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SEA GIVING UP FEW BODIES OF 1,312 TITANIC VICTIMS

WORLD IS SHOCKED BY DISASTER

LIST OF SURVIVORS IS CUT TO 755 BY WIRELESS MESSAGE

Due to Reach N. Y. Tomorrow Night

Meager Reports Show Extraordinary Heroism Displayed by Vast Army of Lost Souls

New York, April 17.—Only 755 survivors of the Titanic are on the liner Carpathia, according to a wireless message received here this afternoon from Winfield Thompson, a Boston newspaper man on board the liner Franconia. The White Star officials earlier in the day said the Carpathia carried 868 survivors. The message says the Carpathia this morning was 489 miles from Ambrose channel and probably will arrive at New York at 8 o'clock Thursday night.

From the meager reports that have been received it is believed that nothing could show more plainly the heroism of the crew and the men passengers who stood by the doomed ship facing inevitable death and who sent the women and children away in the lifeboats. Some would have to be left, that was a certainty. Hundreds, in fact, were left. But to all appearances the men who were left stayed deliberately, calmly stepping aside to let weaker ones, those whom they owed protection, take their way to safety.

Final Message to World.
"Sinking by the head; have cleared boats and filled them with women and children."

This was the final message these brave men sent the world, for it was directly afterward that their signals sputtered and then stopped altogether. The picture that inevitably presents itself, in view of what is known, is of men like John Jacob Astor, master of millions; Benjamin Guggenheim of the famous family of bankers; Isador Straus, a merchant prince; William T. Stead, a veteran journalist; Major Archibald W. Butt, a soldier; Washington, Roebing, noted engineer—of any or all of these men stepping aside and bravely, gallantly, remaining to die that the place he otherwise might have filled could, perhaps, be taken by some sabotaged.

Hope Is Abandoned.

Washington, April 17.—Captain Decker of the scout cruiser Chester, sent a wireless message to the navy department as follows: "Carpathia says list of first and class passengers saved has been sent. Chester will relay names of third class passengers as soon as it is convenient." This is taken to mean that for the noted persons missing, there is no hope. Those on the Carpathia whose names were not sent, are steerage passengers.

SEARCH BEGINS FOR BODIES OF VICTIMS

Halifax, N. S., April 17.—No relief of the suspense felt over the Titanic passenger's fate is yet in sight. The liner Parisian is due to arrive here tonight and will possibly bring details. It is known that half a dozen fishing boats were within two hundred miles of the Titanic at the time of the wreck. They may have visited the scene.

The Commercial Cable Company's ship, Mackay-Bennett, has been chartered by the White Star company to visit the scene of the wreck and search for bodies. It sailed this afternoon with a crew of eighty men and a cargo of 200 coffins.

A local undertaker and a staff of helpers will accompany the ship. It is expected the Mackay-Bennett will be gone ten days.

As the Mackay-Bennett started away the British flag on the citadel was lowered to half mast. The vessel is equipped with wireless apparatus, and if any corpse is found the White Star line will be notified at once. Six small boats, provided with grappling irons, were taken along.

Vincent Astor, son of John Jacob Astor, is depending on the Mackay-Bennett to find his father's body.

If any bodies are found they will be sent here.

Cruisers Go To Scene.
Washington, April 17.—The White House received information this afternoon that the scout cruisers Chester and Salem are rushing northward to the scene of the disaster. The wireless aboard the Salem has a range of one thousand miles.

Senate May Probe Wreck.
Washington, April 17.—A resolution, calling for an investigation of the causes of the Titanic disaster, was introduced in the senate by Senator Smith of Michigan.

New York, April 17.—Revised figures given out by the White Star officials place the number of victims of the Titanic disaster at 1,312. It is reported that all women and children were saved. It is believed 400 steerage passengers, 328 cabin survivors and 140 members of the crew were saved.

The Carpathia, on which 868 survivors are said to be, is proceeding to New York and reports that they are well.

MAD RACE FOR MARINE SUPREMACY MAY END

Britons Demand Punishment for Ship Owners and Revision of Sea Going Rules

London, April 17.—A concerted demand for punishment of those responsible for the appalling loss of life in the Titanic disaster is made in all London morning newspapers.

In addition to demanding the abandonment of the dangerous northern route and the adoption of a southern route which would be safer, the papers insist that a thorough investigation be made of the speed competition between transatlantic liners. A revision of the regulations, with relation to life saving facilities of liners is also demanded.

Not Enough Life Boats.
Washington, D. C., April 17.—That the great loss of life on the Titanic was due to inadequate life boat protection and could not have happened under the United States navigation laws, was declared by George Uhler, supervisor of the federal steamboat inspection service.

