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## Carpathia, Ship of Gloom and Succor Lands at N. Y.

### Survivors of Ill Fated Titanic Number But 745—Perished 1,595

#### The Arrival of the Rescue Ship Only Adds to the Harrowing Tale of the Disaster

#### Men Stood Back Calmly To Save Women and Children

THE PROMINENT PERSONAGES MENTIONED UNACCOUNTED FOR  
UNDOUBTEDLY PERISHED—SPEED MANIA RESPONSIBLE FOR  
GREATEST MARINE TRAGEDY.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, April 19.—Returning from the scene of the world's greatest marine tragedy, the sinking of the great liner Titanic, after a collision with a gigantic iceberg a thousand miles from land, carrying 1,595 souls to the bottom, the funeral ship Carpathia docked at her pier here last night at nine o'clock, releasing to the world the first real narrative of the events of the fateful wreck.

A thousand persons crowded into the Cunard pier, awaiting with tearful eyes and hoping that their loved ones not mentioned in the meager wireless dispatches, had been rescued and were aboard. By far a majority departed bowed down with grief in the realization that their hopes could never be realized.

There were 745 survivors aboard the Carpathia. Four seamen perished from cold and exposure after being rescued and were buried at sea. Those rescued related narratives that varied as to whether there was excitement and panic aboard the Titanic but the clearer headed are firm in saying that the officers were quiet and deliberate in manning and filling the lifeboats and rafts of which there were not accommodations for more than one-third of the passengers and crew.

Men Stood Back For Women and Children.

The stoic heroism with which men stood back quietly and allowed women and children to enter the lifeboats was spoken of in the highest terms by the rescued women. One said Colonel John Jacob Astor, after passing his bride into a lifeboat stood back and said to her, "Good-bye dearie," then smiled and quietly lighted a cigarette. Jack Futrelle, the magazine writer with an iron bar defended the women and assisted them in gaining boats then stood back waving a farewell to Mrs. Futrelle. He went down with the boat.

Men Literally Lifted Wives Into Life Boats.

The most distressing picture of the disaster told by the survivors was the separation of wives and husbands. Many women having kissed their husbands, still clung to them refusing to get into the waiting boats. A great many men literally lifted their wives into the boats. In the partings the horror of waiting death was forgotten. It was the thought of leaving tenings, of eternal separation, between

these men and women that impelled the silent throng of onlookers. When the life boats pulled away and the Titanic made its last dive to the bottom the shrieks of the perishing pursued and haunted the rescued. The Titanic was engulfed almost without a murmur, followed by a muffled explosion, when the icy waters surrounded the boilers. She quivered in final spasm and disappeared.

Col. Gracie Graphically Describes His Experience.

New York, April 19.—Col. Archibald Gracie, U. S. A., who jumped from the top-most deck of the Titanic as she sank and swam about until he found a cork life raft and then helped rescue others, who had jumped into the water, added today to his statement of last night, "The interval between the collision and sinking of the ship was two hours and twenty two minutes. After sinking with the ship, it appeared to me as if it were propelled by some great force through the water. This might have been occasioned by explosions under the water. I recall that I was most fearful of being drowned to death. The second officer who was on the top deck, told me he had a similar experience.

"Innumerable thoughts of a personal nature, relating to telepathy flashed through my brain. I thought of those at home, as if my spirit might go to them and say goodbye forever, for a similar experience had occurred in the history of a member of my wife's family and she was even awake that night, tortured with presentment.

Thought the End Had Come.

"Again and again I prayed for deliverance, although I felt sure that the end had come. My greatest difficulty was in holding my breath until I came to the surface, for I knew that once I had inhaled water I would have suffocated. Under the water I struck out with all my strength for the surface.

Dying Men and Women All About.

"I reached the surface after a time that seemed unending. "There was nothing in sight save the ice, and a large field of wreckage. "There were dying men and women all about me.

"The second officer and J. B. Thayer, Jr., who were swimming near told me that just before my head appeared above water one of the Titanic's funnels separated and fell apart near me, scattering the bodies in the water. "I saw wreckage everywhere. All that came within my reach I clung to.

A great crate like block of wood floated within my grasp and I grabbed it. It seemed to be sufficiently large to keep me afloat. At this moment, however, I saw an overturned boat a short distance away and swam to it. I caught the arm of a man who grasped it, threw my leg over the boat and rested on it.

Piteous Cries Still Ring in Ears.

"On this raft, it was really a collapsible boat, there were already lying more than twenty men who seemed to belong to the Titanic's crew. Two men, one in the bow, the other in the stern, propelled us through the wreckage with pieces of wood.

