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APPALLING DISASTER

Steamer Titanic Strikes an Iceberg and Sinks, over 1300 Persons Going Down with the Ship.

The most appalling ocean disaster in the history of the world resulting in the loss of at least 1,341 persons, passengers and crew of the giant liner Titanic, occurred Sunday night, when the largest steamship in the world struck a sunken iceberg at a point about 600 miles south of Halifax and 1,080 miles east of New York, the vessel going down a few hours later, before any vessels could respond to the wireless signals of distress, although vessels from different directions were rushing with all possible haste to the assistance of the doomed ship.

On board the vessel were many noted persons, and although the steamer Carpathia reached the scene a couple of hours after the ship sank and rescued from open boats 868 survivors, mostly women and children, there still remains to be accounted for 1,341 persons, who doubtless have found watery graves, as the wireless dispatches say that none of the other vessels which went to the scene of the accident found any of the survivors. In the list of missing are Col. John Jacob Astor, the multi-millionaire, who with his bride was returning from a wedding tour. His wife and maid were among those rescued. Other prominent persons who met death are Major Archie Butt, personal aid to President Taft, W. T. Stead, the great London journalist, W. A. H. Roebing, the famous bridge builder, and many others.

The steamship Titanic of the White Star line, the largest vessel afloat was on her maiden voyage, having sailed from Southampton on Wednesday of last week and was due in New York yesterday. The Titanic was of 46,328 tons register, with a displacement of 66,000 tons. Her total length was 882 feet six inches, her breadth ninety-two feet six inches, and she was 175 feet from the keel to the top of the smoke stacks. She had eleven decks, which is equal to what was called a skyscraper a few years ago. The vessel carried 4,000 persons, including passengers and crew, and this in spite of the fact that the state rooms are unusually spacious, beds taking the place of bunks in most of the apartments. Two regal suits on the Titanic cost \$4,350 each for the trip, the occupants having a private promenade deck on which they had as much privacy as on the piazza of their own home. When the huge ship left Southampton April 10, she passed near the New York of the American line, and the tremendous suction developed by the passage of the leviathan caused the seven hawes, holding the New York to snap and turn that vessel loose. She was pushed back into dock without mishap. Simultaneously with the first voyage of the Titanic comes the information that the North German Lloyd line has let a contract for a vessel that will eclipse the present queen of the seas. The boat to be built will have a registered tonnage of 54,000 and will be more than 900 feet long. In the meantime the Hamburg-American line is building the Imperator, which will be of 50,000 tons and will be in service within a few months. To show the tremendous advance made in the building of the ocean greyhounds in recent years it may be said that the Titanic is nearly four times as large as the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which ten years ago was one of the largest, finest and fastest boats in commission.

WIRELESS CALLS GREAT SHIPS TO RESCUE OF TITANIC.

Boston, Mass., April 16.—The manner of the Titanic's encounter with the iceberg and its frantic appeals for aid through the medium of the wireless is known by the series of messages sent into the air, the later and more vital facts of the fate of the passengers is shrouded in a mystery the gradual clearing of which seems to be revealing an unparalleled sea tragedy.

The Titanic was on its maiden voyage. When it found itself among the icefields on the Grand Banks the vessels sent call after call to the hurrying liners of the upper roads—the Cunarder Carpathia, the Virginian and the Persian of the Allan line, the great Baltic, the "Good Samaritan of the Atlantic," and the big Germans that were plowing their way between the continents.

Ships Race to Aid.

The Carpathia and the Virginian, wheel in their course, raced to the aid of the Titanic. It has been many years since the world was left in such suspense and dread as followed the first faltering calls for help from the crushed vessel. At 10:30 on Sunday night the Virginian, speeding on its way to Glasgow, picked up the White Star's Marconi signal of distress that clears the air of all lesser messages. The wireless operator of the Virginian caught the cry for help:

"Have struck an iceberg. Badly damaged. Rush aid."

Baltic Rushes to Aid.

Seaward and landward J. G. Phillips, the Titanic wireless man, was sending the appeal for help. The wireless was working unevenly and blurringly. A word or two, scattered phrases, now and then a connecting sentence, made up the messages that sent a thrill of apprehension for a thousand miles east, west and south of the doomed liner.

Other liners beside the Virginian heard the call. The big Baltic, 2,020 miles to the eastward and west bound, turned again to try to save life as it did when the Republic was cut down in a fog in January, 1909. The Titanic's mate, the Olympic, the greatest of seagoers save the Titanic itself, turned in its tracks. All along the northern lane the miracle of the wireless worked for the distressed and sinking White Star ship.