If the Titanic had sailed under an American register she would have been required to carry forty-eight life boats. When collision occurred it was easy to save those who got into the lifeboats but the remainder were left to sink with the ship.

ARTIC TRAVELER BLAMES CAPTAIN

That in his belief from experience in ice-laden seas, the captain of the ill-fated Titanic was largely to blame for the appalling marine disaster is the statement of Beverly B. Dobb, who is exhibiting Alaskan pictures in the city and who has spent ten years in Arctic regions. He states that all modern ships which ply in waters infested with icebergs have devices by which mariners are able to "scout" an iceberg a hundred miles away and thus steer their course accordingly, which devices make it impossible, he says to get at full speed in the foggiest of weather and during the darkest nights. Why the proximity of the great block of ice with which the steamer collided was not discovered he declares he is unable to understand.

Explaining also the reason why the craft which was supposed to be unsinkable went down, he declared that a steel ship has no chance among the ice because a collision such as the Titanic encountered will spring the steel throughout the length and breadth of the vessel. "In the Arctic regions," he stated this morning, "all ships are of wood heavily plated with steel. These vessels will plow their way through fields of ice and never suffer injury. The icebergs at this time of year coming down from Greenland are very hard and the impact with which the Titanic struck must have sprung the vessel throughout."

CLOPTON RESIDENCE HAS CHANGED HANDS

One of the largest residence property transactions in the city for some time was culminated today when Mrs. Frank B. Clopton sold her beautiful home at 121 Monroe street, to Thomas Thompson, well known wheat farmer, who has been living at the corner of Cottonwood and Water streets for several years. The consideration is said to amount to about ten thousand dollars.

As part payment for the property, Mr. Thompson today, filed a deed transferring the house and two lots at the corner of Jackson street and Perkins avenue, which two years ago he acquired from H. J. Mann, to Mrs. Clopton, the property being put in at \$2000. The Clopton home is one of the most handsome in the city, being situated on the north hill, which has grown to be the most exclusive residential section of Pendleton. It adjoins the Hailey property which last week was sold to R. Alexander.

Mrs. Clopton and her daughter, Miss Sibyl Clopton, have not yet decided fully upon their plans for the future, but they are contemplating spending the summer at Portland and coast points after which they will decide upon their permanent residence.

The Thompsons will move into their new home in about a month.

Victim's Brother Collapses.

Rome, N. Y., April 17.—Nathan Strauss suffered a complete collapse when informed that his brother, Isador Strauss, the New York millionaire merchant and philanthropist, had probably perished in the Titanic disaster. His condition is reported serious.

Ship's Officers Go Down.

New York, April 17.—A dispatch received here by Frederick Ridge-way, of the International Merchant Marine, says that all officers commanding the Titanic went down except the third, fourth and fifth officers.

Men who sow wild oats never complain if the crop is a failure.

SHIP COMPANY HEAD NOT ONE OF HEROES

Deserts Doomed Sea Companions to be Rescued with Weak Women and Children

New York, April 17.—Bitter denunciations of J. B. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star company and also his company, are being made here by relatives and friends of the victims of the Titanic.

"Why did not Ismay stay with the ship and go down like a man?" are frequently heard criticisms.

Ismay is also denounced as responsible for the secretive methods of the White Star company and the failure of the Carpathia to send news of the wreck. Ismay's presence on the Carpathia is believed to be the reason why the ship sends no word of the terrible scenes enacted when the ship sank.

Officials of the White Star line defend Ismay's conduct, saying it was necessary for some one in authority to leave the sinking ship so he could keep the boats together. They say Ismay probably was chosen to do this.

Fragmentary advices, however, say that most of the Titanic officers, other than Captain Smith, took to the boats. This is believed to puncture the company's claim.

That J. P. Morgan knew of the sinking of the Titanic Monday and forced the suppression of the news till the close of the stockmarket was positively denied by Vice President Franklin of the White Star line, of which Morgan is a director. Franklin said neither he nor Morgan knew the Titanic had sunk till 6 o'clock Monday night.

News Suppression Indicated.
Montreal, April 17.—Wireless messages received here indicated that the officials of the White Star line, when they gave out reassuring messages regarding the Titanic, knew the ship had sunk.

Cruiser Nears Carpathia.
Newport, R. I., April 17.—A wireless message received here from the United States scout cruiser, Salem, says that the vessel is approaching the steamer Carpathia. The Salem's wireless apparatus carries a great distance and it is believed an accurate list of the survivors can be obtained before the Carpathia arrives at New York.

SOVIETS WOULD PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT

Sacramento, April 17.—With a view of thinning the ranks of the unemployed in California the socialists party here is preparing to send throughout the state as an initiative measure a "right of employment" bill which provides for the establishment by the state legislature of labor agencies throughout the state and the inauguration of state industries so there will be work for all citizens able and willing to earn a living.

