

TAFT LETTER  
TO GOVERNOR

Appeals Through State Executive For Aid For Flood Sufferers

## IMPROVING AGUA FRIA ROAD

Number of Ditches Cutting Highway Will Be Reduced From Thirty to Ten.

Washington, D. C., April 17, 1912.

Hon. William C. McDonald  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Conditions of distress resulting from the flood in the lower Mississippi Valley have assumed such intensity and magnitude that it has become my duty, as President of the American Red Cross to make known the fact as given to the press today in order that the people of the United States may express their sympathy in a substantial form. Fully twenty-five thousand persons are now homeless and dependent on the generosity of the country for food and shelter and the number is steadily increasing. The army is doing everything possible to provide shelter and food to meet the immediate emergency. But the equally important task of conducting the relief camps, maintaining health and restoring the flood refugees to their homes under conditions which will enable them to return to normal conditions of life rests with the local authorities and the Red Cross. Many thousands of people will return to their homes to find their houses and furniture and farm equipment and food supplies for themselves and their farm animals almost or wholly destroyed. Questions of health which inevitably arise from the gathering of great numbers in camps are already becoming acute and to these will be added others even more serious when the waters subside. Typhoid, Dysentery, Small-pox, Malaria and other diseases threaten and must if possible be prevented by prompt and vigorous measures. For this task resources far in excess of those at command will be essential. If you as President of your State Red Cross Board see fit to supplement this publication by proclamation to the people of your State the force of the appeal will be greatly strengthened. Contributions received by members of your State should be duly credited by your board treasurer and transmitted to the National Treasurer at Washington.

WM. H. TAFT,  
President American Red Cross.

## DISTRICT COURT

The reappointment of W. W. Risdon as a deputy sheriff of Santa Fe county was filed yesterday with the clerk of the district court by Sheriff Charles Clouston of Santa Fe. The Star Grocery and Market Company of Pueblo, Colorado, yesterday afternoon filed a suit in the district court to collect \$152 the amount alleged to be due from Thomas Bonifacio of Santa Fe county.

The Agua Fria Road.

County Commissioner George Kinsey and State Engineer Charles D. Miller are well pleased with their trip over the Agua Fria road yesterday. The road is being filled up and graded; culverts are being placed by Road Supervisor Alarid and temporary agreement has been reached for reducing the number of ditches cutting the highway. Supreme Court Clerk Jose D. Sena will shortly conclude his negotiations for a permanent agreement that will result in the reduction of the number of ditches from almost thirty to less than ten.

PROMINENT RATON  
WOMAN KILLS HERSELF.

Raton, N. M., April 18.—Mrs. N. E. McCuiston ended her life at her home here Tuesday evening by shooting herself in the forehead because of ill health and despondency. Mrs. McCuiston had been in ill health for many years and recently while walking got a splinter into her foot, blood poisoning setting in. She was wealthy and prominent in church and social circles. Her husband owns a large ranch divided into orchards and grazing land with many cattle, sheep and other stock. Over a quarter of a century ago McCuiston built a \$40,000 school building and donated it to the city of Raton. McCuiston who lives on the ranch eighty miles south east of here was notified by telephone. The McCuistons have lived in Colfax county for thirty-six years.

GAGE COUNTY  
BILL PASSED

House Is Unanimous In Favor of Penasco Hope Country Measure

## ARTESIAN WELL ACT IS UP

It Is Made the Special Order of Business For To-morrow Afternoon.

The passage of the prize fight bill in the House yesterday afternoon by a heavy majority, came as a surprise to many people but not to those who had watched the matter from the inside. Much pressure had been exerted, especially by Las Vegas businessmen and political leaders, in favor of the measure, whose undisputed purpose is to clear the way for the Johnson-Flynn fight to be staged at the Meadow City. However, the Senate is certain to make some changes in it, and the changes necessary to secure the consent of the Governor, or even to avert his veto, will have to be considerable. In the meanwhile, the anti-prize fight agitators will put up a stiff fight to kill the measure altogether and to substitute for it a rigid anti-prize fight law.

Blanchard led the fight against the Tripp prizefight bill but he had little chance for oratory, and the bill went through without discussion, the fight being altogether parliamentary. Blanchard has a sore throat, his voice was extremely husky and several parliamentary flank movements led up to the putting of the previous question, the shutting off of debate, and the passage of the bill by a vote of 27 to 18 votes.