The Hamburg-American Cincinnati, the Parisian, from Glasgow; the North German Lloyd Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, the Hamburg-American liners Prinz Adalbert and Amerika all heard the appeal and the rapid, condensed explanation of what had happened.

Virginian First to Hear.

But the Virginian—barely 170 miles away—was the first to know of the Titanic's danger. It went about and headed under forced draught for the spot indicated in one of the last wireless messages—latitude 40.32 north and longitude 61.18 west.

The final fluttering Marconigrams that were released from the Titanic made it certain that the great steamship was filling and in desperate peril.

Farther out at sea was the Carpathia, which left New York for the Mediterranean on April 13. This boat plunged back westward. And the third steamship within short sailing of the Titanic was the Allan Parisian, away to the eastward on its way from Glasgow from Halifax.

Appeal Sent Broadcast.

While these vessels hastened with all the drive that steam could give them the Titanic's call reached Cape Race, in New Foundland, and the startled operator there heard a message which quickly reached New York.

"Have struck an iceberg. We are badly damaged. Titanic. Latitude 41.46 north, 50.14 west."

Cape Race threw the appeal broadcast wherever its apparatus could carry. So that for hours, while the world waited for a crumb of news as to the safety of the great ship's people, not one thing more was known save that it was drifting, broken helpless and alone, in the midst of a waste of ice.

And it was not until seventeen hours after the Titanic had sunk, carrying with it—as now seems certain—a great part of its passengers and crew, that the words came out of the air as to the vessel's fate. There was a confusion and tangle of messages—a jumble of rumors.

Good tidings were trodden upon by evil, and no man knew clearly what was taking place in that stretch of water where the giant icebergs were making a mock of all that the world knew best in ship-building.

It was 12:17 a. m., while the Virginian was still plunging eastward, that all communication from the Titanic ceased. The Virginian's operator, with the captain at his elbow, fed the air with blue flashes in a desperate effort to know what was happening to the crippled liner, but no message came back.

"Sinking," is Last Word.

The last word from the Titanic was that it was sinking. Then the sparking became fainter. The call was dying to nothing. The Virginian's operator labored over a blur of signals. It was hopeless. So the Allan ship strove on, fearing that the worst had happened.

It was this ominous silence that so alarmed the other vessels hurrying to the Titanic that caused suspense and then horror here. And in the long hours that followed there was no explanation of that dying away of the wireless.

May the apparatus was injured when the vessel plunged against the iceberg; possibly the supply of fuel for the wireless motors gave out, or it may have been that some one in authority decided it was best to wait before flinging futile news abroad.

At any rate, the Titanic, already water logged, and its certainty, its people straining their eyes for the first streak of fire against the horizon that would show the approach of help, was as much cut off from the world as it was already on ocean bottom.

Carpathia First to Aid.

Although the Virginian had been the first to hear the appeal, the Carpathia was the first of the relief ships to arrive. And it is the vessel which is reported to have rescued the 675 persons off the Titanic.

What took place in the time between the arrival of the Carpathia and the Virginian and before the Titanic sank is not known. Indeed, the huge steamship may have gone down before the aid came, and those of the passengers who were saved may all have been taken from lifeboats.

It is assumed here, that before help came Capt. E. J. Smith of the Titanic, the admiral of the White Star fleet, the careful veteran who has brought so many of the line's finest ships to this port on their maiden trips, realized early that there was small chance of his vessel staying above water and that reliance must be had on the small boats.

Lifeboats Afloat.

He had fifty lifeboats, wide and supposed to be capable of resisting the battering of heavy seas. They were in theory capable of holding fifty persons each.

So far as could be told from the scant and cryptic wireless messages from the ships that found the Titanic these boats were afloat and fending away from the Titanic and threatening iceberg when the Carpathia blazed through the gloom.

Try Zephyr Four. Every sack guaranteed. A. M. Caster.

MORE SCHOOL ROOM

Special Election Called to Vote on Issuing Bonds for an Addition to High School Building.

The voters of the Leon school district will have an opportunity to vote on the question of issuing bonds in the sum of not to exceed \$15,000 for the purpose of building an addition to the Leon High School. The election will be held on May 17th, and at this election both men and women will be allowed to vote, the question of issuing school bonds being one of the questions on which women are allowed to vote in this state.

