NUMBER OF

REFUSAL TO ANSWER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CON-SIDERED UNUSUAL.

ISMAY MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURE TO REPLY

Head of White Star Line, Among Res sued. Probably Withholding Informatien From Public - President Taft Ignered-Carpathia Will Reach Dook About 1 a. m. Friday.

Washington, April 18 .- The navy department this morning gave out a dispatch sent by the United States steam ship Salem at 8 a. m., corroborating the numerous dispatches declaring that boat striking the iceberg, as in the case the Carpathia has persistently declined of the Titanic, would have met the to answer any messages of inquiry, althe sometimes acknowledging calls. The messages made remarkable time, having been received in Washington ten minutes after its dispatch from the It follows:

"U. S. Ship Salem, 8 a. m.-Can ge no information from Carpathia of any kind, altho she is within easy radio communication. She sometimes ack nowledges calls, but will not admit re ceipts of messages or make replies. Can not believe that she has failed to understand the messages I have sent She is within easy range of the torpedo station (Newport, R. I.), so Salem will sail to Bradford (naval coaling station on Narragansett bay, R. I.) this after-

"Chandler, Commander.

Carpathia Due at Midnight. Siascotonet, Mass., April 18 .- The

Carpathia bringing the survivors of the This places the Carpathia 196 miles distant from New York. On the basis of the Carpathia's average speed of thirteen knots an hour and allowing time to pass up New York harbor, she should reach the docks at approximately 11 o'clock tonight.

SAYS OVER 2,000 LOST.

First Word Received in Chicago From

Carpathia Not Reassuring. Chicago, April 18.—The first munication sent directly to Chicago from the Carpathia since it picked up the survivors from the Titanic was received yesterday. The text follows: "Chicago Tribune: Carpathia picked

2,000 lost. Iceberg continuous mass twenty-five miles long. Chicagoans this ship well. "DR. F. H. BLACKMARR."

The sender, Dr. Frank H. Blackmarr,

is a prominent Chicago physician. He has offices in the Marshall Field building and resides at 6349 Kimbark avenue. He was bound for Europe to continue his investigatoins of radium and substitutes, for which he has become well known in the United States. He took the Carpathia because its route touched Mediterranean ports he wished to visit. The telegraphic code signs show the message was sent by wireless to Halifax and from there to Chicago by Western Union telegraph. Agrees With Another Message.

Dr. Blackmarr's message to Tribune agrees in general with the following message from the Camperdown wireless station at Halifax to the As-

sociated Press:
"We are in communication with the Carpathia and in position to announce unofficially that the Titanic struck an enormous berg and sank; over 2,000 lost. Seven hundred survivors, mostly women, on the Carpathia." The attention of the Camperdown

station was called at once to the obvious error in figures, which would give the total of lost and survived at 2,700, whereas the total number of passengers and crew is about 2,200. In reply to this inquiry the following further explanation was received from

"Marconi station reports that nothing authentic regarding lost is known on board Carpathia, but the steamer Franconia in relaying the messages from the Carpathia says that the total number of saved is only 710. There is no list of missing on the Cunarder and only a rough estimate of its total passenger list. There probably were more than 2,200 on the ship, as quite a

number boarded it at Cherbourg." Estimates of 2,200 on board the Titanic have embraced the sailings from all ports, including Cherbourg, so far as the company officials have been able to give the information.

TITANIC'S SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

Lifeboats Sufficient to Accommodate

1,178 Passengers.
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 Sydney Buxton, president of the board of trade, in replying to a question in the house of commons this afternoon.

Mr. Buxton, who was plied with questions, stated that the Titanic actucarried sixteen boats on her davits, ccommodation for 990 persons Other boats carried on board provided accommodatoins for another 188, making together a total of 1,178. In addithere were forty-eight life buoys and 3,560 life belts,

Wireless Stations Prepared.
v York, April 18.—The United freless Company has sent the following dispatch to all ships and shore stath Wellfleet, Siasconset, Sugar

onack and Sea Gate will handle Carpathia's business exclusively. All other commercial and government stations will cease transmitting while Carpathia's business is being exchanged with above stations. Work other than Carpathia's and business from government ships going to meet Carpath-

ia will not be permitted."

