

PEOPLE FLEE PURSUED BY GREAT FLOOD

Levee on Mississippi Breaks,
and Two Entire Counties
in Mississippi Are Now
Under Water.

SEVERE WAS HAVOC WROUGHT BY WATER

Couriers and Telephones
Warn Residents, Who Hastily
Gather Belongings and
Flee for Lives.

(National News Association)
MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 18.—The
Mississippi river levee at the Lobdell
plantation, four miles south of Beulah,
Miss., broke early today, flooding
Washington and Bolivar counties, rich
cotton raising lands. Eight towns are
in imminent danger. This is the first
levee to break on the Mississippi bank
of the river.

Thousands are fleeing from the lower
Mississippi delta, which is being
overflowed. Reports received at the
United States engineers office say the
levee break is now over two miles
wide and water forty feet deep is pouring
through it. Hundreds of families
were caught in their homes, warned
only by the rising waters. They gathered
a few belongings, and ran ahead
warning others. Word was sent to
Greenville, Miss., and warning was
carried by couriers and telephones.

Not half the population of Bolivar
and a half dozen other counties will
be able to escape the flood.

At 7 o'clock this morning the towns
of Benoit, Dahomey, Beulah, Cleveland,
Pace, Shaw, Choctaw and Leland
are from two to six feet under water
and it is rising rapidly.

Many of the richest cotton plantations
in the south will be inundated. The
loss to planters will be great.

Water from this break will re-enter
the Mississippi river through Big Sunflower
and Yazoo rivers. It will give
relief to the country north of Greenville,
Miss., and Vicksburg.

Greenville is in danger of being
inundated. Rescuing parties have been
sent into the country north and east
of that place.

AN APRIL BLIZZARD

Is Raging Fiercely Through
the Middle West.

(National News Association)
CHICAGO, April 18.—An April blizzard
that extended from Nebraska to
Chicago is raging here today. Snow
has fallen in Chicago most of the
night and today is being swept in a
wet drizzle before a stiff breeze. Snow
fell in Nebraska and Iowa and the
northern part of Illinois. In Missouri
a cold rain has given place to cloudy,
cold weather. It is cloudy and cold in
Nebraska.

The snow in this section melts as
fast as it falls although the ground
was covered heavily enough to be perceptibly
white. It is reported that no
damage to crops has been done.

THE WEATHER

STATE—Cloudy tonight, Friday fair.
Frost tonight.

LOCAL—Fair and continued cold to-
night and Friday; frost tonight.

HIGH SCHOOL OBSERVATORY.

Forecast for Richmond and vicinity:
Cloudy, continued cold tonight and
Friday. Maximum temperature 48 at
9 a. m. Wednesday. Minimum temperature
36 at 6 a. m. Thursday. Temperature
at 11:30, 47. Barometer 29.8. Rain-
fall since yesterday .53 inch. Direction
and velocity of wind, N. W., 15 miles
an hour.

STATE COMMISSION HAS ARRIVED HERE

To Inspect Schools to See the
Kind of Vocational Training
Offered.

The commission appointed by Governor
Marshall recently with the idea of
ascertaining what vocational training
is now offered in the public schools
throughout the state and to secure
ideas for needed improvement along
this line, will visit Richmond this afternoon.
A meeting will be held at the
high school auditorium this evening at
which time Will W. Yarling, of Shelbyville,
state senator, and chairman of the
commission, will make an address.
Frank Duffy, secretary of the Brotherhood
of Carpenters and Joiners, also a
member of the commission, will
speak.

The meeting will be open to everyone
and has been arranged by the
committee appointed by the Commercial
club, composed of George H. Knollenberg,
chairman, Pres. R. L. Kelly of Earlham college,
Supt. of schools Mott, Sharon E. Jones and W.
Z. Carr. Mr. Knollenberg probably will
preside at this evening's meeting. The
meeting will open at 8 o'clock.

The presiding officer, after Mr. Yarling
and Mr. Duffy have talked upon the
question of the betterment of vocational
training in the schools of this city, will
call on manufacturers and others in the
audience for their views concerning this
matter.

A very favorable report was made
by the Commercial club committee
which inspected the schools of the city
a short time ago for the purpose
of ascertaining the advantages offered
here along the vocational training
line. The training offered students in
the Garfield and high schools is said
to be above the average of such
schools in other cities of the same
size of Richmond in this state.

A SOCIAL HYGIENE EXPERT TO SPEAK

Dr. Hall of Chicago Will Address
Young Men and
Women Tomorrow.

