

1500 MEN JUMP INTO THE SEA

Titanic Survivors Reach New York

BUTT-ASTOR DIE

First Story of Wreck Told By Passenger

-From Thursday Night's Extra Editions-

New York, April 18.—(Flash.)—The Carpathia tied to dock and the first passenger stepped ashore at 9:35 p. m. A big detachment of doctors arrived. Only members of the crew were on deck. Absolutely no sound came from the steamer.

As the liner warped into berth, the wildest reports ran back and forth among the great crowd.

One was that Major Butt had shot down eight men who, frenzied by the approach of death, tried to push women off and children aside, themselves getting in the lifeboats. This is not confirmed.

New York, April 18.—It was plain from appearances that survivors had lost all their clothing and had been fitted out by the Carpathia's passengers. The clothes did not fit. Many women wore sweaters.

New York.—(Bulletin.)—Two women, apparently violently insane, were carried from the steamer while scores of women were in a state of coma and plainly mentally unsettled. Dr. Henry W. Frauenthal and wife, previously reported lost, were saved.

As soon as the passengers began to come off the liner, officials at the pier planned to line them up in alphabetical order to facilitate identification by relatives and friends.

New York, April 18.—C. H. Stengel, one of the first passengers off the vessel said the collision of the Titanic with an iceberg was the result of "criminal carelessness." The ship was going 22 knots an hour when she struck.

He said the impact was so terrific that great blocks of ice were thrown on the deck and a number killed when these blocks slid across the decks.

The stern rose in the air and people ran shrieking from below.

Women and children immediately rushed for the life boats and as fast as possible and the boats lowered into the sea.

Sailors took the women and hurled them bodily into the boats, tearing them away from their husbands to whom they were clinging.

Stengel did not confirm the report that men were shot down because they tried to push women and children away from the boats.

After Stengel, several women followed and went into a freight elevator and were lowered to the street level. People on the dock surged forward as soon as the plank was

made fast and the police were forced to fight them back.

Most of the passengers were plainly hysterical.

Stengel was so far aft he could not tell, one woman told him she heard seamen threaten to shoot men who tried to enter boats. Stengel said 1500 men leaped into the sea when they saw no chance on the boats.

Passengers say both Major Butt and Astor are lost.

Stengel said: "How they died I don't know. I caught a life boat gunwale after I had jumped into the ocean and was dragged on board. Women told me they heard two shots fired."

E. A. Taylor, a Philadelphia survivor said J. Bruce Ismay jumped into the third life boat launched. He gave his seat to a woman with a baby and then jumped into the next boat launched saying he was going to man and have charge of that boat.

An unverified rumor is afloat that Mrs. John Jacob Astor gave premature birth to a child just as the Carpathia reached dock.

Later—Mrs. Astor is alive.

Col. John Jacob Astor kissed his bride goodbye as he placed her in a life boat and then drew himself up to 'attention.' As he stood on the first cabin deck. He was in that position as the life boat drew away," was the statement of C. H. Stengel.

Mrs. Andrews, of Hudson, New York, said:

"Mrs. Astor is not dead. She is alive. Many of our women are insane."

Mrs. Andrews wore only a night dress. She said the agony for six hours at sea in a small boat, not knowing if they would be saved, was beyond the power of description.

Miss Caroline Bonnell, of Youngstown, Ohio, said:

"The steamer was booming along at her usual speed when she was wrecked."

"Shortly before midnight Sunday, the Titanic was plowing through ice fields. A large proportion of the passengers were asleep. As near as I can tell it was about 11:30 o'clock when the bottom of her bow drove into the large iceberg."

"Many lower plates of the hull were torn asunder. The water immediately rushed in and the boat sank by the bow."

"Many passengers were not aware of the collision, as the boat seemed to slip across the top of the berg."

"Alarms were immediately given. The passengers seized whatever clothes were nearest. The boats were made ready. I heard there was some shooting among the first class passengers, but there was no verification."

"As the steamer continued to lower into the water, the passengers marched toward the stern. It was found that not enough life boats were on hand to save all."

"The band played 'Nearer My God to Thee,' as the boat went down."

"By that time most of the life boats were so far away that the survivors could catch only faint strains."

"As we left the ship I noticed the vessel was 'hogbacked' showing she had already broken in two, amidship. She was not telescoped."

"The force of the collision was on the keel and not on her bow."

"We were in the small boats about four hours and a half before rescued by the Carpathia."

"We saw ice fields and ice floes all about us. They were grinding and crushing together. We were in danger of being dashed to pieces."