To Dock at 1 A. M. New York, April 18.—General Henry surveyor of the port of New York, said this morning that the Carpathia would not dock until 1 o'clock Friday morn-

THEORY FOR THE WRECK.

"Longitudinal Stress" Caused Sudden Plunge, Says a Seaman. Chicago, April 18.—Capt. Charles Campbell, veteran seaman attached to the government hydrographic office Tuesday night said that "longiudinal stress" on the big boat probably caused the sudden sinking when

the Titanic struck the iceberg. "There is no doubt in my mind that ongitudinal stress caused the sudden plunge," the captain said.

When the end came one part of the poat was turned upward naturally. The rivets of the boat of the vessel then broke and, in my opinion, the entire bottom of the boat was severed from the rest of the craft. "It is a mistaken idea that slow boats

are less perilous than fast steamers. Fast ships are much the safer. A slow same fate and there would have been no difference in the results.

"The Titanic apparently struck the iceberg a mile or more away from the ice that was visible. In large icebergs it is nearly always the case that a large section of the ice is covered with water Some section is visible, but a portion a mile or more in length may have been under water. The steamer evidently struck the submerged portion unmindful of any impending danger."

ANXIOUSLY AWAITING NEWS. Details of Catastrophe Withheld

Carpathia Until Boat Docks. New York, April 18 .- Until the Cunard liner Carpathia, carrying the survivors of the Titanic wreck, reaches port here late tonight or Friday morning the full details of the disaster will be unknown.

The Carpathia was in wireless communication with the station at Siasconsett, Mass., for several hours, but the messages were confined to the Titanic to New York was off Nan- names of survivors, which were fortucket lightship at 5:55 this morning. warded to Washington, and personal messages from survivors to friends and relatives ashore.

Electrical storms, a conflict of messages, the impossibility of any news trickling landward until the new list of survivors had been relayed to the covernment station at President Taft's orders-all these operated to sustain inxlety and aggravate suspense.

What brief messages have been received make it all the more certain that Col. John Jacob Astor was carried to the bottom when the Titanic sank. It also became more certain that Maj. Archibuld Butt was one of those lost.

Many of Women Insane? Another message, reported as having 700 Titanic, mostly women. Over been relayed from the Carpathia, says (Continued on Page 12.)

ITALIAN WARSHIP SUNK

Fleet Believed to Have Begun Attack on Forts at Entrance of Straits of the Dardanelles-One Warship Re-

Constantinople, April 18 .- The Italan fleet is reported to have appeared at the entrance of the Dardanelles straits. One Italian warship is said to have been sunk.

Heavy Cannonading at Noon. London, April 18.—Cannon firing was heard at the entrnace of the Dardanelles at noon today, according to a dispatch received here from Lloyds' signal station in the Dardanelles. It is believed the Italian fleet has begun an attack on the fort of the straits

Twenty-Four Ships in Fleet. Athens, Greece, April 18.—Two divi-sions of Italian war vessels, each comprising a dozen ships, passed Skyro island in the Aegean seat yesterday, sailing to the north.

but no details have come to hand.

PROBIBS PICK SLATE

State Convention Passes on Candidates of the wireless messages we have re-For State Offices Whose Names Go on Primary Ballot-Jones and Ellett For Governor.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, April 18.-The Iowa prohibitionists in convention today agreed the messages from Mr. Ismay. upon candidates to go before the primaries as follows: Governor, C. D. Jones, Perry and O. D. Ellett, Marshalltown: lieutenant governor, B. H. Bradshaw. Fort Dodge; secretary of state, Pensylvania railroad, who with his wife P. G. Watson, Indianola; auditor, C. H. and 14-year-old son were on the Ti-Culley, Marshalltown; treasurer, F. W. tanic. Larson, Cambridge; superintendent, H. F. Jakway, Livermore; judges, H. F. today signed by Mrs. Thayer reading: graph wires in this vicinity are down ohns, Sloux City, and William Orr, Clarinda, Railroad commissioner, J. J. of Mr. Thaver." Mullen, Poweshiek, and W. C. Mott, Johnson county. Electors, Aaron Jack is the son. The message came

ten Mahaska. Candidates were also named for clerk and reporter of the supreme court, but these officers are not elected this year "Father" Coffin, of Fort Dodge, may be a candidate for senator.

