

MURDERER OF RANCH WOMAN LYNCHED BY CITIZENS AT FORSYTH

TITANIC'S LOSS OF LIFE NOW SAID TO NUMBER FULLY SIXTEEN HUNDRED SOULS

LONDON, April 18.—The actual number of passengers and crew on board the Titanic at the time of the disaster was 2,208, according to Sidney Buxton, President of the Board of Trade, in reply to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon. This would leave the actual list of those lost at about 1,600.

NEW YORK PREPARES TO CARE FOR THE SURVIVORS

RESCUE BOAT APPROACHING PORT SLOWLY

Carpathia Has Been Bombard-
ed for News During Past
Twenty-Four Hours

Even Taft Was Unable to Se-
cure Information Regard-
ing Major Butts

Complete Details Cannot Be
Secured Before Cunarder
Reaches Harbor

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, April 18.—The Cun-
ard liner Carpathia, bearing the sur-
vivors of the sunken steamship Titan-
ic, is making its way slowly toward
New York this afternoon, groping thru
the fog. Her wireless is as silent as
that of a stricken vessel, a small part
of whose human cargo she carries.
According to the best reckoning she
will not dock here before one o'clock
after midnight.

Wireless messages have bombarded
the Carpathia all night, and this
morning, but with little result. Even
a message from President Taft, ask-
ing for news of his aide, Maj. Archibald
Butts, remained unanswered, and
indications are that no details of the
disaster will be known until the Car-
pathia reaches New York.

Judging from their nature the few
messages received from the survivors
aboard the Carpathia, the inference is
that most of them are unaware of the
awful tragedy which occurred aboard
the Titanic after she was abandoned.
Thus, many wives are ignorant that
their husbands perished, and are hop-
ing they were picked up by some pass-
ing liner which subsequently rendered
service similar to that of the Car-
pathia.

In New York all preparations have
been made to receive the survivors
when they land. Food, clothing, am-
bulances and other necessities and
luxuries have been provided, police
protection will be ample, and every
measure will be taken to protect the
unfortunates who have been under
such a terrible strain.

For women of the steerage, a com-
mittee of prominent New York women
has been formed to house and take
care of them until their relatives
abroad can be notified of their plight.

CARPATHIA EARLY TONIGHT BULLETIN

NEW YORK, April 18.—The
following bulletin made public
by the White Star line shortly
after 3 o'clock this afternoon:
"Carpathia is due at Sandy
Hook at 9 p. m.; should dock at
11 p. m."

SENATE STARTS INVESTIGATING TITANIC WRECK

Managing Director of White
Star Line Will Testify Soon
After Arrival

Survivors Will Be Rushed to
Washington Soon as Car-
pathia Arrives

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, April 18.—The
task of investigating the Titanic
wreck was begun today by the senate
committees. The commerce commit-
tee appointed a subcommittee of seven,
which is headed by Senator Wil-
liam Alden Smith of Michigan.

He will leave at once for New York
with a sergeant-at-arms to procure
witnesses to attend immediate hear-
ings. J. Bruce Ismay will be among
the first asked to testify.

Other members of the senate sub-
committee are Senators Perkins,
Bourne, Simmons, Newlands and
Fletcher.

Senator Cullom announced today
that he would call a meeting of the
foreign relations committee Saturday
with a view of reporting out the mar-
time resolution requesting the presi-
dent to open negotiations for an in-
ternational agreement in regards to
safety of passengers at sea.

TAFT TO SPEAK IN NEWARK
NEWARK, N. J., April 18.—Arrange-
ments are under way for the visit of
President Taft to Newark on April 26,
under the auspices of the Taft Busi-
ness Men's league, which now claims
an enrolled membership of 3,000 in
Essex county. His address will deal
largely with political issues that are
intertwined with questions of busi-
ness. If possible, the First Regiment
armory will be secured to hold the
great crowd that is expected. Doubt
is expressed, however, that it can be
obtained, as it is said that the mili-
tary regulations prohibit its use for
political purposes.

The president will leave Newark in
time to reach Trenton at 4:30 o'clock
on his way to Washington. At the
state capital he may make another
speech.

CAPTAIN SMITH, OF THE TITANIC, WAS COMMANDING
THE OLYMPIC WHEN SHE AND THE BRITISH
CRUISER HAWKE COLLIDED



CAPTAIN SMITH AND THE TITANIC

LONDON, April 18.—Captain E. J. Smith met with disaster while com-
manding the Olympic last September,
the liner and the British cruiser
Hawke colliding in Cowes Roads. The
Olympic was so badly damaged that
she was laid up for three months for
repairs.