"The weather was extremely cold and we suffered intensely."

"The men showed splendid heroism and there was no panic among the steerage or second class passengers, but men among the first cabin passengers flew into a wild rage."

New York.—Before the Carpathia docked, the New York stock exchange sent to the dock \$20,000 in small bills, to be distributed among the survivors in immediate need. More than a score of taxicabs were sent over by the Pennsylvania railroad to convey the passengers to free special trains, waiting at the stations. One train was secured by Mrs. J. D. Thayer. Three women were first on shore. They did not wait for the boat to stop but climbed down the ladders.

New York.—(Bulletin.)—The crowd began to gather in the vicinity of the Cunard docks before dark and increased rapidly.

Police Inspector McClusky was in command, having 200 men at his dis-

posal. All streets leading to the dock were roped off. The crowd was halted at Eleventh avenue. Inside the lines many automobiles were grouped, also ambulances and patrol wagons ready for use.

On the pier Surveyor of Port Henry was in charge. General Henry ordered to the dock 15 picked men. To them he issued the following order: "Everything must be done to expedite landing of the survivors."

New York, April 18.—(Bulletin.)—The liner Carpathia passed Ambrose channel at 6:50 o'clock this evening going at high speed up the bay.

New York, April 18.—(Bulletin.)—Passing quarantine station the Carpathia slowed down to allow a corps of doctors to board from a health officers' boat which ran alongside.

New York, April 18.—(Bulletin.)—At 6:45 o'clock this evening, the Carpathia was reported nearing Ambrose channel lightship.

New York, April 18.—(Bulletin.)—Many survivors of the Titanic are believed to have died on the Carpathia. The Cunard company asked the Campbell Burlal company here to send a force of men to the docks to care for bodies—how many were not stated.

The company secured a number of coffins and sent them immediately. Great apprehension prevails everywhere.

It is stated that scenes of horror, worse than any that have ever before been witnessed, may be expected.

The police are prepared for any emergency that may arise.

NUDE INDIANA HARBOR MAN CARRIED THROUGH STREETS

Women Scamper When Rescuers of Would-Be Suicide Who Plunges into Ice Water Is Borne Home, Where Forgiving Wife Awaits.

Chicago, Ill.—Four stalwart men, proudly carrying on their shoulders the struggling, wriggling form of a fifth, entirely nude, was the spectacle which threw Indiana Harbor into turmoil and resulted in a scurrying of women from the main thoroughfares of that city.

It was not a political procession nor yet the payment of a freak bet, but the culmination of what at first was expected to be a tragedy.