Toombs made an argument for more deliberate consideration of the measures that were being put through the House. He had no fault to find with the working spirit that was possessing the members and that had prompted them to dispose of measure after measure but he wanted due notice of any bill coming up, he objected to the railroad of bills through the House, and asked for the enforcement of the House rule that demands that a daily calendar be placed on every member's desk at the beginning of the day's session. The House agreed with him, and that will be the course in the future. Arrangement was also made for two interpreters, who shall keep up with the discussions in the House so that Spanish-speaking members and visitors might be fully informed of what is going on.

The Public Lands Committee of the Senate has completed its deliberations on the Public Lands bill introduced by Senator Pankey. It has cut out the part placing the custodianship of the capital and other public buildings at the Capital city in the care of the Commissioner of Public Lands and leaves the custodianship where it is at present. A sub-committee consisting of Holt, Crampton, Pankey, and Walton will re-write the bill cutting down its 99 sections to something like fifty sections. The bill is to be reported next week and will take up much of the time of the Senate the latter part of the week.

The Banking Code introduced yesterday by Holt, has the approval of the New Mexico Bankers' Association and was carefully drafted with the assistance of prominent attorneys. It makes it more difficult for small banking institutions to be started and provides for very strict supervision. The office of bank examiner is created, the examiner to be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the Senate.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections of the House has sent for the ballot box at Clayton, Union county, in the matter of the contest of J. W. Linwood, Republican, for the seat of Juan D. Casados, Democrat. As extensive frauds have been charged in that precinct, interesting developments are looked for.

The House members were today supplied with daily calendars. Speaker Baca introduced a number of comprehensive and highly important revenue acts, and election and primary acts.

**Senate.**

A telegram was read from the Las Vegas Medical Society endorsing the Tripp prize fight bill.

The following bills were introduced: Senate Bill No. 95, by Doepf, an act to authorize towns and villages to issue bonds for municipal improvements, water works, etc.

Senate Bill No. 96, by Holt, to allow ten days per month for good behavior to truants, etc.

Senate Bill No. 97, by Holt, to prevent furnishing of stimulants, opiates, and drugs to prisoners.

Senate Bill No. 98, by Holt, to punish jail breakers.

The Committee on State Affairs reported favorably the Burns Senate Joint Memorial No. 3, to elicit the Navajo and Jicarilla Apache reservations and it was passed 20 to 3.

A message from Governor McDonald conveyed an appeal from the Red Cross Society, signed by President Taft, for the Mississippi flood sufferers.

House Bill No. 48, the Prize Fight bill, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 15, by Pankey, the Livestock Brand bill, was taken up as the special order and with some slight modification.

**House.**

Speaker Baca in the chair. The rou-

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TO INVESTIGATE  
TITANIC'S LOSS

Congress Aroused By Needless Loss of Life When Liner Went Down

## COMMITTEE TO CARPATHIA

Adverse Report on Chemical Tariff Revision Bill by Finance Committee.

Washington, D. C., April 18.—SENATE.

Met at noon.

Considered miscellaneous bills on calendar.

Commerce committee appointed sub-committee of seven members to take testimony in Titanic investigation. Chairman Dillingham of the Lorimer committee, announced its report would be ready soon. K. Finance committee voted adverse report on chemical tariff revision bill.

**HOUSE.**

Met at noon.

Resumed consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill.

Representative Alexander's bill to regulate amateur wireless telegraphy and his resolution to establish by joint agreement transatlantic travel routes reported favorably by committee.

**Red Cross Appeal for Aid.**

Washington, D. C., April 18.—After a conference at the White House today between Mr. Nigel, the secretary of commerce and labor; C. D. Hilles, secretary to President Taft, and Miss Mabel Borden, the active head of the American Red Cross, it was announced that an appeal to the people of the United States probably would be sent broadcast today, by the Red Cross for funds to aid the destitute rescued from the Titanic.

