVIVORS OF TITANIC

ANOTHER BIRDMAN KILLED

VERSAILLES, France, April  
17.—John Vorrept, a well known  
Belgian airman, was killed to-  
day while making a flight here.  
His monoplane collapsed at a  
height of 600 feet.

## TERRIFIC STORM AT NEW ORLEANS

People Killed and Buildings  
are Demolished Through  
South Louisiana

Windstorm Was Accompanied  
by Cloudburst and Crops  
are Damaged

By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, April 17.—Several  
persons were killed and a large  
amount of property damaged in sev-  
eral south Louisiana towns during the  
night by electric, rain and wind storm.  
In the early crop district north of  
New Orleans, the damage was the  
heaviest, it is estimated.

The windstorm of the tornado  
swept the town of Ponchatoula, north  
of New Orleans. A church, the public  
hall, the mill and several residences,  
are wrecked, and hallstones shattered  
windows. Trees were prostrated and  
many persons were hurt by them as  
they fell. The strawberry crop suf-  
fered.

Several houses were blown down at  
Goodbee. Charles Miles was killed  
when his house tumbled about him.  
In the country about Plaquemine,  
west of New Orleans, the wind was  
accompanied by a cloudburst and  
much damage was done.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMING NOW FROM CARPATHIA

WOMEN ON CARPATHIA

NEW YORK, April 17.—"All  
women saved, are on board the  
Carpathia." This wireless was  
received from Mrs. Caroline  
Donnell, one of the Titanic's pas-  
sengers now bound for New York  
on the Carpathia. The message  
came to H. W. Bonnell, of  
Youngstown, Ohio, her brother  
now stopping at the Waldorf-  
Astoria.

## SNOW STORM IN NEBRASKA

Rough Weather Causes Col.  
Roosevelt to Change His  
Plan for Speeches Today

Will However Wind Up a Doz-  
en Speeches in That  
State at Omaha

By Associated Press.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 17.—I was  
snowing when Colonel Roosevelt be-  
gan his Nebraska campaign today.  
He reached Hastings early and at 9  
o'clock made the first speech. Owing  
to the biting cold the plan for out-  
door meeting was abandoned, and the  
Colonel went to the opera house. He  
re-stated his position in the campaign  
which, he said, he was making to ob-  
tain general rule by the people and  
asked for their support at the coming  
primaries.  
The Colonel left Hastings by a  
special train to carry out the pro-  
gram for the day, which calls for a  
dozen speeches, the one being last set  
for Omaha tonight.

## NORTH DAKOTA POSTAL SAVINGS

The Hundred Postal Saving  
Banks Have \$22,000  
Deposited

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Accord-  
ing to a statement of the postoffice  
department today, on January 31 there  
were 100 postal savings depositories  
in operation in North Dakota with de-  
posits aggregating \$22,000.

This amount was deposited by over  
400 individuals or an average of \$55  
per depositor. Since the opening of  
the depositories in the state there  
have been 500 accounts and more  
than 1,200 deposits made.  
There have been about 50 withdraw-  
als or one to every two depositors.  
North Dakota ranks forty-sixth in the  
number of accounts remaining open  
January 31, and forty-fifth in the total  
amount remaining on deposit. The  
average amount to the credit of each  
depositor is slightly lower in the state  
than for the United States in general.

PROMINENT BANKER DEAD

ABERCROMBIE, N. D., April 17.—  
A. K. Tyeto died in a chair at his  
home here shortly after noon. Cause  
of death was heart exhaustion brought  
on by stomach trouble with which he  
had been suffering for some time.

He was president of the First Na-  
tional bank of Abercrombie and was  
interested in a number of other banks  
in North Dakota. He was 53 years  
of age and is survived by his wife and  
seven daughters and a son.  
He had been at the bank just be-  
fore noon.

## RELIEVE STEAMER STARTS TODAY FROM HALIFAX

Scout Cruisers Leave New  
York To Meet Carpathia  
on Its Way to Port

Reports From Ship Containing  
Survivors Add to the List  
of Those Lost

Number of Passengers on  
Board Was Even Greater  
Than First Reported

DEATH LIST OF 2,000

NEW YORK, April 17.—Cam-  
perdown wireless station at Hal-  
ifax sent the Associated Press the  
following dispatch:  
"We are now in communi-  
cation with the Carpathia and are  
in a position to announce un-  
officially that the Titanic struck  
an enormous iceberg and sank. Over  
2,000 were lost. There are  
only seven hundred survivors,  
mostly women, on the Carpathia.  
Attention of the Camperdown  
station at once called the appar-  
ent error in figures, which would  
give total lost and survived at  
2,700, whereas the total of pas-  
sengers and crew was given at  
about 2,200. Reply to this in-  
quiry, the following further ex-  
planation was received at Hal-  
ifax:  
"Marconi station reports noth-  
ing authentic regarding the loss  
known from aboard the Carpathia,  
ia, but steamer Franconia, in re-  
laying a message from Carpathia,  
says the total number saved was  
only 710. The list is missing on  
board the Gunader, and only a  
rough estimate is given of her  
passenger list.  
Probably there were more  
than 2,200 on the ship, as quite  
a number boarded her at Cher-  
bourg."

STRAINING FOR DETAILS  
The Cunarder Carpathia, bear-  
ing 868 survivors of the sunken  
White Star liner Titanic, was less  
than 600 miles from New York  
harbor at noon today, and word  
was eagerly awaited that would  
shed further light on the catastro-  
phe of Sunday night which cost  
1,312 lives.

Sable island was in brief com-  
munication with the rescue ship  
for a time this morning, but no  
additional names of the survivors  
could be obtained.  
The wireless stations along  
Newfoundland coast are straining  
to get in communication with the  
vessel this afternoon, and the  
scout cruiser Salem was some-  
where off Nantucket for the pur-  
pose of relaying ashore, through  
sister cruiser Chester, some con-  
nected account of the disaster.

In New York the White Star  
line offices received a brief wire-  
less dispatch saying the Carpa-  
thia was 596 miles from the har-  
bor entrance. This should bring  
her into port either late Thursday,  
or early Friday.  
At Halifax the cable ship  
Mackay Bennett has been fitted  
out to go to the scene of the dis-  
aster. Coffins, ice and embalming  
materials are being loaded aboard  
in the hope that many bodies may  
be picked up near the scene of the  
wreck.

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