Legislate Against Hat Pin. April 18.—Hereafter my woman in New Orleans who wears a hat pin protruding more than one inch from the crown of her hat, will be subject to arrest, according to an No news of husband." ordinance which passed the city coun-

CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT PRESIDENT THAYER IS ALIVE.

MESSAGE FROM MRS, THAYER REPORTS HUSBAND MISSING

Certain Now That President Hayes, of Grand Trunk Line, Was Drawned When Titanic Went Down -Stuart Collett, Reported Missing, is Among Rescued Passengers.

New York, April 18 .- The following statement regarding the rumor that John B. Thayer, second vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, is not among the survivors of the Titanic on board the Carpathia, was given out to-

day by the Pennsylvania road: "The Pennsylvania railroad official most emphatically deny that a per sonal message of any kind has been received from Mr. J. B. Thayer, or any of his family, who are on board the Carnathia bound for New York. The only information regarding Mr. Thayer and his family received by this com pany has come from the officers of the White Star line, which are to the ef ect that J. B. Thayer, Mrs. Thayer and J. B. Thayer, Jr., are among the passengers on board the Carpathia. Vice President Franklin, of the White Star line, authorized the following announcement:

noon today." C. W. Thomas, assistant manager of the traffic department of the White Star line, said that no arrangements had been made to transfer J. Bruce Is may, managing director of the Interna tional Mercantile Marine, from the Carpathia to the Cedric at sea and tha as far as he knew Mr. Ismay would remain aboard the Carpathia,

"The Cedric will sail as scheduled at

Straus and Wife Missing. A representative of R. H. Macy & Co., said an official of the firm had received by wireless confirmation tha Isador Straus and his wife were not among the survivors on the Carpathia

Carpathia Groping Thru Fog. The Cunard liner Carpathia, bearing the survivors of the sunken steamship Titanic, was making her way slowly loward New York this afternoon, grop ing thru the fog with wireless as si ent as that of the stricken vessel, small part of whose human cargo she carries. According to best reckoning she will reach her dock here not before 1 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wireless messages bombarded the Carpathia all last night and this mornsage from President Taft asking for news of his aide, Major Butt, remained unanswered and indications are that unanswered, and indications are that which was posted today outside the no details of the disaster will be known White Star offices. It reads as follows: intil the Carpathia reaches port.

Rescued Ignorant of Others' Fate. Judging from the nature of the few messages received from the survivors aboard the Carpathia, the inference is that most of them are unaware of the awful tragedy which took place aboard the Titanic after she was abandoned Thus many wives are ignorant that their husbands have perished and are hoping that they were picked up by some passing liner, which subsequently rendered service similar to that of the Carpathia.

Provisions For Survivors. In New York all preparations have een made to receive the survivors when they land. Food, clothing, am bulances and other necessities and luxuries have been provided; the police protection will be ample and every measure will be taken to protect th unfortunates who have been under such Special to Times-Republican. a terrific strain. For the women of the steerage a committee of prominent New York women has been formed to tives abroad can be notified of their olight.

Carpathia is Silent. Vice President Franklin, of White Star line, said this afternoon: "We are not getting a thing by wireess from the Carpathia. We have heard from her several times but there ing to the disaster in any way in any celved."

"Have you heard from Mr. Ismay?" "Yes," replied Mr. Franklin. "I have received several messages from Mr. Ismay. The last one came in during the night. Mr. Ismay is stunned beyond expression. He is simply overwhelmed."

Thayer With Missing, Philadelphia, April 18.-Grave doubts exist here regarding the safety of John S. Thayer, second vice president of the

"Jack, Margaret and I safe. No news Margaret is Mrs. Thayer's maid and Stocker, Keckuk county, and L. Whit- from the Carpathia via Halifax and is

said to have been one of 300 received

A wireless message was received here

It is possible that the message filed before all the boats of the Titanic committee on accounts, stated to the had been picked up. Mr. Thayer's name is in the list of missing.

