

# TITANIC MEETS DISASTER

## World's Largest Steamship Crashed Into a Monster Iceberg

New York, April 15.—A wireless message from the White Star steamship Titanic, received shortly after midnight to-day, announced that the giant new liner had struck an iceberg off the Banks of Newfoundland, and was in a sinking condition. Transfer of passengers to the lifeboats began at once. The accident occurred at 10.25 o'clock last night.

Two hours later the ship's wireless apparatus, which had been working so badly as to permit of only intermittent and fragmentary messages, failed completely.

The last words sent by the operator told that the vessel was apparently doomed. "Sinking by the head," and that the women passengers were being rushed into the lifeboats. A reassuring feature was that the weather was calm and clear, and help only a few hours away.

The Titanic's first S. O. S. message was received by the Allan Liner Virginian, which, according to the position given by the Titanic's operator, was not more than 170 miles away. The captain of the Virginian at once started his boat at full speed for the scene of the disaster, announcing to his brother officer on the bridge of the Titanic that the Virginian should reach him by ten o'clock this morning.

The Titanic's accident happened in latitude 41.46 north, longitude 50.14 west. This point is about 1,150 miles due east of New York City, and 450 miles south of the Cape Race, Newfoundland, wireless station.

All messages from the ship were relayed to the Cape Race wireless station by the Virginian and forwarded by the Marconi Company to New York City. The Titanic's twin ship, Olympic, which left New York last week, was also in direct communication with the sinking boat, from a point about 300 miles away, and started at once for the scene.

The Titanic, which is on her maiden trip, is in charge of Captain Smith, who was on the bridge of the big Olympic when that boat collided with the British cruiser Hawke last September.

The Titanic carries 1,470 passengers, of whom 318 are in the first cabin, and 262 in the second cabin.

The passenger list is a notable one, including J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line; C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Railway; W. T. Stead, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Major Archibald Butt, aide to President Taft; J. G. Widener, of Philadelphia; Benjamin Guggenheim, and others.

Steamship men here to-day characterized the disaster as "the most startling news which has come in from the sea since the advent of wireless telegraphy."

The first heard of the accident was about one o'clock this morning,

when a bulletin from Montreal stated that the Allan Line officials there had received a wireless from Cape Gambell off their steamer Virginian stating that the Titanic was calling for assistance after a collision with an iceberg. The Virginian's captain added that he was heading his boat for the Titanic, whose position was said to be about 350 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland.

Immediate enquire by the Associated Press in an urgent despatch to the Marconi station at Cape Race was answered soon afterward in the following words:

"At 10.25 last night the steamship Titanic called 'C.Q.D.' and reported having struck an iceberg. The steamer said that immediate assistance was required. Half an hour afterwards another message came, reporting that they were sinking by the head, and that women were being put off in the lifeboats.

"The weather was calm and clear. The Titanic's wireless operator reported, and gave the position of the vessel as 41.46 north latitude, and 50.14 west longitude. The Marconi station at Cape Race notified the Allan Liner Virginian, the captain of which immediately advised that he was proceeding for the scene of the disaster.

"The Virginian at midnight was about 170 miles distant from the Titanic, and expected to reach that vessel about 10 a.m. Monday.

"The Olympic at midnight was in latitude 40.32 north, and longitude 61.13 west. She was in direct communication with the Titanic, and is now making all haste toward her. The steamship Baltic also reported herself as about 200 miles east of the Titanic at 1.15 a.m., and making all possible speed toward her.

"The last signals from the Titanic were heard by the Virginian at 12.27 a.m. The wireless operator on the Virginian says these signals were blurred, and ended abruptly."

Nothing could have caused much greater alarm than this meagre report did in New York this morning. The Titanic is the biggest boat in the world. She has on board more than 2,000 persons—1,470 passengers and a crew of 860 men.

### LATER.

#### Titanic Sinks—1,800 Lives Lost.

New York, April 15.—A message from the steamer Olympic, reporting the sinking of the Titanic and the rescue of 675 survivors, which reached here late to-night, expressed the opinion that 1,800 lives were lost. "Loss likely to total 1,800 souls," the despatch read in its concluding sentence. It is hoped and believed here that this is an error, unless the Titanic had more passengers on board than were reported. The list as given out showed 1,310 passengers and a crew of 360, or 2,170 persons in all. Deducting 675, the known saved, would indicate a loss of 1,495 persons.