**Dewey Scores Ship Owners.**

Washington, D. C., April 18.—"I think that every passenger who crosses the North Atlantic takes his life in his hands," said Admiral George Dewey last night. "For myself, I would rather go around the world in a well equipped battleship than make a trip across the North Atlantic in transatlantic vessels. The greed for money making is so great that it is with the sincerest regret that I observe that human lives are never taken into consideration."

**Investigation Begun.**

Washington, D. C., April 18.—The task of investigating the wreck of the Titanic was begun today by Senate committees. The commerce committee appointed a sub-committee of seven, headed by Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, to take testimony. Chairman Smith will depart at once for New York, accompanied by a Senate sergeant-at-arms to procure witnesses to attend immediate hearings. J. Bruce Ismay will be among the first asked to testify.

**Senate Committee to Meet Carpathia.**

Washington, D. C., April 18.—Secretary MacVeagh today instructed either the revenue cutter Calumet or Hudson to take the Senate committee out to the Carpathia tonight. The Carpathia will be stopped by customs officers and the committee sent aboard before the vessel reaches port. She will then be within the American customs jurisdiction, and the authority to stop her is lodged in the secretary of the treasury. Members of the Senate sub-committee are Senators Perkins, Bourne, Burton, Simmons, Newlands, and Fletcher.

Senator Smith said he feared his committee would be without jurisdiction to compel Mr. Ismay and other British subjects connected with the International Mercantile Marine to attend their hearing and give testimony.

**No Jurisdiction Over British Ships.**

"We may not have jurisdiction over the individual," said Mr. Smith, "but the American Congress is not without jurisdiction over the harbors of the United States. It is for these men who make use of the harbors to meet the public demand for information to this terrible disaster and to do it now."

Senator Smith said he and several other members of his committee would present this argument to Mr. Ismay and others in the hope they would be willing to accept subpoenas from the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate who will accompany them.

**Proposed International Regulations.**

Witnesses will be asked to come to Washington at once, according to present plans. Immediately after his appointment of the committee, Senator Smith went to the White House to confer with President Taft. One object was to induce the President to detail George Uhler, supervising inspector general of the steamship inspection service, to accompany the committee to New York. He also desired to request that Secretary Nigel, who has jurisdiction over inspection of vessels, to go with the committee.

Senator Cullom announced he would call a meeting of the foreign relations committee Saturday to report on the Marine resolution requesting the President to pen negotiations for an international agreement regarding the safety of passengers at sea.

Among those who will be summoned

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ITALIANS FIRE  
ON DARDANELLES

Forts Guarding Entrance to Golden Horn and Capital Attacked

## GREAT BATTLE IN PROSPECT

The Reports Indicate Ships Are Feeling Out Turkish Land Batteries.

(By Special Leased Wire to New Mexican.)

Washington, D. C., April 18.—An official dispatch to the Turkish embassy today says four large Italian cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers attacked the Turkish fort at the entrance to the Dardanelles. The fort returned the fire and one of the large battleships received injuries, causing her to leave the firing line. After three and a half hours fighting, the Italian vessels were repulsed. Another fleet of Italian vessels bombarded the barracks and ammunition depots on Samos Island.

**Fifteen Italian Ships in Aegean.**

Tenedos, Aegean Sea, April 18.—An Italian fleet consisting of fifteen vessels was sighted here today bound toward Seddul Bahr, the most extensive fortress at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

**Bombardment Began.**

London, April 18.—The bombardment of the Dardanelles began today according to a special dispatch received here from Constantinople. One of the Italian warships was damaged by a shot from the land batteries.

**Italian Ships Sighted.**

Constantinople, April 18.—The Italian fleet is reported to have appeared at the entrance to the Dardanelles Straits. One Italian warship is said to have been sunk.

**Firing Near Dardanelles Straits.**

London, April 18.—Great gun firing was heard at the entrance to 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 forts of the straits, but no details have come to hand.

**Large Fleet Passes the Aegean.**

Athens, Greece, April 18.—Two divisions of Italian war vessels each comprising a dozen ships, passed Sky-

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RESCUE SHIP  
IS SILENT

Carpathia, Creeping Through Fog, Is Due Early Tomorrow Morning

## TRAGEDY DETAILS ARE UNKNOWN

Survivors Are Ignorant of Fate of Those Left Aboard the Doomed Ship.

(By Special Leased Wire to New Mexican.)

