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## 868 SURVIVORS OF THE TITANIC

New York, April 17--It is now definitely known that fully 1350 persons were drowned when the Titanic went down. Among those lost are some of the most prominent figures of the world. The list includes John Jacob Astor, Major Archibald Butt, William T. Stead, Benjamin Guggenheim, Isadore Strause, Henry Harris, the famous theatrical manager, Col. Washington Robeling, who built the famous Brooklyn bridge, and scores of others prominent in business and official life. Mrs. Astor is safe on the Carpathia, having been placed in a lifeboat by her husband who then stepped back to make room for a woman.

New York, April 17--Only fragments of news are received from the scene of the wreck of the Titanic of the White Star line. The news received affords little solace beyond the fact that it is more definite. It was the steamer Carpathia which reached the scene of the wreck first, instead of the Olympic as reported. A wireless message from the steamer last night reports she has 868 survivors on board and would reach New York on Thursday. The steamer patrolled the

### Steamer Struck Iceberg at 3 O'Clock In the Morning and Sank In Three Hours Carrying 1350 People To Watery Graves Rescue Steamer Found Only Wreckage and Icebergs---Mrs. Astor Saved.

### AMERICA AND BRITAIN IN MOURNING FOR MANY PROMINENT DEAD

sea for miles around the place where the wreck occurred. When at the wreck she found only pieces of wreckage amid fields of icebergs. It was thought some of the passengers might have escaped to the bergs, but none were found.

A wireless from the Carpathia states that the Titanic struck the berg at 3 o'clock in the morning. She was traveling at full speed and struck with such terrific

force that the forward half of the bottom was crushed like an egg shell.

The compartments in the stern of the steamer kept the vessel afloat for three hours after the accident. The officers of the steamer reported that the ship was doomed but that help was within reach as the distress signals had been answered.

The women and children were gathered into the lifeboats and

rafts easily, the men maintaining good order. The lifeboats, filled to their capacity, and manned by capable officers, were ordered to pull away from the wreck when it became apparent that the steamer was fast sinking and might draw them down with it. When daylight came all that was visible of the Titanic was a few pieces of wreckage. The lifeboats kept close together but had difficulty in keeping clear of the

immense bergs.

London, April 17--The White Star steamship office, to which the ill-fated Titanic belonged, is besieged by hundreds of anxious people. It has been necessary to employ policemen to keep back the crowds who are waiting news of friends who sailed on the steamer.

Boston, April 17--This city is in mourning for the many promi-

nent persons who were aboard the Titanic. Many of the most prominent citizens of Boston were among the drowned.

New York, April 17--Bruce Ismay, vice president of the company operating the Titanic, says he believes the wireless companies are bottling up the news received. He says he has been unable to get a list of the survivors. This is the explanation offered to the thousands of anxious people who are demanding information.

New York, April 17--The magnitude of the wreck of the Titanic has stunned the world. This city is in mourning with flags at half mast in honor of those who were drowned. Thousands of people are arriving in the city to meet the steamer bringing the survivors in the hope of meeting their relatives and friends.

London, April 17--The London Times deplores the terrible loss of life on the Titanic and says that it is evidenced that the men who were drowned acquitted themselves as heroes. The dispatches tell of women and children being saved while the men remained on the doomed ship.

### CABLESHIP MINA CAME TOO LATE

Found Only Icebergs and a Few Pieces of Wreckage at the Scene

Halifax, April 17--The cableship Mina, which sailed for the scene of the Titanic wreck, has reported by wireless that she could find no survivors.

The Mina found immense fields of icebergs with a small amount of wreckage strewn around.

Two sisters, under the charge of Mother Superior Helena, arrived on the Alameda to take charge of the new convent school here. They were accompanied from Cordova by Father Van der Pol.

Mrs. Geiger, wife of superintendent Geiger, of the Copper River railroad, accompanied by Mrs. Baird, were passengers on the Alameda, for a round trip to Seward and back.

### PRESIDENT TAFT GRIEF STRICKEN

Is Anxiously Awaiting News That Major Butt is Among The Saved

Washington, April 17--President Taft is anxiously awaiting news of Major Archibald Butt, his military aid. The latest wireless message received states that Major Butt was among those who went down with the Titanic when she plunged to the bottom.

The following persons are registered at the Copper block: M. J. Sullivan, O. A. Tucker, H. W. Lathrop, representing M. M. Sells & Co., J. A. Mahern, representing J. A. Folger & Co., F. Scully, representing Pacific Drug Co., J. Miller, of Slate creek.

### WOULD TAKE CABLE AND FEDERAL OFFICES

Having little to commend itself to its own inhabitants or the public at large, the town of Cordova is continually reaching out for the things possessed by more prosperous communities, depending largely on the big vested interests to feather the local nest at the expense of other communities. The latest move of Cordova is to take away not only our cable station but the headquarters of the department of justice stationed here.

Through the aid of the Guggenheim influences they have had

FEDERAL OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING SPACE REQUIRED--MEANING OF THE GUGGENHEIM INTERESTS MADE PLAIN

a bill introduced in congress appropriating \$100,000 for the construction of a federal building in the tide flat city in which it is expected to house the cable office, custom house, court and other officials of the department of justice.