The Olympic's despatch follows:—"Carpathia reached Titanic position at daybreak. Found boats and wreckage only. Titanic sank about 2.20 a.m., in 41.16 N., 50.14 W. All her boats accounted for, containing about 675 souls saved, crew and passengers included. Nearly all saved were women and children. Leyland liner Californian remained and searching exact position of disaster. Loss likely to total 1,800 souls."

A message received at a later hour gave the number of survivors as 866, which would reduce the losses to 1,304, with the qualifications stated.

More than 1,500 persons, it is feared, sank to their death early to-day, when within four hours after she crashed into an iceberg the mammoth White Star liner Titanic, bound from Southampton to New York on her maiden voyage, foundered off the Newfoundland Banks. Of the approximately 2,200 persons on board the giant liner, some of them of world-wide prominence, only 675 are known to have been saved. The White Star Line offices in New York, while keeping up hope to the last, were free to admit that there had been "horrible loss of life."

#### WATER TWO MILES DEEP.

Halifax, N. S., April 15.—The place where the Titanic sank, according to an official of the Marine Department here, is about five hundred miles from Halifax, and the water at that point about seventy

miles south of the Grand Banks, at least two miles deep. It is midway between Sable Island and Cape Race and in a line with those dangerous sands, which, however, might have been a place of safety had there been time to run the Titanic there and beach her on the northern side.

### A RELIABLE MEDICINE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

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### VICTORY FOR ITALIANS.

#### Newly-Arrived Troops Surprised Turkish Forces Around Zuara.

A despatch from Rome says: In accordance with the prearranged plan, while the Italian squadron was creating a diversion by bombarding the Turkish positions around Zuara, to the west of Tripoli, a large force of troops direct from Italy landed and occupied an important strategic point on the coast of Libya. The operation is reported to have been a brilliant success, the Italians not losing a single man.



MR. J. L. HUGHES.

School Inspector of Toronto.

### TEA AND COFFEE HURTS

One in Three.

It is difficult to make people believe that tea and coffee are a poison to at least one person out of every three, but people are slowly finding it out, although thousands of them suffer terribly before they discover the fact.

A New York hotel man says: "Each time after drinking coffee I became restless, nervous and excited, so that I was unable to sit five minutes in one place, was also inclined to vomit and suffered from loss of sleep, which got worse and worse."

"A lady said that perhaps coffee was the cause of my trouble, and suggested that I try Postum. (Tea is just as harmful as coffee because it contains caffeine, the same drug found in coffee). I laughed at the thought that coffee hurt me, but she insisted so hard that I finally had some Postum made. I have been using it in place of coffee ever since, for I noticed that all my former nervousness and irritation disappeared. I began to sleep perfectly, and the Postum tasted as good or better than the old coffee, so what was the use of sticking to a beverage that was injuring me?"

"One day on an excursion up the country I remarked to a young lady friend on her greatly improved appearance. She explained that some time before she had quit using coffee and taken Postum. She had gained a number of pounds and her former palpitation of the heart, humming in the ears, trembling of the hands and legs and other disagreeable feelings had disappeared. She recommended me to quit coffee and take Postum and was very much surprised to find that I had already made the change."

"She said her brother had also received great benefits from leaving off coffee and taking on Postum." "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

# BEATTIE NESBITT ARRESTED

## Former President of Wrecked Farmers Bank Captured at Chicago

A despatch from Chicago says: Dr. W. Beattie Nesbitt, wanted in Toronto on a charge of participating in a conspiracy to wreck the Farmers Bank of that city, was arrested in a South Side restaurant on Thursday night. The prisoner was located in a South Side hotel three days ago by detectives from Assistant Chief Schuttler's office, and was shadowed day and night. Thursday Detective Wallace arrived from Toronto, and the same night the suspect was arrested.

Detective Joseph Cahill and Matthew Barda took the prisoner to Schuttler's office, where he was confronted by Wallace, who declared the man was Nesbitt. The latter protested that the case was one of mistaken identity. He denied that he came from Toronto.

After a brief examination, the suspect was taken to detective headquarters, with orders that he

should be kept from seeing any person except police officers. A few minutes later, however, he was placed in an automobile and rushed away from the City Hall to some outlying police station, where it is said he was locked up.

Nesbitt is said to have been living in Chicago for some time under the name of Coleman.

