

Woman Recalls Sinking of Titanic

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"Before I left England," Mrs. Woolcott recalled, "a friend told me to 'look out' if the engines ever stopped. I remembered the warning. I threw on a dressing gown and ran up on deck. Only a few passengers had gathered by this time."

Mrs. Woolcott said she picked some ice fragments off the deck and knew that the vessel had struck an iceberg.

"I WENT BACK to get a lifebelt, but there was none in my stateroom. Finally a steward found one for me. It was large and bulky but it helped keep me warm."

"When I got back on deck, people were milling around and looking for lifeboats. I don't think I would have ever reached a boat if it hadn't been for a Dr. Paine, whom I had met early in the trip and who said he would help if he was ever any trouble."

Frightened and cold, Mrs. Woolcott stood bewildered as people—mostly women—poured into wooden lifeboats. Dr. Paine, keeping his promise, searched for and found the frightened girl. "Come his way," he said, "there is a lifeboat being lowered on the other side."

He helped Mrs. Woolcott into the boat, stepped back, and with a smile said, "I'll see you in the morning."

HE NEVER DID. He stayed behind and perished.

After the lifeboat had been lowered, passengers had to plead with two sailors to row away from the sinking Titanic. "Everyone was afraid of the suction that might be caused when the liner plunged into the sea. Finally the sailors decided to leave the immediate area and we drifted out into the freezing darkness."

When the lifeboat had gone about two miles, its 35 passengers (the boat was only about half occupied) turned to watch the "unsinkable" Titanic die.

The ship's lights—in even rows along each deck—were still burning. The passengers found it terrifying to watch each row disappear as the vessel gradually sank. Slowly the stern rose out of the water. The angle increased until the Titanic was entirely perpendicular. It seemed to hang in this position for a few seconds and then slid slowly below the surface.

MRS. WOOLCOTT said she was so far away to hear the wail of some 1500 persons who were packed to their death in the whirling waters.

While Mrs. Woolcott and the hundreds of other survivors were drifting in lifeboats, the Carpathia, 15,000-ton passenger liner, was peering to the disaster scene after picking up a wireless message that the Titanic was in trouble.

The Carpathia reached the scene about 4 a.m., April 15, braving countless icebergs the last few miles. She was the only vessel to pick up survivors.

"We were brought aboard about 5 a.m. and given warm clothes and food," Mrs. Woolcott said. "People were weeping all around me. Mrs. John Jacob Astor was crying, too. Her wealthy husband went down with the Titanic. There were at least 50 young widows on the Carpathia."

Mrs. Woolcott said the Carpathia landed in New York on Thursday, April 18. She said thousands of persons mobbed the deck area.

"I DIDN'T STAY on the dock, but left word with the steamship line that I would be staying with friends in the city."

"Arthur, who first heard the news in Buffalo while journeying from Cottage Grove to meet me, made three trips to the dock before he finally learned where I was staying."

"We were married two days later, April 20, and started the honeymoon trip to Cottage Grove and home."

Mrs. Woolcott lost more than 30 wedding presents and three use trunks in the disaster. The trunks had been given to her by friends at a wedding shower just before she left England.

Mrs. Woolcott said there were many acts of bravery aboard the doomed Titanic. She said the band played until the last and that men gave their lifebelts to women and children.

There were also cowards. Mrs. Woolcott said a few minutes after she left the Titanic she heard loud reports which sounded like pistol shots.

NEWSPAPER stories reported later that a few men had been shot while trying to rush the few remaining emergency boats. They were shot by ship officers.

One man was reported to have dressed in women's clothing so he could get in a lifeboat.

Of the 2223 persons aboard the Titanic, 1517 were drowned. Only 706 were saved.

The rip in the Titanic's side was nearly the length of a football field. Even with this wound the gigantic vessel stayed afloat two hours and forty minutes. Several third class passengers in the steerage were trapped below when ship officers pressed a button shutting automatic bulkhead doors as the sea started to gush through the jagged wound.