Grand Trunk President Dead. Montreal, April 18,-The Trunk Railway Company this morning "Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Davidson, saved.

This message came from Woodehole.

Mass. This confirms information thus far received to the effect that the pres-ldent of the Grand Trunk railway is not among the survivors.

Collett Reported Safe. Liberty, Mo. April 18 .- Stuart Collette, of London, England, a passenger, whose name has not appeared on the list of survivors, is safe on board the Carpathia.

A wireless received today from Collett by William Jewell College, where he is to enroll, reads: "Carpathia-Safe-Collett."

Widener Among Dead. New York, April 18 .- A wireless dispatch received at the White Star line gives the information that George W. Widener, of Philadelphia, is not among the survivors of the Titanic aboard the

Only One Change in Revised List.

New York, April 18.—The White Star line issued this afternoon a revised list of the first cabin survivors. It is the same as previous revised lists with the exception that the name of Howard B. Case has been eliminated. Third Class Passengers Saved.

Portland, Maine, April 18 .-- A list of third class passengers and crew res cued from the wrecked steamship Titanic by the Carpathia was received by wireless last night. The list follows: Nora Murphy.

Katie Mullin.

Katie McCarthy. G. D. Messemockes. Annie Messemockes. Madera Yusef. Boenes Moubarck. Halin Moubarck. Gitosa Moubarck Mina Musolmon. Sanuca Subulakat. Jacina Muno. Kirkoean Muhan. Della Dianodelmn. Kark Mathioax. Bertha Mellidell. Maggie Merrigan Bertha Maran. Kristor Madsen, Albert Moss. Albert Moss. Mary McGovern. Ernest McKey. Alice McKey Thomas McCormack. John Nickaren. -Adlerson. Bertha Nelson. Mary Neket. Demina J. Nelson. Yree Nyhem Annie McDowan. Agnes Doyt (or Mrs. A. A. Dick.) Margaret Nanga Maggie J. Murphy. Leonch Eldegrek Huena Manman Krikorean Kirora. -Hanwakan Delia McDermott. -Marikarie John McKaren.

CAPTAIN'S WIFE SYMPATHETIC.

Aing Ludguis.

Helena Angusen

Widow Sends Pathetic Message to Bereaved Families of Titanic Victims. London, April 18.-The widow of Captain Smith, commander of the Titanic, has written a pathetic message

"To My Poor Fellow Sufferers: My heart overflows with grief for you all and is laden with sorrow that you are weighed down with this terrible burden that has been thrust upon us. May God be with us and comfort us all. "Yours in deep sympathy,

"ELEANOR SMITH." form.

SEVERE APRIL BLIZZARD

Spring Snow Storm Does Great Damage to Illuminating Service and Telephone Wires at Clinton-Ten Thousand 'Phones Out of Commission As

Result of Heavy Snow.

Clinton, April 18 .- Clinton is suffering from the effects of an April blizhouse and take care of them until rela- zard today, snow having fallen for twenty hours, demoralizing the illuminating service during the night and raising havoc with telephone companies, the Iowa Telephone Company having 10,000 'phones out this morning. The heavy snow accumulated on the wires and broke many which fell over electric light wires and were s not the slightest explanation of the grounded with attendant danger to Titanic's sinking or anything pertain, persons on the streets. There were no accidents however.

Several Near Fatalities at Dubuque. Special to Times-Republican Dubuque, April 18.-The falling of wires followed in the wake of the severe snow storm here Wednesday and brought to light several near fatilities. One of these was particularly singular Mr. Franklin declined to make public when a team of horses, attached to a up to load it. livery carriage, were instantly killed when struck by a live wire while descending Julien avenue early this being electrocuted when he attempted to revive the animals, which he

morning. The driver narrowly escaped Declares Taft Will Have 776 Delegates imagined were only stunned. He was saved by being knocked down by a fellow liveryman when about to touch the animals. The telephone and teleas the result of the weight of the snow

MRS. GRAY ON PAY ROLL.

man of the democratic congressional

committee.