New York, N. Y., April 18.—The Cunard liner Carpathia, hearing the survivors of the sunken steamship Titanic, was making her way slowly toward New York today, groping through the fog, her wireless silent as that of the stricken vessel, a 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.

**Carpathia Silent.**

Wireless messages bombarded the Carpathia all last night and today but with little results. Even a message from President Taft asking for news of his aide, Major Butt, remained unanswered and the indications are no details of the disaster will be known until the Carpathia reaches port.

**Women Survivors to Be Cared For.**

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

In New York, all preparations have been made to receive the survivors when they land. Food, clothing, ambulances and other necessities and luxuries have been provided. The police protection will be ample, and every measure will be taken to protect the unfortunates.

For the woman of the steerage, a committee of leading New York women has been formed to house and take care of them until relatives abroad can be notified of their plight. The Cedric sailed at noon.

**Wireless Operator "All In."**

New York, N. Y., April 18.—The Sagaponack, Long Island, wireless station reports that the Carpathia's wireless operator is "all in." The Sagaponack station says efforts will be made to put two fresh wireless operators on board from a tug.

**Carpathia Due 9 P. M.**

New York, N. Y., April 18.—The following bulletin was made public by the White Star Line shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon:

"Carpathia due at Sandy Hook 9 p. m. Should dock at 11 a. m."

New York, April 18.—The Carpathia is now said to be in a good working wireless zone, for numbers of private messages from survivors and dispatches to the line were constantly being received during the morning, but no word came to the repeated requests for details of the accident. The cruisers Chester and Salem and the government wireless stations on shore stopped sending that the Carpathia might have an uninterrupted field for sending news.

The fog is setting in thick down the bay and as far out as Sandy Hook and if it continues it doubtless will delay the arrival of the Carpathia.

**Only Thirteen Life Boats.**

The Carpathia has sent ashore the names of 125 third class passengers and has requested the White Star line to send a ship's officer and fourteen sailors on two tugs to take charge of thirteen Titanic life boats at quarantine. This would indicate that only thirteen life boats had been found available for rescue work instead of twenty life boats as had been approximated.

All hope has been given up that Colonel John Jacob Astor, Isador Straus, Benjamin Guggenheim, George D. Widener, Major Archibald Butt, military aide to President Taft; Henry B. Harris, the theatrical manager and Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk railway have been saved. The Carpathia's wireless operator word this morning that Colonel Astor was not on the Carpathia and he did not know whether Benjamin Guggenheim or Major Butt was aboard.

The cruiser Salem requested information regarding Major Butt from the Carpathia, but the Cunarder gave no answer. The Salem sent ashore the following message: "I can read the Carpathia, but he won't take any business from me."

George D. Widener, the Philadelphia capitalist is not aboard the Carpathia.

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MORE PEOPLE  
ARE HOMELESS

25,000 Are Shelterless As Result of Levee Break Near Rosedale

## HUNDREDS ARE MAROONED

Many Have Been Without Food For Days and Clothing Is Needed.

(By Special Leased Wire to New Mexican.)

Memphis, Tenn., April 18.—The break in the main levee on the Mississippi river four miles below Rosedale, Miss., and another on the Arkansas river has added 25,000 persons to the flood sufferers in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. The flood inundated rich cotton country almost as large as the New England states.

The levee at Angola, La., on the east bank of the Mississippi river broke today. Two thousand acres of planted cane will be wiped out. The plight of thousands of homeless persons in the flood district is pitiable. Hundreds are marooned in isolated places. Many have been without food for days and scores are suffering from want of clothing. Officials of the national government have combined forces with the state officials to carry relief. The need of motor boats and skiffs for rescue work is extreme. The water is rising rapidly at Tallulah, La. The inhabitants are being rescued.

Railroads are all out of commission in the inundated sections and whatever supplies are collected can be distributed only by boats.

That information was received by the White Star line office early today.

**Plans to Care for Survivors.**

Special arrangements have been made to care for the survivors when the Carpathia docks. Customs regulations have been suspended and there will be only a short inspection—at Quarantine by the health department, as is mandatory under the law. Police reserves will be stationed along the Cunard line pier and only those who are friends or relatives of the survivors with proper credentials will be permitted on the pier. Taxicab and hotel accommodations have been provided for first and second cabin passengers who are not able to proceed at once to their homes, while the steerage passengers will be cared for by the Immigration Department at Ellis Island or by the municipal lodging house, which has been placed at their disposal.