For several years the Leon schools have been crowded to capacity, and it is absolutely necessary that some provision be made to take care of the increased attendance, and the board has been considering the question of what to do in the matter for some time. A few weeks ago a public meeting was held at the opera house and it was the unanimous opinion of those present that the school board should go ahead and make provision for properly caring for the school children. After mature consideration the board decided to submit the proposition to issue bonds of not to exceed \$15,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping an addition to the High School building.

It is absolutely necessary that something be done, for the schools are now so crowded that a number of the pupils are only allowed to attend school a half day, and the proposition should be carried by a unanimous vote. If the addition is not voted for it will be up to the school board to rent additional rooms away from the school buildings to take care of the pupils and this would involve a big expense as extra teachers would have to be employed and the rent of suitable buildings would be a great deal more than the annual interest on the bonds.

Loss of Titanic Cost White Star Line \$5,000,000.

New York, April 16.—With the Titanic a total loss, the financial blow to the International Mercantile Marine, of which the White Star line is a portion, probably will amount to over \$3,000,000. While the officials of the company declined to say today how much insurance was carried on the big boat, it is known that the amount was about \$5,000,000. This insurance was distributed among many companies. A small part was carried by the White Star line itself.

The cost of the building of the Titanic has been estimated at \$10,000,000, but Vice President Franklyn of the White Star line insists tonight that its value was not over \$8,000,000.

The cargo was insured by the shipper. The company had nothing to do with the insurance of the cargo. The Titanic carried a cargo of 1,440 tons of what is known as case goods, as high-class cargo, consisting of linen and mercantile goods. It was estimated by an official of the White Star line that the cargo was worth probably \$750,000. If there were any diamonds on board, the line here had not been notified to that effect.

There was a report in London that the Titanic carried about \$5,000,000 in bonds and diamonds. This statement could not be verified here. It is known that Ishberg & Co. of 65 Malden lane had a consignment of diamonds on the Titanic, but nothing like \$1,000,000 worth.

I. N. Clark Died Suddenly Yesterday.

Residents of Leon received a severe shock yesterday just before noon when the announcement was made that Mr. I. N. Clark, one of the pioneer citizens of Leon was dead. For some months Mr. Clark has not been in the best of health, but he was up town as usual Tuesday. That evening about 10 o'clock he complained of neuralgia in his arms and about 11 o'clock Dr. Layton was called. He gave him some medicine and talked with him for a short time, and left him feeling easier. Yesterday morning he was able to be up and around the house, but felt that he was in a bad condition and sent for a stenographer to attend to some business matters, and was just ready to sign some important papers when he dropped over dead, his death being caused from neuralgia of the heart. Mr. Clark was 81 years of age. Arrangements for the funeral had not been made at the time The Reporter went to press.

Automobile Owners Meeting at Leon Next Tuesday.

A message was received yesterday morning from the secretary of the Iowa Automobile Association, saying he would be in Leon on next Tuesday, April 23rd, to meet with the auto owners of Decatur county and talk over the forming of a county association for their mutual benefit. The meeting will be held at the court house at 1 o'clock, and every owner of an auto in Decatur county is urged to be present at the meeting.

Democratic Conference at Creston.

There will be a conference of the democrats of the Eighth Congressional District held at Creston on Friday, April 19th, at which there will be a general discussion of the political affairs of the district, and especially in regard to the democratic nomination for congressman. The meeting will be attended by prominent democrats from all the counties in the district.



Union Revival.

Last Sunday evening a large crowd of people completely filling the tabernacle assembled for the first meeting of the evangelistic campaign. The campaign will probably last from four to five weeks. The largest chorus ever seen in Leon was seated on the platform and under the leadership of Prof. Osborn was a splendid success.

Evangelist Hillis is all right. If you do not think so, come out and hear him. He is a man of deep convictions and expresses those convictions fearlessly. His earnestness impressed all the people and he fights sin without gloves but with the evident purpose of leading souls to Jesus Christ and the higher life.

The spirit of unity among the different churches is beautiful and promises one of the best seasons of grace ever known in Leon. We want everybody to come.

On next Friday night will be a special service for young people but everybody is invited, when the subject of Evangelist Hillis will be, "Essential Elements for Success in the Lives of Young Men and Young Women, or How to Win." Next Sunday evening the subject of Mr. Hillis will be "Christian Science Exposed, or Reasons Why I Believe Mrs. Eddy is in Hell." There will also be services Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the tabernacle. Meetings every night in the week at 7:30 o'clock. The first day meeting will be on next Friday at 3 p. m.

E. N. Bradshaw, Pastor Presbyterian Church.

Another Big Mt. Ayr Case to be Tried at Leon.