Received \$75 a Month From Demo cratic Campaign Committee. Washington, April 18.—Representa tive Lloyd of Missouri, chairman of the house today that Mrs. Helen Pierce Gray, whose connection with the committee on expenditures in the interior department precipitated warm person alities between Mr. Graham and Mr. Mann, was paid \$75 a month from the democratic congressional campaign committee's fund for her work for the house committee. Mr. Lloyd is chair-

FERTILE DELTA LANDS OF MIS-SISSIPPI INUNDATED WHEN RIVER FORCES LEVEE.

LAUNCHES EXPLORE FLOODED SECTION SEEKING REFUGEES

Residents Warned and Are Prepared Flight When Flood Comes-Fatalities Are Few if Any-Fiv Counties In Danger of Being Ind dated and Many Cities Threatener

Greenvile, Miss., April 18-Floo ters rushing thru a rapidly w breach in the Mississippi river ike near the town of Beulah, Miss., are spreading over the fertile delta lands today. Practically the entire southern half of Bolivar county is inundated and before it flows back into the Mississippi will flood the counties of Sunflower Washington, Sharkey and Issaquena comprising some of the richest cotton land in the world. Benoit, Dahomey Beulah, Cleveland, Pace, Shaw, Choctaw, Leland and Rollingfok are the larger towns directly in the path of the overflow.

Hunt for Refugees. Gasoline launches were sent from this city and Rosedale early today to begin an exploration of the inundated territory in search of refugees. If any lives are lost the number will be small as preparations for flight had been made at all he important towns. The crevasse in the levee occurred

ate last night on the Hughes plantaion in Bolivar county, four miles south of Beulah, and about forty miles north of Greenville. Whe nthe embankment gave way 150 feet of the earthworks collapsed. This

morning the gap is almost 1,000 feet

UNDERWOOD GETS ALABAMA.

Democratic Convention Instructs Delegates For Favorite Son.

Montgomery, Ala., April 18 .- Ala ama's forty-eight delegates and alternates, representing twenty-four votes in the democratic national convention, were instructed to vote for Oscar W. Underwood "until a nomination for president shall have been made," by the state convention here yesterday. If there was a sentiment for any other candidates, it was not manifest

n the convention. Charges that "steam roller" tactics were employed to put thru a "slate" of delegates at large caused some dis cord, but it only came at intervals and "slate" were named with one excep-

tion. An interesting plank in the platform favors a "democratic revision and modification of our antiquated banking laws which would create an elastic banking system and preserve our independent banks from any dominant

financial or political control." It is said to represent Underwood's views on the question of currency re-

The resolutions also declare for direct election of senators, tariff for revenue only, the rigid enforcement of laws made to control trusts, a federal income tax, and federal aid in the construction and maintenance of post

RIVAL AND SWEETHEART SHOT

were shot today by Nicholas Staplasa, 22 years old. One of the victims was strong men around him who don't Florence Miller, a year younger than mean well at all." the assailant. Her companion was Philip Tenerelli, a few years older.

One bullet struck Miss Miller be hind the right ear and inflicted a fatal rowed his scalp, Staplasa and Tenerili were rivals. Both were locked up.

BOY DIES OF WOUNDS.

Youthful Webster City Hunter Succumbs to Gun Shot Injuries. Special to Times-Republican.

Webster City, April 18 .- Dewey Glaman, the 14-year-old boy who was accidentally shot in the spine in a hunting accident here a few days ago, died said: this morning at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital. He was shot with a shotgun by a companion, who did not know the weapon was loaded, and who picked it

ADAMS CLAIMS CONTROL.

in Iowa State Conventoin. Dubuque, April 18 .- John T. Adams lirector of the Taft campaign in Iowa. today announced that President Taft will have 776 delegates in the state republican convention at Cedar Rapids next Wednesday and that the Taft forces will control by at least seventy

ADMINISTRATION TICKET WINS.