"Presently the raft became so full that it seemed she would sink if more came aboard and the crew, for self preservation had to refuse to permit others to climb aboard. This was at once most pathetic and most horrible scene of all. Piteous cries from those around us still ring in my ears. I will remember them to my dying days.

"Hold on to what you have, old boy," we shouted to each man who tried to get aboard, 'one more of you aboard would sink us all.' And many who were refused answered, as they went to their death, 'Good luck and God bless you.'

Prayed All Night Through.

"All the time we were buoyed, and sustained by the hope of rescue. And so we passed the night with the waters washing over us and the raft buoyed deep in water under our feet. Did we pray through all that wild night? There was not a moment that our prayers did not rise above the waves. Men who seemed to have forgotten long ago how to address their Creator recalled the prayers of their childhood and murmured them. We said the Lord's Prayer again and again together.

"Long before light we stood in columns two deep back to back, balancing ourselves, fearful to move lest our delicate balance should be disturbed and all of us again thrown into the water. We were standing and were contented to stand and pray, knowing that in that alone lay our hope for rescue. The hand of God seemed to have soothed the sea. It was calm.

Band Plays As Titanic Sinks.

New York, April 19.—Of all the heroes who went to their death when the Titanic dived to its ocean grave, none, in the opinion of Miss Hilda Stater, a passenger in the last boat to put off, deserved greater credit than members of the vessel's orchestra. According to Miss Stater, the orchestra played until the last. When the vessel took its final plunge the strains of music mingled gressomely with the cries of those who realized that they were face to face with death.

"It was terrible," said Miss Stater. "From the moment the vessel struck, or as soon as the members of the orchestra could be collected, there was a steady round of lively airs. It did much to keep up the spirits of everyone and probably served as much as the efforts of the officers to prevent panic."

President Says He Knows "Archibald Died Like Soldier."

Washington, April 19.—President Taft waited up until after midnight hoping that some of the Titanic survivors might tell something of Major Archibald Butt, his military aide, who undoubtedly was lost in the catastrophe.

Col. Gracie's story, which made no mention of Major Butt, blasted the last hope and the President completely surrendered to his worst fears. When the last hope seemed to be gone the President repeated what he had said earlier in the day:

"I know Archibald died like a soldier."

1,595 On Death List; Rescued Number 745.

New York, April 19.—The following tabulations of the passengers and crew on board the Titanic, together with those saved and lost, has been compiled from the figures in the statement issued by the committee of passengers:

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### 11 MISS. TOWNS INUNDATED

YELLOW FLOOD RAPIDLY SPREADING OVER RICH DELTA SECTION  
—BUSINESS PARALYZED.

#### SIX NEGROES KNOWN DEAD AND PROBABLY MANY OTHERS

Frantic Appeals Made For Assistance  
—Tallahula Is Covered By Muddy Waters, And Regular River Mail Service Inaugurated.

(By Associated Press.)

Greenville, Miss., April 19.—Pouring through the Beulah crevasse, two thousand feet wide, the yellow flood has already inundated eleven towns and is fast creeping up in others in the thickly populated delta section, which is paralyzed as far as business and traffic are concerned. Six lives, all negroes are known to have been lost and it is feared many more were drowned, so swift did the water rush into and about their homes. Frantic appeals for assistance are being responded to as rapidly and as efficiently as possible.

River Mail Service For Tallulah.

Tallahula, Miss., April 19.—Every street in Tallulah is today covered by the muddy waters of the Mississippi and the great flood is hourly creeping higher and higher. It will be weeks before train service is restored. The town is twenty miles from the river and a regular river mail service has been established by boat and gasoline launches. Skiffs are coursing through the streets in every direction. Hundreds of homeless and hungry negroes will be made happy today with the arrival of government rations from Vicksburg.

People In Desperate Circumstances.

New Orleans, April 19.—With the exception of the break in the levee at Angola, La., inundating about 6,000 acres of the state's farm Thursday, there was no material change in the Mississippi levee situation Thursday night.

The need of food, clothing and other supplies for thirty thousand or more flood sufferers in southern Arkansas, northeastern Louisiana and northwestern Mississippi is imperative, and only temporary relief is in sight. Supplies are on the way from both Memphis and New Orleans. Many persons are in desperate circumstances.

Serious North of Vicksburg.

The situation north of Vicksburg is growing alarming because of the break of the levee near Beulah, Miss., Wednesday night. The crevasse is rapidly widening and the floods are slowly but surely spreading over Washington, Bolivar, Sharkey and Sunflower counties, Mississippi. The water is rapidly creeping up into the small towns scattered over the delta country and the people are fleeing to the highlands.