Except for a tragic circumstance, all passengers on the Titanic might have been saved. A passenger liner, the California, was located only about 10 miles from the Titanic. It had stopped during the night because of field ice.

OFFICERS ABOARD the California saw the lights of the Titanic but didn't realize the vessel was in trouble. The California's wireless operator had gone to bed at 11:30 p.m.—just 10 minutes before the Titanic struck an iceberg. This explains why the California received no SOS messages.

As officers on the California watched lights on the Titanic sink into the sea, they thought the vessel was steaming away.

Mrs. Woolcott said she will never be able to forget those hours of 40 years ago. "Most of the year I don't think of the incident, but every April the whole event is recalled as strongly as though it happened yesterday."

Monday at 11:40 p.m. it will be 40 years to the minute that Mrs. Woolcott felt the Titanic crunch against the iceberg and start an event that was to make world headlines and bring sorrow to relatives on both sides of the Atlantic.

HERE ARE A few points of interest about the Titanic:

- 1. It was a walk of four city blocks from stern to stern.
- 2. First class suites cost \$4350 for a single trip.
- 3. Some 3 million rivets were used in steel plates alone.
- 4. Facilities included winter gardens, card rooms, elevators which ran up and down nine stories, and even a miniature golf links.
- 5. The vessel also contained Turkish baths, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a Parisian cafe, private promenade decks, and a main dining room which would seat 600 people.
- 6. Rivets in the ship's double bottom weighed 270 tons.
- 7. The vessel nearly met disaster when it left Southampton on April 10, 1912. It nearly collided with the passenger liner New York. The ships missed by a matter of feet.
- 8. Among the prominent persons who died when the Titanic sank were Maj. Archibald Butt, close advisor to President Theodore Roosevelt; Mr. and Mrs. Isador Straus, New York merchant; William T. Stead, English editor and author, who as editor of the Pall Mall Gazette was credited with being the founder of sensational journalism; Benjamin Guggenheim, industrialist; J. B. Thayer, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and many others.

Green Chain Burns

A welding torch set fire to the green chain at the Bauman Planning Mill, 2500 W. 6th Ave., causing an estimated \$50 damage before fire fighting equipment from the Eugene Fire Department put out the blaze. The fire started about 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

Man Found Dead

William Henry Shahan, 75, was found dead in his home at 1159 Mill St., about 11:30 a.m. Saturday, the Lane County coroner's office reported. Death was apparently due to natural causes, they said.

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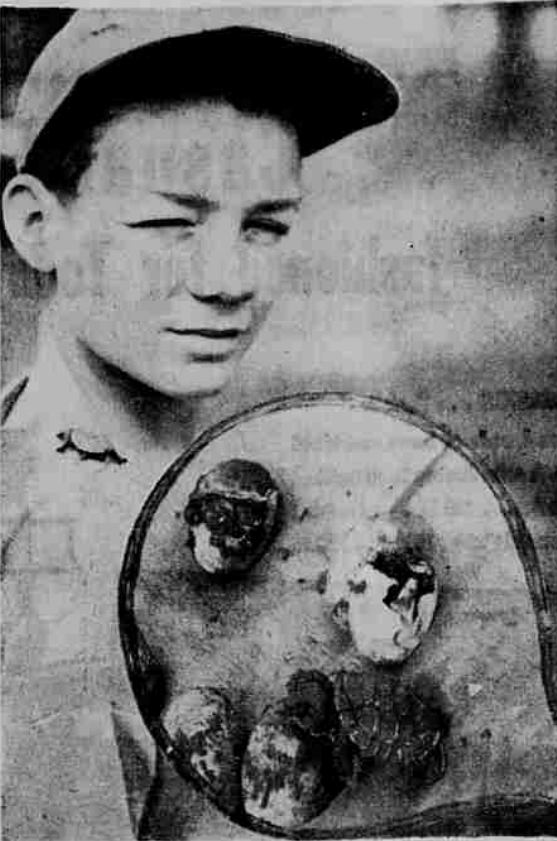
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THIS IS PROBABLY the place to make puns and jokes about the Easter Bunny or his cousin the hare of hare-and-tortoise fame, but anyway—Boyd Schwary of Fall Creek was spading his garden a few days ago and dug up a clutch of turtle eggs. Mrs. Schwary placed them in a box of moist earth and set them along the south side of the house, and promptly two of them hatched. Here son John displays the first one on his sweater, and the inset shows the baby turtle again, along with his discarded shell, a couple of his unhatched relatives, and Baby Brother Turtle who is just emerging from his shell, (top part of insert). Some Easter Eggs!