Under the joint auspices of the city
school board, Earlham college and the
Young Men's Christian association, a
social hygiene campaign is to be
waged in this city tomorrow by Dr.
Winfield Scott Hall, of the Northwestern
Medical School of Chicago. Dr. Hall
will talk at the Garfield school,
Earlham college at the high school.
He will speak to mothers and daughters
at the high school auditorium in the
afternoon and at a men's meeting
Earlham college and at high school.

According to the arrangements
made by the joint committee representing
the college, Y. M. C. A. and the
school board, Dr. Hall will talk
to the boys and girls at separate meetings
between 8 and 9 o'clock tomorrow
morning. Parents of the pupils are
cordially invited to attend. Between
9 and 10 o'clock Dr. Hall will address
separate meetings of the men and
women of Earlham college. At 1:45
o'clock Dr. Hall will deliver an address
to the boys of the high school and following
that he will talk to the girls of the
school.

At 4 o'clock Dr. Hall will address
the mothers and daughters at the high
school auditorium. This address, which
is primarily intended to bring mothers
and daughters into closer sympathy
with each other, is open to all adult
women.

The men's meeting will be held at 8
o'clock tomorrow evening at the high
school hall and is open to all young
men.

CRUELTY ALLEGED IN DIVORCE SUIT

Charging cruel and inhuman treatment
Lola Murphy today filed suit in the
Wayne circuit court for divorce from
Ira Murphy. The complaint also
asks the custody of their two children.

Owing to the fact that the complaint
was withdrawn by the attorney for the
plaintiff immediately following its
filing specific instances of the defendant's
alleged cruelty could not be obtained.

They were married in March, 1906,
and separated, March 1911, living together
for five years.

The Rescued Titanic Officers Will Be Seized if Escape is Attempted

Mrs. Guggenheim Seeking News of Husband



Mrs. Guggenheim, wife of the "Smelter King" who went down with the great ship, is shown on the steps of the White Star Line building with her brother-in-law, Mr. DeWitt Seligman and several other anxious relatives of Titanic passengers. Once or twice Mrs. Guggenheim broke down and berated the steamship company, declaring that the lives of all the passengers would have been saved if the company had acted when the first news of the accident was received by sending boats to the rescue from Halifax.

They Will Practically be Under Arrest When
They Arrive In New York as Government
Learns They Have Plotted to Make
Escape From Testifying Before the
Committees of Congress

A Few of the Titanic Life Boats Sank

This Startling Information was Revealed
Today—Last Boats to be Lowered Over the
Levanthian's Side were Dragged Down
With the Great Ship—Now Known that
Col. J. J. Astor was Drowned

(National News Association)
WASHINGTON, April 18.—Every
officer of the Titanic coming in on
the steamer Carpathia will be practically
placed under arrest the moment of
arrival. A sub-committee of the
senate commerce committee,
which went to New York today is armed
with subpoenas, whereby officers
and members of the crew will be held
by force, if necessary, to testify in the
investigation of the loss of the Titanic.
This extraordinary action of the government
is taken at the direction of the
president, and is the result of a
report that the Titanic's surviving
officials were planning to leave for England
on another ship of that company
without giving the United States government
time to question them. It was
reported at the navy department
that a wireless message, sent by J.
B. Ismay to the White Star officials
in New York, had been picked up, in
which they were directed to book passage
for him on an outgoing steamer.
It was the purpose, according to
the report, for Ismay to trans-ship to
this steamer and return to England
without setting foot on American soil,
and thus escape subpoena to appear
before the investigating committee of
congress.

is sending nothing but wireless messages
from Titanic survivors. It is positive
Col. Astor is not on board, although
questions as to the fate of Benjamin
Guggenheim were unanswered. Carpathia
wireless man positively refused to answer questions.

ANOTHER SHIP WRECKED.

HALIFAX, April 18.—Two hundred
passengers have been taken from the
stranded steamer, Earl Grey, which
struck on a ledge two miles west of
Stoney river. The Earl Grey has nine
feet of water in her hold and is in
danger of being pounded to pieces.

SHE WILL ARRIVE LATE.

NEW YORK, April 18.—A heavy fog
settled down over New York bay this
afternoon, reaching out as far as
Sandy hook, and rendering improbable
the docking of the Carpathia with the
Titanic survivors on board until tomorrow
unless a breeze sprang up to
brush away the murky curtain. Surveyor
General Henry of New York Port, after
taking stock of weather conditions said
that he did not believe the rescue ship
would dock until 11 a. m. Friday at the
earliest. As the day advanced and the
fog deepened, the anxiety of those on
shore deepened. To all wireless intreaties
of high and low alike the Carpathia
turned a deaf ear.

FEW LIFE BOATS LOST.

BRANT ROCK, Mass., April 18.—
That some of the life boats being used
to rescue the passengers of the Titanic
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DORR MAKES DENIAL

Refutes the Charge He Killed
George Marsh.