To this end the department in Washington have communicated

with the marshal's office here to inform them how much floor space each department would require. No doubt this information is being sought with a view of determining the extent and sort of building required to meet the demands of all the officers now assigned to this division. It is proposed to erect the proposed

building on the hill side adjoining the Windsor hotel on Second avenue. It is up to Valdez to see that Cordova gets no more than she is justly entitled to and that wont include the cable office or the headquarters of the Third judicial division.

Special Agent Atwell, of the Interior department, who has been examining coal lands in the Bering field, is in Cordova reporting to the department of justice on the location of a proposed federal building, for which congress is to be asked to make an appropriation.

### ALL UNITED FOR CUSHMAN

Tacoma Ledger Tells of Judge Cushman's Appointment.

The Tacoma Ledger received on the Alameda contains an account of the appointment of Judge Cushman to the Federal bench for the Western District of Washington. The appointment came largely as the result of home opposition to the local candidates while all factions were ready to center upon Judge Cushman.

#### LOCAL ITEMS.

"Big Tim" Sullivan is in the city from Cordova.

Mrs. Chas. Sanberg and son returned from Seattle on the Alameda.

George W. Baldwin will be a passenger on the Mariposa for this place.

Judge Tucker, U. S. Commissioner at Cordova, is in the city on legal business.

George Busch, traveling auditor of Wells Fargo & Co., has gone to the westward to check up office accounts at Seward, Knick, and Seldovia.

### JENNINGS TELLS CORDOVA SHACKLEFORD IS INSINCERE

GOOD CROWD ATTENDED HIS MEETING LAST NIGHT IN RAILROAD TOWN AND HE MADE A VOTE GETTING SPEECH, --AT CHITINA ON THURSDAY

Cordova, April 17--Robert W. Jennings, the Democratic candidate held a meeting here last night and had a good attendance. He was well received and made favorable impression. His speech made votes for him.

Jennings declared that the Shackleford republican platform on home rule was insincere, as

it demands a form of government which Alaska did not want and congress would not grant. The democratic platform sincerely demands all that Alaska needs and he believed the democratic administration which was coming into power would give Alaskans the right of American citizens to make their own laws.

#### A. B. BALL SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY.

At a meeting of the A. B.'s last night the accounts of their last ball were gone over when it was found that the order had come out even in their expenses. They feel highly gratified inasmuch as the dance was not given with any idea of profit.

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will take place tonight. Considerable business of importance will be brought before that body, as well as matters upon which immediate action will have to be taken.

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#### DISTRICT ATTY. CROSSLEY ARRIVED ON ALAMEDA

A. J. Crossley, district attorney for the Fourth judicial division of Alaska, arrived in Valdez on the Alameda and is registered at the Southern. Mr. Crossley comes here to represent the prosecution in the Fairbanks bank cases. He reports a pleasant trip across country, but lack of snow on a great portion of the trail.

George W. Richardson, formerly with the Alaska-Reynolds Development Co., who went to the Belgian Congo, is on his way back to New York, having received the sad news of the death of his mother.

### BOAT HELD UP ON THE FLATS

Party Had Long Time to Wait For Turn Of Tide At Shoups Bay.

A party consisting of M. M. Reese, Tod. Dale, Patsy Hogan, John McMillan, and William Soule, bound for the Mayfield properties on the launch "Minn", with Mrs. T. R. Shepard, children and the Misses Todd, were held up for five hours on the flats at the mouth of Shoups bay.

The ladies took the trip in order to obtain a view of Columbia glacier. They returned to town this morning.

#### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAGLES TONIGHT

The Eagles will hold a special meeting tonight at 8 o'clock when all members are requested to attend as there is business of importance requiring attention. The regular meeting night of the Eagles, Friday, has been changed for this week as the Eagle hall will be occupied that evening by the Epiphany Club in presenting their plays.

Sidney Drake and family will be passengers for Valdez on the steamer leaving Seattle on the 24th, inst.

### CHAMP CLARK MAKES REPLY

ASSURES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE HE WILL HELP IN THE DYKE APPROPRIATION.

A reply was received from Speaker Clark to the telegram sent by the officers of the late Democratic Territorial convention, asking his aid in the passage of the dyke bill. The following is the correspondence in full.

Valdez, Alaska, April 1, 1912. Honorable Champ Clark, Speaker House Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Alaska Democratic convention urge the early passage of bill appropriating fifty-five thousand dollars for construction dyke at Valdez. Money should be available at once.

Edmund Smith, Chairman Alaska, Dem. convention I have telegram relative to the bill appropriating fifty-five thousand dollars for construction of your dyke and will help along with it all I can. CHAMP CLARK.

### PASSENGERS ON THE ALAMEDA

Steamer Arrived At Midnight Bringing a Number of Passengers.

The following passengers arrived on the steamer Alameda: B. Olson, Al. Sullivan, W. H. Christian, A. Johnson, H. W. Lathrop, R. M. Gibson, M. J. Sullivan, O. A. Tucker, Father van der Pol, J. Crowley, C. Stagneth, Mrs. A. T. Schuena, W. A. Dolan, H. H. Townsend, J. Miller, Mrs. Ana Barrett, Mother Superior Helena, Sister Mary, Sister Dorethy, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. D. Lewis, James Breen, T. McSulan, R. C. Nelson, J. Scully, and fourteen steerage.

The Alameda also carried a number of passengers for Seward and other points to the westward.