FOUR COUNTIES ARE FLOODED

Launches are Exploring for
Refugees Through Miss-
issippi

By Associated Press.
GREENVILLE, Miss., April 18.—
Flood waters are rushing through the
rapidly widening breach of the Mis-
sissippi river dyke near Beulah, Miss.,
today, inundating the fertile delta
lands.

Four counties will be covered by the
flood and a number of large towns in
its pathway. Launches have been sent
to explore the inundated territory
in search of refugees.

CHAFFEE INSURED FOR \$161,750

H. F. Chaffee, who lost his life
in the Titanic disaster, was one
of the wealthiest men in the state.
He carried life insurance to the
amount of \$161,750. This was dis-
tributed as follows: Mutual Life
of New York, \$91,750; Pennsylv-
ania Mutual Life, \$50,000; Fidelity
Mutual Life, \$20,000.
Of the amount carried by Chaf-
fee in the Mutual Life, \$75,000
was in one policy which Chaffee
took out March 7 of last year.
He owned 34,000 acres of land
in Cass county and was the own-
er of a number of elevators.
Mr. Chaffee gained consid-
erable notoriety some years ago
through the famous gold brick
swindle of which he was the vic-
tim.

BRIDAL COUPLE HAVE SURVIVED

Minneapolis Couple Return-
ing From Europe on the
Carpathia

By Associated Press.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 18.—
A message was received here today
from Mrs. John Pillsbury Snyder,
by Mrs. T. W. Stevenson, her mother,
who, with her husband, was returning
from their honeymoon trip on the
Titanic, that both were safe on the
Carpathia.

Attempts of relatives and of the
Minneapolis chamber of commerce to
get in connection with Mr. or Mrs.
W. D. Douglas, also of Minneapolis,
said to be on the Carpathia, have
failed.

RED CROSS WILL APPEAL FOR AID

Will Send Broadcast for Funds
to Aid Destitute Saved From
the Wreck

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, April 18.—After a
conference at the White House today
between Secretary Nagel of the de-
partment of commerce and labor, C.
D. Hilles, secretary to the president,
and Miss Mable Boardman, active head
of the American Red Cross, it was
announced an appeal to the people of
the United States will probably be
sent broadcast today by the Red
Cross for funds to aid the destitute
rescued from the Titanic.

LAW WAS NOT PERMITTED TO AVENGE HORRIBLE DEATH OF MRS. MERRILL

NAVAL OFFICERS WILL SUSPEND THEIR JUDGEMENT

Even President Taft Was Ig-
nored When He Sought
News From Carpathia

Will Not Accept Insinuation
That Wireless Operators
Are Incapable

By Associated Press.

NEWS REFUSED TAFT

NEW YORK, April 18.—"We
have no assurance that we will
get any wireless news from the
Carpathia, as it studiously re-
fuses to answer all queries. Even
President Taft's request for in-
formation addressed to the Car-
pathia has been ignored," said
the Associated Press this morn-
ing.

Naval Officers Waiting.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—
Naval officials are suspending judg-
ment upon the conduct of the officers
of the Carpathia, who have been treat-
ed with scant courtesy requests for
information transmitted through the
cruisers Salem and Chester by gov-
ernment officials, including President
Taft.

Whether the responsibility rests
with the captain of the Carpathia, is
a matter of conjecture, or President
Ismay, of the White Star line, who
is reported as a survivor of the Titan-
ic, and on board the Carpathia, is a
matter of conjecture.

Naval officials reject the insinuation
by the Cunard people that the naval
wireless operators are incapable of
handling messages with due celebrity.

LARGE COTTON FIELDS ARE NOW INUNDATED

New Breaks in River Levees
Floods Country as Large
as New England

By Associated Press.
MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 18.—A
break in the main line of the levee on
the Mississippi river four miles below
Rosedale, Miss., and another on the
Arkansas river, added 25,000 persons
to the list of flood sufferers in south-
ern Arkansas, northeastern Louisi-
ana, and northwestern Mississippi.
The flood is inundating an area of
rich cotton country almost as large
as New England.

River Breaks at Convict Farm.
BATON ROUGE, La., April 18.—The
levee at Angola, on the east bank of
the Mississippi, broke this morning.
The breach is at the head of the state
convict farm. The damage will be
confined to a small section west of
the Feliciana parish.

CENSUS BUREAU HAS ISSUED COTTON REPORT

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, April 18.—The
census bureau issued a report today
showing cotton seed statistics of 1911
as follows:
Cotton seed crushed, 4,918,967 tons;
the linters obtained, 558,680 bales, and
500 pounds, gross weight. The num-
ber of establishments were 844.

WOLGAST TO FIGHT
LOS ANGELES, April 18.—Ad-
Wolgast, the lightweight champion,
and Joe Rivers, have signed articles
to box 20 rounds for the champion-
ship of the world at the Vernon arena
on July 4. Weight to be 133 pounds
at the ringside.