Daughters of American Revolution Elect Ten Vice Presidents. Washington, April 18.—The administration ticket for ten vice presidentsgeneral and two honorary vice presilents-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution was victorious in an election concluded today.

Road Boosters of Two States Meet. Special to Times-Republican. Clinton, April 18 .- A big meeting of e held in June under the auspices of the Clinton Commercial Club.

T.-R. BULLETIN

Sun rises April 19 at 5:17, sets at

Iowa-Fair tonight and Friday; ris ing temperature Friday; frost tonight South Dakota-Fair tonight and Fri day; higher temperature in east and central portions tonight.

PAGE ONE. Telegraphic News:

Carpathia Withholding News of Disaster. Survivors in Ignorance of Fate o

Relatives. Thayer, Hays and Other Notable Believed Dead. smay to Be Called as Witness in

Titanic Probe. Flood Situation Again Menacing. Storm Havos in Eastern lowa-Roosevelt Finds Taft Deficient, PAGES TWO, THREE AND FOUR.

owa News: Cownie Blames Holden For Poor Seed Corn. Says Teachings Are All Wrong.

Omaha Steals March on Surety Con cerns. Banker Moore Owes Life to French

Canceled Passage on Titanic at Las Moment. Iowa Man Tells of Titanic's Weak Mystery in Nevada Man's Death. PAGE FIVE.

Wreck of Oceanic. Miscellaneous News and Views,

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Faville to Give Commencement Ad Storm Lake Man Accepts Invitation Woman's Club Hold Annual Day. Keeve Gets Ten Years. Liscomb Jioneer-Veteran Dead M. H. S.-Taylor Dual Meet.

PAGE TWELVE. Markets and General: Wheat Goes Still Higher. Continued Cold Strengthens Corn. Hogs at Highest Price of Year. Choice Steers Firm. Women Refuse to Be Ousted

ROOSEVELT AGAIN ACCUSES PRESIDENT OF INTRUSTING FATE TO BAD ADVISERS.

MAY MEAN WELL BUT ASSOCIATES DO NOT

Roosevelt, in Speech at Nebraska City, Roman Catholic archbishops of the Says He Advised With Same Crowd But Never Permitted Them to Become His Masters-New "Silk Stocking" Epigram Amuses.

Auburn, Neb., April 18 .- Colonel Roosevelt's views of the qualifications of the president were brought out in a speech which he delivered this morning at Nebraska City at the beginning of today's campaigning trip in this

state. "Often we have to try a man out." he said. "He may be a first class lieu-Double Tragedy Enacted on Streets of tenant and doesn't do in command of Chicago—Due to Jealousy. the army. Often the lieutenant, when Chicago, April 18.—While walking he becomes commander, means well, the army. Often the lieutenant, when long the street together two persons but means well feebly, and you don't get much out of it if you have a lot of

After again charging that President Taft had intrusted his fate to Senator Lorimer, Senator Penrose, Senator Gallinger and others, whom he charwound. The shot that hit Tenerelli fur- acterized as opposed to the rule of th people, he added:

When I was president I saw all those men. I consulted with them but I didn't let them be my masters. Whenever there was a line-up between them and the people I was against The colonel brought out a laugh from

the crowd with a new epigram. He was speaking of "the silk stocking whigs," whom he said were against him. He "The silk stocking, if he is a game man, is just as good as if he didn't

wear any socks at all."

of the state, ending at Lincoln, where he is to speak tonight.

Colonel Roosevelt's plan called for

day's run thru the southeastern section

Siberian Outbreak Results in Death of 107 Workers in Gold Fields and Injury of Eighty Others,

Irkutsk, Siberia, April 18 .- One hunired and seven gold miners were killed and eighty more were injured in a fight with Russian soldiers at the Lena Gold Mining Company's workings in this vicinity. Details of the fighting and of the cause of the trouble have not yet been ascertained.

INSURANCE OFFICIAL DEAD.

J. W. Skinner, First Vice President of Northwestern Mutual, Succumbs.
Milwaukee, April 18.-First Vice President J. W. Skinner, of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Comroad boosters of Iowa and Illinois will pany of Milwaukee, died this afternoon in his office from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Skinner was 74 years old.