### VILLAGES SWEEPED AWAY.

#### Thousands Have Been Killed by Eruption in Honduras.

A despatch from Mobile, Alabama, says: Thousands of persons have been killed and whole Indian villages swept away by the eruption of Chiriqui Peak, near Bocas Del Toro, in Honduras, according to the story of Captain Olsvik, of the United Fruit steamer Fort Morgan, which arrived here on Wednesday.

### WOMEN NEED GIN PILLS.

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### SERVICE TO FRANCE.

#### Line to be Established Between Quebec and Havre.

A despatch from Quebec says: News was received in town on Wednesday evening to the effect that a direct service between Quebec and Havre would be inaugurated during the coming season of navigation by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. The steamers will sail from Quebec every four weeks, and will go to Havre direct, instead of calling at New York as

at first intended. The first sailing from Quebec will take place on May 11th, the Niagara, 15,740 tons, being the pioneer vessel. Cabin and stowage passengers and general cargo will be carried.

### HONEST TEA IS THE BEST POLICY.

In order to find out to what extent the different food products are used by its millions of readers, the "Woman's World" (circulation over 2,000,000 copies monthly) recently inaugurated a most interesting coupon canvass.

One of the questions propounded was, "What tea do you use?" and the replies received demonstrate that Lipton's Tea is the most popular of all package teas, showing its sale to be double that of the nearest competitor and considerably over one hundred per cent. more than the next two mentioned brands taken together. Surely Honest Tea is the Best Policy.

The grants to the veterans of '66 will be distributed as applied for.

# THE IRISH HOME RULE BILL

## Control of Customs and Excise not Conceded the New Irish Parliament

A despatch from London says: The cardinal principle of the present Home Rule Bill, Premier Asquith stated on Thursday, is the supreme authority of the Imperial Parliament, while at the same time real autonomy is conferred on Ireland in regard to Irish concerns.

The bill provides for the establishment of an Irish Parliament, consisting of a Senate and a House of Commons with power to make laws for peace, order and good government in Ireland.

The bill provides that the matters to be excluded from the control of the Irish Parliament are the Crown, the army and the navy, imperial affairs, the Irish land purchase, and the old age pension and national insurance acts, the Irish constabulary, the post-office savings banks and public loans, in addition to those excluded by the Home Rule bill of 1893, which left the customs and excise under the control of the Imperial Government.

The Irish Constabulary is to be automatically transferred to the Irish Government after six years, and power is given by the bill to the Irish Parliament to demand the transfer of the old age pensions and Insurance Act to its control on giving a year's notice to the Imperial Government.

The Irish Parliament is debarred from altering the Home Rule bill or the power to appeal to the Privy Council.

Provision is made for the protection of religious equality in Ireland, and stipulating that the Irish Parliament cannot make laws, directly or indirectly, to establish or to endow any religion, or to prohibit the free exercise thereof, or to give a preference or privilege to any religion or to make any religious ceremony a condition of validity of any marriage.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland is to have the power to veto or suspend any bill on the instruction of the Imperial Executive.

Any question regarding the interpretation of the Home Rule bill is to be settled by appeal to the Judi-

cial Committee of the Privy Council.

The Irish Senate is to consist of forty members, and the House of Representatives of 164, of which Ulster is to have 59 and the Universities two.

The Senate is to be composed of nominated members. In the first instance, the Imperial Executive is to control the nominations with a view to assuring the representation of the minority. The nominations are to be for a fixed term, and as the members retire, by rotation the vacancies will be filled by the Irish Executive. In case of disagreement the two Houses are to sit in joint session.

The Lord Lieutenant is to be head of the Executive. There will be no religious bar, and he will hold office for a fixed term.

The authority of the Executive is to be co-extensive with that of the Irish Parliament. The 164 representatives are to be elected by the existing constituencies, but no constituency is to have less than 27,000 population.

The collection of all taxes is to remain in the Imperial service, and they will be paid into the Imperial Exchequer, which is to pay over to the Irish Executive an amount equivalent to the expenditure on Irish services at the time of the passing of the Act. An additional sum of \$2,500,000 is to be paid to Ireland the first year, and this will diminish by \$250,000 yearly until it is reduced to \$1,000,000.

The postal services are to be handed over to Ireland.

The Irish Parliament is to have power to reduce or discontinue the Imperial taxes, excepting the income tax and the stamp and estate duties. It will also have power to alter the excise duties, but except in the case of beer and spirits it is debarred from adding to the customs duties anything which will give a greater increase than 10 per cent.

The Irish representation at Westminster is to be 42 members, one for every 100,000 of the population

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