There will probably be another full week of the Decatur county district court occupied at the next term of court which meets in August, in the trial of another big criminal case which has been sent here from Mt. Ayr. The case is that of State vs. George W. Kelley, who was indicted for rape, and after a hard contest over the matter Judge Maxwell last week granted the defendant a change of venue. The defendant who is a man about sixty years of age was indicted on the charge of rape and his attorneys alleged that he could not secure a fair trial in Ringgold county on account of prejudice against him. He was one of the Mt. Ayr men who were acquitted of the charge of conspiring to defeat justice at the last term of court held in this city, an indictment having been returned against him and his attorneys Spence & Smith, charging that they tried to induce the prosecuting witness in the rape case against Kelley to leave the county and not appear against him for a money consideration, but on account of flaws in the indictment the case was taken away from the jury by Judge Maxwell who instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

He Starts Out Right.

Mayor Foxworthy is starting out right, as will be seen by his proclamation published elsewhere in this issue. He gives notice that all the alleys in the city must be cleaned up at once, as well as all pig pens. He also serves notice on owners of chickens that they must keep their chickens at home so that they will not annoy and destroy the gardens of their neighbors. And finally he gives notice that the ordinance providing for the punishment of those fellows who persist in spitting on the sidewalks, in stores, stairways and other places will be strictly enforced. We are glad to see the new mayor take this stand. The city ordinances in regard to these matters have been ignored and are violated every day. Mayor Foxworthy proposes to enforce them, and in this matter he will have the hearty support of every good citizen. We are glad to see him take this stand on these matters. He will make some people mad, but if, as he says, all persons will look alike to him, he will have nothing to fear in the end. Let every one help the mayor in this matter, and we will have a much cleaner and better city.

Marriage Licenses.

Ira E. Smith, Garden Grove, 21
Olive Marie Bumsgrader, Garden Grove, 22
Roy M. Young, Lamoni, 25
Eola L. Coop, Lamoni, 26

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

Items Taken from the Files of The Reporter Published a Quarter of a Century Ago.

W. J. Sullivan started on a trip to Great Bend, Kansas.

Mrs. J. W. Nissen, of Bozeman, Montana, was visiting with Mrs. Horace Farquhar and Miss Clare Lunbeck in this city.

The general store of Jamison Bros., at Weldon, was destroyed by an incendiary fire. The loss was quite heavy as they carried only \$2,600 insurance.

Dr. I. F. Hildreth, while at Kellerton on business, was stricken with a stroke of paralysis, his entire left side being affected. He was brought to his home in Leon, but his condition was considered quite serious.

The Reporter editor used quite a lot of space telling the citizens of Leon they should not allow their chickens to run at large and annoy their neighbors, for the people were kicking about the chicken nuisance a quarter of a century ago just as they are kicking about it in Leon at the present time.

Dr. Charles Van Werden, of Peoria, Ill., was visiting with his sons in this city.

John McIntire, of Ottumwa, was visiting at the home of his cousin, J. A. Caster.

Prof. Senhouse, who had been instructing the Leon band, left for Columbus, Ohio, to join a circus band, and Edgar McClelland was secured to lead the band.

Phillip F. Launtz and Miss Ollie Thompson, both of Van Wert, were married by Elder H. A. Lemon, pastor of the Christian church at his home in this city.

Fuller Avery bought the interest of Charley Mills in the restaurant owned by Mills & Lorey, Frank P. Lorey being his partner in the enterprise.

W. A. Glaze, of Osceola, was visiting with Leon friends.

Miss Helen DeKalb, of DeKalb, was visiting with Miss Ollie Brown for a few days.

Uncle Sam Miller was quite badly bruised up by stepping on a loose board on a sidewalk.

Mr. Joshua W. Noble and Miss Anna Lloyd, of near Decatur City, were married in Leon at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. C. L. Nye, pastor of the Leon M. E. church.

Mrs. W. T. Cole and little daughter, of Plattsmouth, Neb., were visiting at the home of her brother, Joe R. Peters in Leon.

Mrs. Fannie Maxwell, wife of Dr. J. P. Maxwell, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodard, of near Decatur City, died at her home in Van Wert at the age of 24 years.

The following marriage licenses were issued:

Joshua W. Noble to Miss Anna Lloyd.

James M. Tucker to Miss Eva Nelson.

John Burrell to Miss Matilda Jane Wright.

Simon Goodman to Miss Eva L. Davis.

Phillip F. Launtz to Miss Ollie Thompson.

Byron Hamilton purchased a half interest in the barber shop owned by his brother, John O. Hamilton.