PRESIDENT OF WHITE STAR LINE TO BE FIRST WITNESS BEFORE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

SURVIVING OFFICERS OF SHIP WILL BE SUMMONED

Sub-Committee Named for Probe and Investigation is Bogun - Massage dence - Titanie Reported leaberge Near But Continued at High Speeds

Washington, April 18,-The su tank of investigating the wreck of the Titanic was begun today by senste committees. The commerce committees appointed a sub-committee of seven headed by Senator William Smith, of Michigan, to take testimon Chairman Smith will leave at once for New York accompanied by a senat sergeant-at-arms to procure witnesses to attend immediate hearings. J. Bruc ismay will be among the first saked to testify.

Other members of the senate subcommittee are Senators Perkir Bourne, Burton, Simmons, Newlands and Fletcher. Senator Cullom announced that he would call a meeting of the foreign relations committee Saturday

with a view to reporting out the Martine resolution requesting the president to opene negotiatoins for an international agreement in regard to the safety of passengers at sea. Among those who will be summoned to appear before the congressional investigating committee, besides President J. Bruce Ismay, will be the sec-ond, third, fourth and fifth officers of

been saved and any other officers of the ship who may have survived and are on the Carpathia. An important feature of the investigation may be the message transmitted thru the Titanic, April 14, the day of the calamity, from the steamer Amer-ika, to the hydrographic office of the United States navy, giving notice of

the Titanic, who are reported to have

cebergs in the Titanic's vicinity. Naval officials are of the opinion that one of the kebers reported by the Amerika thru the Titanic was the cause of the Titanic's wreck. These officers were amazed by the report that the Titanic was going shead at full speed in view of the known presence of

danger. President Acknowledges Note. Washington, April 18.—The expres

sion of sympathy sent to Presiden Taft yesterday by the three Americ cardinals has been acknowledged by the by Cardinal Gibbons, as follows: "My dear Cardinal Gibbons: I have received the written expression by

country in joint session with the trus-

tees of the Catholic University, of their

profound grief of the awful loss of

human life in the sinking of the Ti-

tanic, and on behalf of the bereaved I beg to express a grateful appreciation of this message of sympathy. "I note in your communication the valued suggestion as to the necessity for legal provisions for greater security

of ocean travel.

"WILLIAM H. TAFT." Red Cross Calls For Funds. Washington, April 18 .- After a conference at the White House today between Mr. Nagel, the secretary of commerece and labor, C. D. Hilles, secretary to President Taft, nad Miss Mabel Boardman, the active head of the American Red Cross, it was announced that an appeal to the people of the

broadcast today by the Red Cross for funds to aid the destitute rescued from the Titanic. IS ISMAY TO BLAME?

United States probably would be sent

President of White Star Line May Be Withholding Information Washington, April 18 .- Officials of the navy department are suspending judgment on the conduct of officers of the Carpathia who have treated with scant courtesy requests for information transmitted thru the scout cruisers Salem and Chester by government of-

ficials, including the president of the United States Whether responsibility rests with the captain of the Cunarder orf President Ismay, of the White Star line, who is reported as a survivor of the Titania aboard the Carpathia, is a matter of

confecture. Naval officials indignantly reject the nsinuation by the Cunard people that the naval wireless operators are in-SOLDIERS SLAY MINERS capable of handling messages with due celerity.

> Titanic Warned of Icebergs. New York, April 18 .- The Atlantic ransport liner Mesaba, in today from England, says that Sunday night the following messages passed between the Mesaba and the Titanic, both bound

> for New York: "M. G. Y .- Latitude 42 to 41:45 north. ongitude 49 to 50:30 west, much heavy packed ice and great number of bergs Weather clear.

CLARKE. ("Signed) "Captain Mesaba." "Thanks" M. G. Y." Signed)

Portugal is Sympathetic. Lisbon, Portugal, April 18 .- The Poruguese senate this morning unal usly adopted a resolution expres the sympathy of the government people of Portugal with the victims the Titanic disaster.

"M. G. Y." is the call of the Titania