Service on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad north of Vicksburg has been suspended and no trains are likely to be operated for several days.

Work To Avert More Breaks.

The United States engineers are on the "firing line" up and down the river doing everything possible to prevent further breaks. Farmers of the Moorehouse parish lowlands are building boats in preparation for the expected overflow. Sections of this parish are expected to eventually be under from one to ten feet of water.

The work of raising 3,000 feet of levee just below Ostrica several miles below New Orleans, is being rushed as rapidly as possible. Thursday afternoon the levee was but three inches above the level of the river.

Hear Dr. J. L. Weber at Main Street Methodist Church. 8:30 to 9:30 every morning and 7:30 at night. Every body welcome.

### GOOD ATTENDANCE 5TH. AVE SERVICES

Interest Increases in the Revival—  
Theme Last Night "Brevity of Life."

Theme for last night was "Brevity of Life." Text found in 1 Cor. 7. "But this I say, brethren the time is short."

Mr. Webb declared there were many striking evidences of the truthfulness of this statement. Among them he said: "First, are the seasons of the year—spring, summer, fall and winter. During the spring time we see young life on every hand; the swelling bud, the opening flower, the growing summer, the time of maturity; and then comes fall, the time of harvest, the time of reaping; then ere we know it, all nature is in the grip of winter.

So it is with life. There are four periods. Springtime: So much depends on the attention given to this period. The maturity of manhood depends on this period. Oh, that we could wake up as parents and realize the weight of responsibility resting on us.

The speaker declared that the scales of history and the graveyard of the nations tell that life is short. If nations have been born, flourished and decayed and left only a few lines on the pages of history to tell that they had been, should this not impress us with the brevity of life. The home with all of its changes tell us that life is short.

Now what are some of the practical lessons to be learned?

In the first place, we should learn to value time in the light of eternity. We are to meet our lives again. We should live as we wish we had lived when we come before our God. We should remember that our responsibilities are commensurate with our opportunities. We have time enough to make preparations for eternity.

"Jesus is knocking for admission. What will you do with him tonight?"

Good crowds were in attendance at both services.

Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

### HE DIED TO "BRING US BACK TO GOD"

An attentive audience heard the sermon at the Central Christian church last night. The previous sermon showed that Christ died to make possible the justification of a penitent sinner to make possible peace with God. The speaker commented on the death of Christ in its reconciliatory power and stated that these facts fall short of the ultimate object of the death of Christ as they are but steps leading to its consummation. Not only his death the drawing power to bring men to the foot of the cross, but there is in it the bringing power. He died to "bring us back to God." Jesus has said that he has gone to prepare a place for us and that when this place was ready he would come again and "bring us back to God." The sublime object of his death is that he may bring the redeemed with him to the father. This is our rejoicing, Jesus is coming again, coming for his own to "bring them back to God."

The subject for tonight is "Pardon: Its Means and Evidences."

### LIGHT BUSINESS IN CITY COURT

Mary Jane Wiggins caused the arrest yesterday afternoon of William Ford on a charge of assault and battery. In the City court this morning Commissioner Fuller fined both negroes, giving the woman \$2.50 and the man \$5 and costs.

Pratt Deloach, an extremely disagreeable and ugly looking negro man got on a Mobile street car last night, and proceeded to "cuss out" every passenger individually and collectively. Mr. Fuller gave him the limit on the charge of profanity this morning, \$10 and costs, and for being drunk \$5 and costs.

Hugh Mixon and Carrie Rodgers for retailing were discharged.

### The Lady Bootblack is in Hattiesburg to Shine

Miss Evelyn Altofair, the young lady from Mobile, who has been considerably in the limelight lately by reason of the fact that she is shining shoes for a living as the result of a wager, is right here in Hattiesburg. The wager grew out of an argument in which Miss Altofair contended that a woman could make her own living even washing dishes or shining shoes regardless of what her previous educational advantages or social standing may have been.

Miss Altofair, who is a strikingly pretty little lady of the brunette type, will be in Hattiesburg several days or as long as patronage warrants her staying. She has established her shining parlor in the tansorial apartments of Hanna & Steinwinder, on Front street, and will "get busy" tomorrow morning. Miss Altofair "charges" nothing for her work, but

leaves the "pay" entirely with her patrons. The novelty of having a pretty girl shine an ugly man's shoes will no doubt be the cause of many a pair of "kicks" in Hattiesburg receiving a much needed polish, and some perhaps that do not need it.

When the story was first published that Miss Altofair had established herself as a "shiner" at Pascagoula, it was naturally thought to be one of those myths emanating from the great fish country, but all doubts have been dispelled as to the authenticity of the statement, as she has been in a number of coast cities during the past few weeks and is more than demonstrating that she knew what she was talking about when the wager was made. In some places all of the city officials visited the dainty bootblack and received a much needed shine. A hint to the wise, etc.