A score or more of wealthy society women have organized a relief committee to aid the steerage survivors of the Titanic and have telegraphed President Taft offering to assist the government in the work of caring for the third class passenger survivors.

That the White Star Line Cedric scheduled to sail at noon today might be detained until tomorrow, was reported today as the liner had received a wireless from the Carpathia making the request. J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the International Mercantile Marine, one of the survivors aboard the Carpathia, would, it was said, return to England aboard the Cedric if she is detained here until tomorrow.

Later, Vice-President Franklin of the White Star Line, authorized the following announcement: "The Cedric will sail as scheduled at noon today."

C. W. Thomas, assistant manager of the traffic department of the White Star Line, said no arrangements had been made to transfer J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the International Mercantile Marine from the Carpathia to the Cedric at sea and that as far as he knew, Mr. Ismay would remain aboard the Carpathia.

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

**2,208 Aboard Titanic.**

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 reply to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon.

**Carpathia to Dock Friday Morning.**

New York, April 18.—General Henry Buxton, president of the Board of Trade, said this morning that the Carpathia would not dock until 1 o'clock Friday morning.

**House of Commons Investigation.**

London, April 18.—A searching inquiry into matters concerning the catastrophe to the Titanic, pertaining to their respective departments, was promised in the House of Commons by Sidney Buxton, president of the Board of Trade, and Herbert L. Samuel, postmaster general.

The postmaster general said he already had taken up the false reports which had been published. He continued: "I am making inquiries as to whether the wireless messages from ships holding my license for wireless telegraphy on which the reports were represented to be founded were in fact sent from those ships."

Some members of the Commons suggested that the false reports had been spread with the view of affecting the premium on reinsurance, but Mr. Samuel said that matter was not within his cognizance. Mr. Buxton, who was piled with questions said:

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MEXICO SENDS  
U. S. REPLY

Madero Disclaims All Responsibility For Overt Acts of Rebels

## OROZCO, TOO, WILL BE GOOD

Insurrecto Leader Promises to Abide by the International Law.

(By Special Leased Wire to New Mexican.)

Washington, D. C., April 18.—President Madero's reply to Acting Secretary Huntington Wilson's admonition regarding treatment of Americans in Mexico, was received at the state department over night and probably will be submitted to the cabinet by Secretary Knox and considered before any answer is returned. It cannot be said Minister Calere's statement caused surprise, nor has it modified the diplomatic situation. The note is regarded as rather an attempt to relieve the Mexican government from financial liability for damages inflicted upon foreigners by the rebels, than as an evidence of resentment against the actions of the State Department in reminding the Mexican factions of their obligations under international law towards foreigners resident in Mexico, or even those serving as volunteers on one side or the other.

**No Reason for Intervention.**

In the opinion of administration officials, the Mexican note has not advanced any fresh reasons for intervention unless this disclaimer for responsibility for the actions of the rebels may be regarded as warranting foreign governments in considering whether they might not be privileged to take forcible measures to protect their subjects and citizens where they may be endangered in territory completely in control of the rebel forces. Reports of the interview between American Consul Fletcher and Orozco at Chihuahua, however, would seem to relieve any apprehension of intervention on that score, in view of the rebel leaders declared purpose to be bound by the principles of international law in any further operations.

Cananea, Mex., April 18.—About forty men and three officers of the Fifth Battalion have been sent from Cananea to Hermosillo to form a part of the guard for passenger trains of the Southern Pacific railroad of Mexico. Thirty men will be placed on each train. This move was the result of the appeal of President Epes Randolph of the company to the Governor of Sonora. There has been no violence on the railroad line in this section since last week.

El Paso, Texas, April 18.—An official rebel report received at Juarez today states that the liberals captured Sierra Mojada where there are large American interests, yesterday. The report says that 37 federals were killed; 52 prisoners taken and 32 rifles, 7,532 rounds of ammunition and 105 horses captured. Their own loss is not given. A previous report of the capture of this place seems to have been premature.

**Statement By American Railroad Men**