A Cold and Wet Easter Is Likely

Throng of Pilgrims Gather in Jerusalem

By UNITED PRESS

A good portion of the nation's Easter paraders won't be able to show off anything but new raincoats, the weatherman said Saturday.

Rain was expected to cover most of the country east of the Mississippi River except for Florida and possibly New England. Showers also were forecast for the Pacific Northwest and northern California.

High winds would present another threat to Easter bonnets in the Midwest.

Fair skies were forecast for most of the western portion of the country.

Light snow and sleet was expected to accompany the showers in the Upper Plains states and parts of the Midwest.

In Jerusalem the largest number of pilgrims since the Arab-Israeli war celebrated holy services and awaited the symbolic Easter sunrise. Congregations of various faiths represented nearly every country in Europe west of the Soviet Union as well as the United States.

Truce by May Now Predicted

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"probably" be reached represents a substantial change, although officials make the reservation that nobody can tell what the Reds will do until they have done it.

THE NEW optimism is based in part on the somewhat more agreeable conduct of Red negotiators at Panmunjom, and in part on Russia's "peace" drive.

The main purpose of this drive is believed to be aimed at blocking West Germany's alliance with the Western Powers. One of the most dramatic steps the Communists could take in this connection would be to agree—possibly in time for the big Red May Day celebrations—to wind up the fighting in Korea.

From the Kremlin viewpoint it would be cheap, too, since Red forces have been defeated in their strategy of conquering all Korea and appear to have nothing to gain by continuing the fight.

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NEWS BRIEFS



INTERMITTENT SHOWERS

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST: Eugene and vicinity: Cloudy with scattered showers Sunday, clearing Monday, cooler.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Saturday, 70; low Saturday, 38; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m. none; total for month, 0.30 inches; normal for month, 2.07 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m. plus 0.2 feet; wind at 8:30 p.m. West 7; prevailing Saturday, West 3.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Sunday, 5:33 a.m. and 6:53 p.m. Monday, 5:31 a.m. and 6:54 p.m.

TIDES: SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1952. High 1:24 a.m. 2.9 ft. 2:01 p.m. 8.6 ft. Low 8:44 a.m. -0.8 ft. 8:15 p.m. 2.9 ft.

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1952. High 2:20 a.m. 2.9 ft. 4:02 p.m. 8.3 ft. Low 9:34 a.m. -0.7 ft. 9:01 p.m. 3.2 ft.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1952. High 3:08 a.m. 8.6 ft. 5:03 p.m. 8.2 ft. Low 11:26 a.m. -0.2 ft. 11:23 p.m. 2.5 ft.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1952. High 4:08 a.m. 8.2 ft. 6:12 p.m. 8.5 ft. Low 12:26 a.m. -0.2 ft. 12:23 p.m. 2.5 ft.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1952. High 5:21 a.m. 7.8 ft. 7:20 p.m. 8.5 ft. Low 1:24 a.m. 0.0 ft.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1952. High 6:43 a.m. 7.4 ft. 8:20 p.m. 7.1 ft. Low 2:25 a.m. 0.4 ft. 2:22 p.m. 0.2 ft.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1952. High 8:04 a.m. 7.1 ft. 9:13 p.m. 7.7 ft. Low 3:25 a.m. 0.7 ft. 3:22 p.m. 0.3 ft.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1952. High 9:18 a.m. 7.3 ft. 9:39 p.m. 8.3 ft. Low 4:30 a.m. 1.8 ft. 4:44 p.m. 0.5 ft.