Names Children Chief.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—Miss Julia Lathrop, of Chicago, today was appointed by President Taft to be chief of the new children's bureau at a salary of \$5000 yearly. She is a graduate of Vassar and is an associate member of Hull House, Chicago, and the state board of charities.

To Vote at Bridge.

The county court has ordered that the election booth for the newly created asylum precinct shall be stationed Friday at the north approach to the Lee street bridge just outside the city limits. A cook house will be used for the voting booth.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS.

New York 4; Boston 1.
Rest of major league games postponed on account of rain.

LISTEN! MR. SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ALSO TRIES TO BE TALL TAX DODGER

Do the people of Umatilla county want a tax dodger in the county school superintendent's office. If so they already have their wish, for F. K. Welles is such a fellow—at least he tried to be last summer.

The story of Welles' tax-dodging experience is one that has been going the rounds for months and is very interesting. It so happens that the superintendent is a man of considerable personal property and he also holds some realty. But he seems to abhor the idea of paying taxes.

With the evident intent of avoiding a considerable personal tax Welles allowed his salary warrants to remain unclaimed in the county clerk's office last year until he had a total of \$840 to his credit. When he was visited by the assessor he had not yet drawn this money. Therefore he did not give it in and he escaped taxation on that amount of his wealth.

But the thing did not work out exactly as he had planned. The fact that Welles had not taken his salary warrants was made known by parties in the court house who had discovered the trick. So the matter was placed before the equalization board last October. Learning the facts in the case the board very promptly gave instruction that Welles personal assessment be increased by the sum of \$840, thus giving him a total assessment on personal property of \$2163. The tax on the additional \$840 amounted to the sum of \$11.76, and the thrifty superintendent had it to pay.

Though he has been living in Pendleton for eight years Welles still maintains his legal residence at Ferndale. Through this course he avoids paying any Pendleton tax, though he regularly enjoys the blessings of life in this progressive community.

THRILLING PROGRAM OF FEATURES OF WIDE VARIETY GIVEN AT ROUNDUP PARK

Anyone who happened by chance or design to stop at Round-Up Park yesterday afternoon saw a scene of varied activity. They saw a force of men at work making improvements on the grounds and grandstand, saw a dozen or more aspirants for places on the Pendleton baseball team working out, saw Glen Cannon, the buckaroo, "choke the biscuit" to save himself from being propelled from the back of a bucking horse and saw a score of scantly clad high school athletes limbering up their muscles for the interclass meet which is to be held Friday.

Painters were just finishing their job of putting a first coat of white on the mammoth grandstand, greatly enhancing the appearance of that structure, and the south fence had already been treated in like manner. A steam roller was also puffing away at the labor of constructing driveways about the park and when this part of the work is done and the cinders have been spread over the courses, the improvement to the park will be very noticeable. Along with the other improvement work, is the task of making a baseball diamond. The grass has been cut off of the infield, leaving a fan-shaped diamond which, when it is worked down and rolled, will make one of the fastest fields in the northwest.

The workout of the players yesterday consisted principally in batting practice, which is very essential to the developing of good stick work. Manager Garrett will probably arrive tonight from Portland after which systematic practice will be undertaken. The general opinion of the fans who watched the men warming up yesterday is that there will be plenty of good material from which to select a team.

The most entertaining feature of the program yesterday afternoon was Cannon's ride of one of Judge Fox's wild bronchos. He had tried to stick him once before but was thrown so hard that yesterday he refused to essay the feat without the use of a stiff bit. Even at that he would have been unceremoniously dumped had it not been for his death grip on the horn of the saddle. Upon the showing made in the two tryouts, the animal was purchased for \$75 by Director J. H. Sturgis. It is a four-year-old, strongly built and a "sunfisher" in style of bucking. It has been working in harness daily and will now be rested up for the fall contests.

Track Men Showing Up.
The high school track men appeared ready for work shortly after 3:30 and spent an hour or more going through their valiant stunts. Indications are that a strong, well-balanced team will be developed this season despite the loss of several men last year. In the weights, Jordan, Feg and Hinderman are doing good work. Gordon is in a class by himself so far in the sprints, but Houser is developing speed and may push his running mate to the limit before many weeks. Fee in the hurdles and jumps will win his share of points, while Hampton, Straughn and Houser are all good seconds in these events. In the quarter O. Ferguson, McDonald and Haw are expected to put up a grand fight while Fennell, Williamson, Ferguson, Strain and Koch are leading in the longer distance races, the two former probably showing the best form.

Coach Asbahr is working with all of these men every night while Dr. W. H. Lytle is assisting in the development of weight men.