### Cotton Crop Will Be Cut at Least 50 Per Cent

President T. W. Carter of the Farmers' Union Warehouse Co., is in the city today. He delivered an address to a large crowd of farmers at McHenry yesterday and will leave this afternoon for Okolona where his farm is located.

Speaking of the probable damage that the boll weevil will do this year, Mr. Carter states that the pest will undoubtedly be here in large numbers, though the delay in planting will retard its damage to some extent. It feeds on the cotton, and the later the crop the later he has food to subsist on. Mr. Carter says that the cotton crop

will be cut at least 50 per cent in this state.

Concerning the report recently sent out from Jackson that the Farmers' Union "was on its last legs," Mr. Carter said: "The report is absolutely false, and since it was circulated thousands of delinquent members have been paying up their dues and becoming reinstated. Conditions of the Union were never better, and the prospects for future growth and progress, despite the bitter attacks of those who oppose it, is good."

Arnott Smith accompanied Mr. Carter yesterday to McHenry and will go to Sanford today.

### Lawyers Sue Mr. Tatum For \$2,000 Attorney's Fees

An interesting suit has been filed in the Circuit Clerk's office by N. C. Hill and John R. Tally against W. S. F. Tatum.

The suit is instituted to recover \$2,000, alleged to be due the plaintiffs for prosecuting a suit that Mr. Tatum recently instituted against the City of Hattiesburg to restrain it from extending the city water and sewerage mains to the Normal college.

The suit is a unique one and its outcome will be looked forward to with much interest.

The case of Mr. Tatum against the city attracted much attention at the last session of Chancery court, and the evidence submitted by both sides in the controversy was voluminous. The hearing occupied the greater portion of three days at the time of the trial and the outcome was thought to be a partial victory for both sides.

### BAPTIST RECORD DAY NEXT SUNDAY

New Editor and Business Manager of  
Denominational Paper Will  
Visit Hattiesburg.

Baptist Record Day will be observed by the Hattiesburg Baptist churches Sunday, the 21st day of April. Both P. I. Lipsey, editor and J. C. Parker, business manager, will be here and preach in the different churches of the city. Every arrangement has been made and the new editors and pastors are confident they will add a great number to their already large list of subscribers here.

These managers have only recently succeeded Dr. T. J. Bailey who had to retire on account of his health. Dr. Lipsey, the new editor has been the pastor of the Clinton church for twelve years and while yet a young man, he is one of the best scholars in the state and is getting out a paper that speaks for itself. Rev. J. C. Parker, the business manager has been the pastor of the Griffith Memorial church in Jackson, but is better known here as the Woman's College crank. It will be remembered that it was his article on the subject "Mississippi Baptists' Greatest Need," a Baptist Female college, under which he made the plea

for the Baptist girls of Mississippi, which suggested to the Hattiesburg baptists the effort which culminated in the Baptist Woman's College located in this city.

DEBATE FEDERAL CONTROL.

New York, April 19.—"Resolved, that industrial corporations engaged in interstate trade should be controlled by a federal commission." This weighty problem will be decided tonight by the debating teams of the College of the City of New York and John Hopkins University. Each institution will be represented by two teams and the negative ones will contest away from home.

### INSANE NEGRO CARRIED TO JACKSON TODAY

Nathan Belt, a negro who has been in the county jail at this place for about three months, was carried to Jackson this morning by Tom Beverly to be placed in the asylum.

Application to enter him was made some time ago, but on account of the congested condition of the asylum the authorities could not receive him.

The unfortunate negro has not given the jail officials any trouble since his confinement, but got very wrathful at a News' reporter this morning when he was asked his name.

Mr. Beverly will return from Jackson tonight.

### The Octopus Has U?

(From Meridian Dispatch).

Hattiesburg, April 18, 1912.

Editor Meridian Dispatch:

"Hope you succeed in your fight against the MONEY TRUST government (Commission) for Meridian.

"The Commission government is fine for the money trust, or has been in HATTIESBURG. Taxes and water rents are higher, and the only ones to benefit by it, are the capitalists, who hold the bonds.

"POOR PEOPLE'S PROPERTY valuations are raised and the RICH PEOPLE'S properties go in for one-half to two-thirds as reasonable valuation.

The TICKET we have JUST VOTED here was SO WORDED (or rather not worded) that it made no difference how the election had gone it would have been claimed by commission government.

See that your TICKET calls for what you are voting on.

Yours truly,  
JNO. McLEMORE.