(National News Association)
STOCKTON, Cal., April 18.—William
E. Dorr, arrested here on a charge
of murdering George Marsh, the
Lynn, Mass., soap manufacturer,
denied any knowledge of the crime.
Questioned by Chief of Police Briare,
Dorr said he had not read the newspapers
and knew nothing of the murder
of Marsh until told of it after his
arrest.

"I have just returned from the east,"
said Dorr, "but I did not go near New
York. After leaving Stockton, I went
to Fresno, Los Angeles, New Orleans
and thence to Chicago. I remained in
Chicago some time and while there I
was robbed of \$200 by some who gave
me knock-out drops. I never saw
George Marsh in my life."

When arrested Dorr had \$104 in his
pockets. He admitted that he had \$1,800
when he left Stockton but declared the
remainder was spent seeing the sights.

TEMPERANCE THEME FOR MAYOR TODAY

The four who faced the mayor in
police court this morning on the charge
of public intoxication were much the
worse for wear. Each pleaded
guilty in turn and all went down in
default of money to pay fines of \$1
and costs.

Before fining them, the mayor read
them a lengthy sermon on the evils of
intemperance, this being called forth
by the statement of one of the men
who said he had four grown children
in Aurora, Ill., where he wanted to go.
The mayor said it should be provided
by law that whenever a man demonstrates
by getting drunk, his inability to
drink without taking too much, he
should be arrested when seen drinking
again, and the saloonkeeper who sells
the liquor should lose his license. The
men fined were John Ingersoll, Billy
Sharp, Dan Daily and Harry Webster.
Sharp was found back of the M. Rumely
plant with his left eye closed and
black from a fall.

MRS. BASS-LOGAN

MADE NEW RECORD

Waltzes for 17 Hours, Forcing
One of Her Partners to Quit.

Mrs. Isabelle Bass-Logan, who started
in the Eagle's marathon waltz at the
Coliseum yesterday morning at 8:57,
stopped dancing this morning at 2
o'clock, having in that time danced
several miles and broken the world's
record, having overlapped the
previous record of 16 hours and forty
minutes by twenty-three minutes.

There were no contenders for the
title. Etters and Mrs. Logan were the
only ones to start at the stipulated
time, nine o'clock, and although there
were several other couples who danced
for several hours, they did not try
for second and third prizes. First
prize was \$40.

When two o'clock came Mrs. Bass-
Logan was notified that she had broken
the world's record. She asked the
managers of the dancing affair if
"they did not want her to dance an
hour or more longer," but they told
her she had danced long enough.

When Etters quit at nine o'clock, he
said he was "all in," and went home.
Sherman White, who played for the
dancers, also quit at the same time.
Etters did, took a few moments rest
and then played again until the dancing
stopped. His drummer, Emmet
Wolfe, played all the time. The drummer
also broke a world's record.

The affair was given under the auspices
of the Eagle's degree team. In the evening
at 7:30 o'clock, several hundred
dancers took the floor and danced
around the marathoners for several
hours, until a late hour. There were
about six hundred people present to
watch the dancers trying for the
world's record. There is some question
as to the validity of Mrs. Bass-
Logan's claim to the world's championship
title, inasmuch as she did not dance
the entire time with one partner.
However, when Etters quit dancing
she kept in motion until another
partner came forward.

Although the rules of the contest
were that the dancers were entitled to
two minutes rest out of each hour, no
time was taken by the dancers.

MAKE PROTESTS ON REGISTRATION LAW

It was the substance of the opinion
of the Republican county chairman
of the First, Second, Third, Fourth
Fifth and Sixth districts, who attended
the meeting called at Indianapolis last
evening for the purpose of having the
registration and corrupt practices acts
explained to them, that the former law
was unfair, inasmuch as it fails to
provide for the registration of absent
voters or those who are physically unable
to appear at the time for registration.
Wayne County Chairman Robbins
attended the meeting.