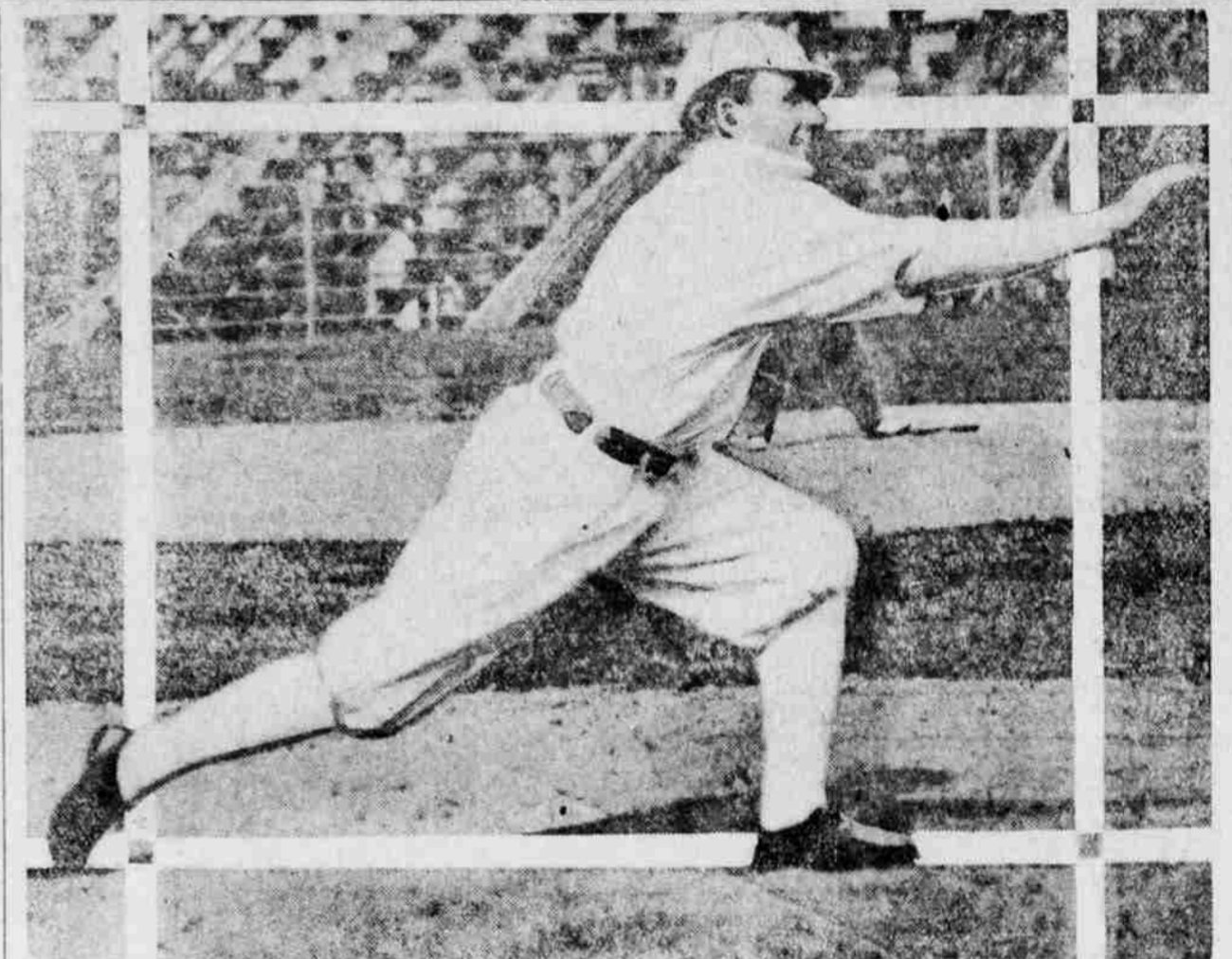
It seems that John Bladu, after some altercation with Mrs. Bladu in which he threatened to make away with himself, carefully removed every vestige of clothing and announced on the family threshold as he opened the door that he was going to jump into Lake Michigan and die. Then he rushed madly off in the direction of the water.

The frightened wife ran out of the house and began calling wildly for help. Joe Tandy and three companions, all acquainted with Bladu, responded and were told that Bladu had gone to die in the icy waters of the lake. The quartet started on a run for the water front and soon espied the nude man in the waves.

They shouted and begged the bather to return to the shore, assuring him that his wife was at peace with him and that any differences would be adjusted to his entire satisfaction if he would only return with them.

He refused to come out and Tandy and his companions entered the water, finally succeeding in capturing the man and dragging him to the shore. Then began the march to the Bladu home with the kicking man on the shoulders of the four captors.

Scarcely had the party started down the street before women, attracted by the noise, caught sight of the burden and scampered screaming into their respective houses. This scene was re-enacted as each block was passed, even policemen turning their backs on the group as it pass-



Jess Garrett, Player-Manager of New Pendleton Tri-State League Baseball Team.

ed by, until the Bladu home was reached and the unwilling load deposited on his own doorstep, amid the thanksgiving wails of the almost distracted wife.

As soon as Bladu could don some clothes he hurried before a justice of the peace and swore out warrants for the arrest of his rescuers on the charge of assault. The men were arrested but when the officers went to summon Mrs. Bladu and the children as witnesses they found the house empty. They had fled, and since then no trace of them has been found.

PANAMA CANAL OPERATION TO COST \$31,000,000 YEAR

Special Commissioner Appointed by Taft Gives Senators His Figure—Revenue \$1,000,000.

Washington, D. C.—Thirty-one million dollars a year must be paid by the government for operating and maintaining the Panama canal. Of this total \$4,500,000 will be for repairs and actual expenses of opera-

tion; \$11,500,000 for interest on the money invested in construction, and \$15,000,000 for supporting the military and naval establishment on the zone to defend the canal.

This estimate was given by Emory C. Johnson before the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals. He is professor of transportation and commerce in the University of Pennsylvania and was appointed by President Taft to be a special commissioner on canal tolls and commerce. As an offset he did not expect the revenue derived from the collection of tolls to exceed \$1,000,000 for the first year.

A great supply of coal should be kept at each end of the canal by the government, he said. It should be sold to all ships entering the waterway at just sufficient to pay the cost. Prof. Johnson would not discuss the matter of tolls pending his report to the president. He said great latitude should be given the president in fixing charges.

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