MOB GATHERED IN SECTIONS AND PAID NO ATTENTION TO SHERIFF

COUNTY JAIL DOOR WAS BATTERED DOWN WITH BIG RAILROAD RAIL

HOESNER ADMITTED KILLING THE WOMAN
WHILE COMMITTING ROBBERY AT HER HOME

MAN WAS HUNG IN STREETS OF TOWN
AND CROWD FIRE AT HIS LIFELESS BODY

(J. A. Metcalf.)
MOB WAS ORDERLY

GLENDIVE, Mont., April 18.—At 2:30 this morning a mob of 200
men, each member thoroughly disguised, took Henry Hoesner from the
Rosebud county jail at Forsyth and hanged him to a tree on the main
street of the town, in expression of public condemnation of his coward-
ly murder of Mrs. William Merrill at a lonely ranch house Tuesday
evening. It was an orderly mob but determined in its purpose to have
revenge.

Sheriff Disarmed.

There had been some talk of lynching but the town was quiet
throughout the evening. The mob seems to have gathered at the jail
by twos and threes. About 2:30 o'clock this morning Sheriff McMullan
heard that a mob was forming, and hoping to head off the move-
ment in its incipency, he went over town and began talking to vari-
ous men. The sheriff was soon hemmed in by a crowd evidently with
the purpose of restraining him. The officer then learned that the mob
had gathered at the jail and he broke away and made a rush to that
building. But in a moment he was seized by several men and quickly
disarmed. The same treatment was accorded to Undersheriff Flem-
ing, who acted as jailer.

Sheriff Arrested Crowds.
Sheriff McMullan arrested the
crowd and begged them to desist from
their purpose. He was given a re-
spectful hearing but it availed nothing.
The sheriff and the jailer had
previously thrown away their keys,
but this did not retard the determined
mob for a moment.

With a rail they quickly battered
down the outer doors of the jail and
in the same manner forced their way
into Hoesner's cell.

It is claimed that in response to a
question, Hoesner admitted that he
had killed Mrs. Merrill and said he
was glad of it.

He was taken from the jail to a
point between Tenth and Eleventh
streets and there strung up to a tree.
Several shots were fired at the
body as it swayed to and fro, but
subsequent investigation showed that
only one bullet touched the man, that
just grazing his cheek.

Inquiry by phone as to whether any
steps would be taken to arrest the

mob leaders if they could be identi-
fied met with the response from a
newspaper source that the act of the
mob was so thoroughly an expression
of popular feeling that in all probabili-
ty no arrests would follow.

Crime a Brutal One.

Hoesner's crime was one of the
most brutal in Montana's history. It
is claimed, however, that no outrage
had been attempted by him on Mrs.
Merrill. He was engaged in rifling
the house of valuables when Mrs.
Merrill interrupted him. In cowardly
terror he fired and killed her, and
also shot her the second time as she
ran from the house mortally wounded.

Mrs. Merrill's son came from school
at that moment and Hoesner fired
twice at him while escaping on a
horse.

A posse from Rosebud and one tak-
en by a Northern Pacific special from
Forsyth were quickly on the trail.
In less than two hours Hoesner was
arrested and on his way to jail. He
was about 30 years old and said his
home was in New York.

GOES TO HAMLINE

MITCHELL, S. D., April 18.—
Dr. Samuel Kerfoot, president of
South Dakota Wesleyan college,
has been offered the position of
president of Hamline university
at St. Paul, and says he will ac-
cept the appointment.

WEATHER FORECAST

Till 7 p. m. Friday.
For North Dakota: Generally fair
tonight and Friday; somewhat higher
temperature, east and central portion
tonight.
For Bismarck and vicinity: Gener-
ally fair tonight and Friday; some-
what higher temperature tonight.
Quite well settled weather condi-
tions prevail this morning. There has
been a general decrease and a corre-
sponding rise in temperature through-
out the northwest. The indications
are for generally fair weather tonight
and Friday, with somewhat higher
temperature in the eastern and cen-
tral portions of the state tonight.

GRAND TRUNK OFFICIAL NOT AMONG THE SAVED

By Associated Press.
MONTREAL, April 18.—The Grand
Trunk railway this morning received
the following telegram:

"Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Davidson, saved,
no news of her husband." Signed
"Hays."

This message came from Woods-
hole, Mass., confirms information thus
far was received to the effect that
the president of the Grand Trunk is
not among the survivors.

SOLDIERS KILL MINERS

IRKUTSK, Siberia, April 18.—
One hundred and seven gold
miners were killed and 80 wound-
ed in a fight with Russian sol-
diers at the Lena Gold Mining
company's workings near here.
The cause of trouble not ascer-
tained.