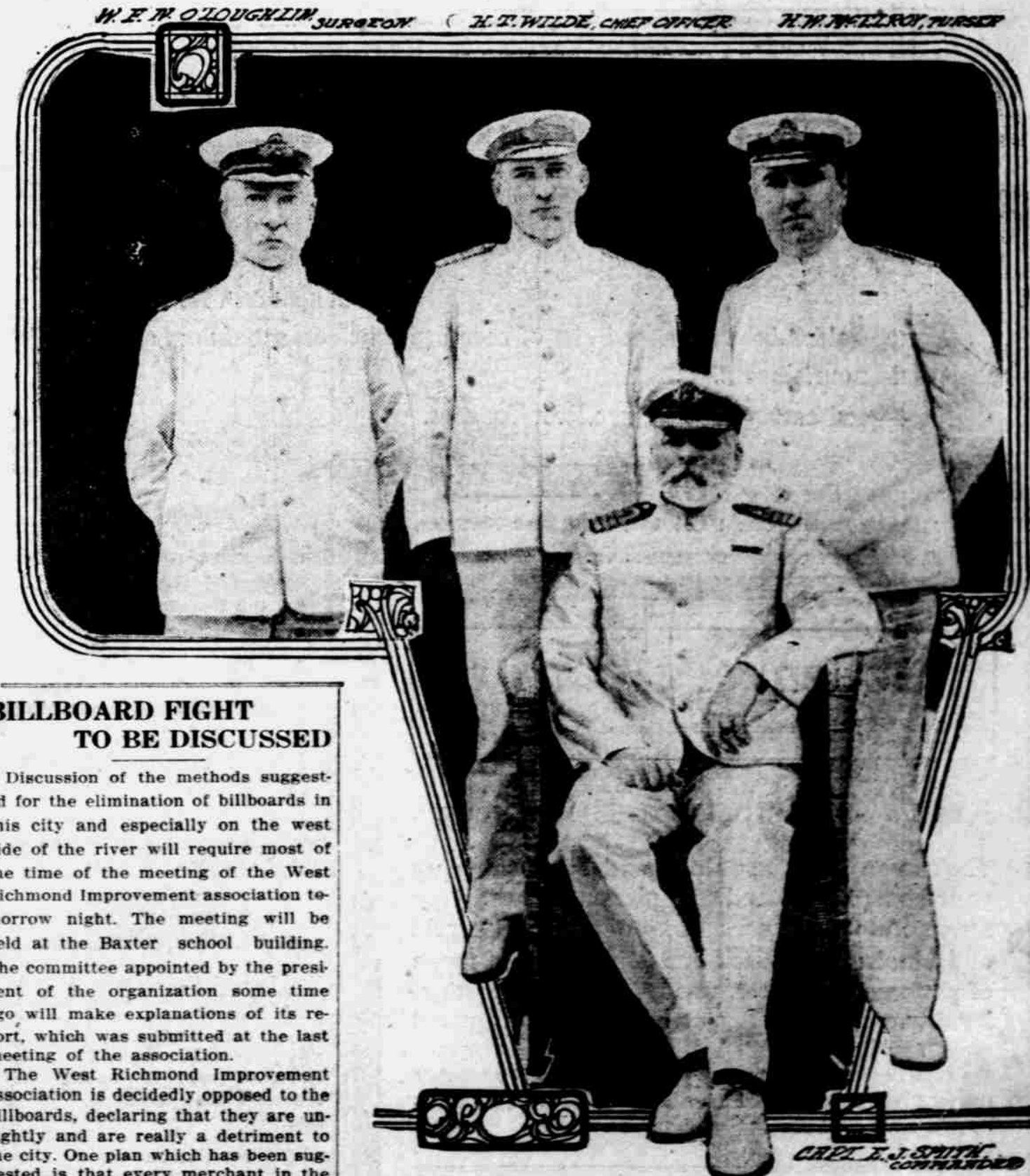
Predictions were made that amendments
to the act remedying these defects
will be offered at the next meeting
of the General Assembly.

LORIMER QUITE ILL

Either Too Much Speak or
Too Much Roosevelt.

(National News Association)
CHICAGO, April 18.—U. S. Senator
Lorimer is seriously ill at his home
here. Overwork during the primary
campaign and worry over the senate
investigation are said to have been
the cause. His throat is troubling
him. This, members of his family say,
is the result of his strenuous public
speaking campaign. They say that
while he is seriously ill there is no
cause for alarm.

Commander and Officers of Titanic



BILLBOARD FIGHT TO BE DISCUSSED

Discussion of the methods suggested
for the elimination of billboards in
this city and especially on the west
side of the river will require most of
the time of the meeting of the West
Richmond Improvement association tomorrow
night. The meeting will be held at
the Baxter school building. The committee
appointed by the president of the
organization some time ago, will make
explanations of its report, which was
submitted at the last meeting of the
association.

The West Richmond Improvement
association is decidedly opposed to the
billboards, declaring that they are
unsightly and are really a detriment to
the city. One plan which has been
suggested is that every merchant in the
city be invited to attend a future meeting
at which time the members of the
association will explain their views on
the subject and a request will be made
of the merchants to refuse to advertise
on billboards in the city.

Three Prominent Victims of Titanic Tragedy



From left to right: Benjamin Guggenheim, the millionaire smelter king; Henry R. Harris, one of the
biggest theatrical producers in New York, and Isidor Straus, the millionaire merchant philanthropist.