John D. Bethards, of Woodland, was granted a pension of \$4 per month, dating from the time of his discharge from the army 23 years before.

H. Carpenter and George Myers purchased the mill sight formerly owned by William Woodard, on Grand River, and were preparing to erect a mill soon.

To Push McGinnis for Congress.

A meeting of a number of the leading democrats of Leon was held in this city last Thursday evening to take steps to actively push the candidacy of Hon. V. R. McGinnis for congress. Those who were present were unanimous of the opinion that McGinnis is the logical and strongest man in the district to make the race. J. L. Mendenhall was elected to manage the preliminary campaign, and nomination papers were sent to each county in the district and many of them have already been filed with signers and filed. From all parts of the district come letters of encouragement and it looks as if Mr. McGinnis would receive the united support of the democracy of the district. And he will if nominated make a splendid campaign, and who knows but what the eighth district will again be represented in congress by a democrat. There is no telling how lightning is going to strike in political circles this year.

Roosevelt Carried Pennsylvania.

At the primary election in Pennsylvania last Saturday, Roosevelt defeated Taft by more than two to one, and he will have 65 of the 76 delegates to the national convention. The Roosevelt campaign managers insist that this puts Taft out of the race, but on the other hand Taft's manager declares that Taft can still be nominated without the Pennsylvania vote. Wilson secured the bulk of the democratic delegates and will have 74 of the 76 delegates to the national convention.

To Our Correspondents.

We are revising our list of correspondents and specially request that each person who is acting as correspondent for The Reporter send us next week their full name and address together with the name under which their items appear. This is important, so please do not neglect it.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Representative.
I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for representative in the state legislature, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primary in June.
A. M. PRYOR.

For Representative.
I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for representative in the state legislature, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primary in June.
M. F. THOMPSON.

For Representative.
I am a candidate for re-nomination on the republican ticket for representative in the state legislature, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election to be held in June.
I. A. SMITH.

For County Attorney.
I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for county attorney, subject to the decision of the voters at the June primary.
MARION WOODARD.

For County Attorney.
I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for county attorney, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the June primary.
GEO. W. BAKER.

For Treasurer.
I will be a candidate for re-nomination for county treasurer, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the June primary.
W. C. COZAD.

For Recorder.
I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for county recorder, subject to the decision of the voters at the June primary.
W. A. BOONE.

For Recorder.
I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for county recorder, subject to the decision of the voters at the June primary.
P. E. SHIRLEY.

For Recorder.
I will be a candidate for the republican nomination for county recorder, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary in June.
WILL GARDNER.

For Clerk of Courts.
I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for clerk of the district court, subject to the decision of the voters at the June primary.
E. E. BECK.

For Sheriff.
I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff subject to the decision of the voters at the June primary.
JAMES CAIN.

For Sheriff.
I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff subject to the decision of the voters at the June primaries.
C. R. PIERCEY.

For Sheriff.
I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff, subject to the decision of the voters at the June primaries.
W. M. MAPES.

For Sheriff.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Decatur county subject to the will of the voters of the republican party at the primary election to be held in June.
F. C. MULLINIX.

For Auditor.
I will be a candidate for re-nomination for county auditor, subject to the decision of the voters at the June primary.
R. E. McLAUGHLIN.

For Auditor.
I will be a candidate for the republican nomination for county auditor, subject to the decision of the voters at the June primary.
M. LINDEN.

Swell New Signs.

Bell & Robinson, the Rexall druggists of this city, have their display windows decorated with a couple of mighty swell signs which were put on the windows last week, and they are the noblest signs in the city. The United Drug Co., of Boston, Mass., sent a special sign man here to put the signs up, and they are only placed with the leading Rexall druggists of the country. The signs are of copper and gold leaf, and will attract much attention.

A Word to Evening Shoppers.

In conversation with one of Leon's leading merchants we learned that gradually a number of shoppers have drifted into the habit of doing their shopping late in the evening. The stores of Leon close at 8 o'clock and the merchant said that nearly every evening customers drop in at his store just at closing time, when they are all ready to close up. Of course they cannot close and turn the customers out, and by the time the first customer is waited on others drop in and the result is that the proprietor or clerks are kept on duty an hour or more after the regular closing time. The merchants and clerks have long hours anyway, and the buying public should try and do their shopping before eight o'clock in the evening.

For Sale.—A few registered Hereford bull calves. Also some timothy and clover seed, mixed. W. E. Shinn, Weldon, Iowa, R. F. D. No. 2.