JOSEPH J. ADAMS, director of the news bureau at the University of Oregon school of medicine, will take part in the program of the American College Public Relations Assn. annual convention at Hotel Carter, Cleveland, Ohio, April 16-18.

THE JOINT meeting of the Eugene and Corvallis Moose Lodges has been cancelled due to an enrollment ceremony to be held in Corvallis. There will only be the regular meeting on Wednesday of the Eugene Lodge.

A VIOLIN valued at \$150 turned up in the University of Oregon library Friday after it had been listed with Eugene police as stolen. Greta Mae Gulich, 851 E. 15th Ave., reported that the Stadiovarius copy was recovered although it had been moved from the place she left it Thursday afternoon.

SPRINGFIELD Choral Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Springfield Memorial Bldg. with their new director, Mrs. Stella Young. All members and others interested are urged to attend. Mrs. Young is a Springfield High faculty member.

LANE COUNTY this week received \$176,282 as its share of \$2,034,188 state highway revenues. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said the money was derived from state gas taxes, license fees, truck fees and motor vehicle violation

finer collected in the first quarter of the year.

EUGENE COUNCIL of Kadosh and Consistory (Scottish Rite Masons) will meet in regular business sessions Tuesday, April 15, 8 p.m. in Masonic Temple, 992 Olive St. Officers in Chapter of Rose Croix will be installed and there will be an address by Ray Compton, guest speaker from Roseburg. Visiting members will be welcomed.

MRS. ERMA LUSK, 1905 City View Road, picked a couple of clusters of sweet peas Friday and followed up with a challenge to anyone on Route F to do the same. She said the seeds were planted last fall.

ABOARD THE transport Antolak, scheduled to dock in Seattle Monday from the Far East, are Sgt. Nolan R. Bell, Veneta, and Capt. Dwight H. Near Jr., Cottage Grove.

HELMET LODGE 33 will have as its guest speaker Monday evening James Stoval, professor of geography at the University of Oregon. He will accompany his talk with color slides taken during his field trips in the Northwest.

Mrs. Alma Raish, 56, formerly of Springfield, has been awarded \$41,500 in a personal injury suit against the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The settlement grew out of an accident at the railroad's overhead crossing on Highway 99 just south of Glenwood in Oct., 1950, in which Mrs. Raish's husband, Ivan, 63, and nephew, Jimmy Callahan, 4, were killed and Mrs. Raish was seriously injured.

The Raishes were sitting in a parked car near the overhead when a trailer-truck struck an abutment on the trestle and collided with the Raish vehicle and three other parked cars.

A FEDERAL COURT jury made the settlement award Friday. Mrs. Raish collected \$27,000 from the trucking company earlier and the railroad was given permission to deduct that amount from the jury's award.

Southern Pacific attorneys said they would file a motion for a new trial.

In January, 1951, a Lane County grand jury declared the state Public Utilities Commissioner "could and should" use his authority to change the overhead crossing.

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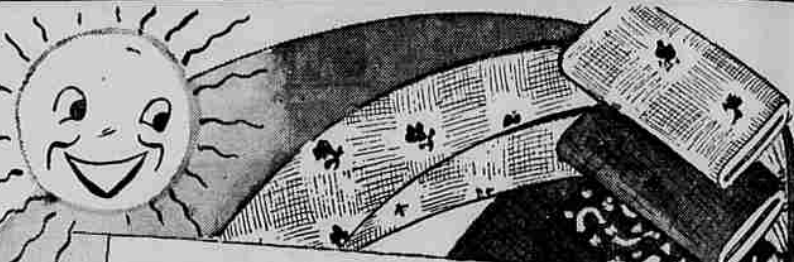
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