

**PROBABLY 1,302 LOST.**

**CARPATIA BEARING 866 RESCUED HEADED FOR NEW YORK.**

**Parisian and Virginian Saved None—Faint Hope That Any Other Trans-Atlantic Liners May Report Survivors—Carpathia Passes Out of Wireless Zone for a Time, and Cutters are Ordered Northward to Get in Touch—Titanic Insured for Five Million.**

New York, April 16.—That the final roll of the rescued from the Titanic disaster had practically been made up was the impression that grew almost into conviction last night as the hours went on without the revision of the lists adding measurably to the total of known survivors. Of definite news of the disaster the night added little. Down the Atlantic coast, fog enveloped in many places, as the reports showed, crept the Cunarder Carpathia bearing on her the 868 lives that had been snatched from the waters when the Titanic's life boats, laden to their limit, one by one, made their way from the giant liner as it became known that she was soon to take her final plunge.

But although the rescue ship was reported within wireless range of the Sable Island station at a comparatively early hour and the wireless ear was waiting to catch the snap of a receiver which might mean that the great secret of the liner's death was about to be given up, midnight came and went and the night began to grow old, and still the word had not been spoken.

Carefully compiling the available lists, the record of the named survivors of the disaster stands significantly thus:

Men, 79; women, 233; children, 16; Total, 328.

Of the remaining 540 known survivors it is estimated that more than 100 were stamen required to man the boats. This would leave approximately 440, and the ordinary proportions of women and children. In the steerage, where the passengers in the Titanic's care numbered 740, it seems probable that the greater part of these 440 were women and their little ones.

Nothing could show more plainly the heroism of the crew and the men passengers who stood by the doomed ship, facing practically inevitable death, and sent the women and children away in the life boats. 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 behind deliberately, calmly stepping aside to let the weaker ones, those to whom they owed protection, pass on their way to safety.

"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 afterwards that their wireless signals sputtered and then stopped altogether. The picture inevitably presents itself in view of what is known, is of men like John Jacob Astor, master of scores of millions; Benjamin Guggenheim, of the famous family of bankers; Isador Straus, a merchant prince; Wm. T. Stead, veteran journalist; Major Archibald Butt, soldier; Washington Roebling, 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 sabot shod, shawl enshrouded illiterate and penniless peasant woman of Europe.

Thus the stream of women with toddling infants or babies in arms, perhaps most of them soon to be widowed, filed up from the cabins and over the side and away to life. The men—by far the greater part of them—remained to die, millionaire and peasant, and man of middle class alike, bravely, it must have been, sharing each other's fate and going down to a common grave.

Of the survivors, what their story of peril and suffering with the revelation they will furnish of just what happened on board the stricken ocean giant—pictures which will leave the imagination nothing to draw upon—still remains to be told. How quickly they will be able to tell it and clear up all the mysteries of identity which the limited carrying capacity of the Carpathia's wireless has left the world in doubt seemed tonight to depend largely upon almost atmospheric conditions.

The weather was thick on the coast last night, not only interfering, it is believed, with wireless communication from the liner to Sable Island, but probably with her rate of progress toward New York, where she is heading. Meanwhile other methods of communicating with her than by the land stations are being tried.

Search for bodies in the vicinity of the disaster, it was learned, will be taken up by the White Star Liner

**CONFERENCE AT BETHESDA.**

**Very Interesting Session Held—Large Attendance.**

Rembert, April 15.—The second quarterly conference of Wedgfield circuit, Sumter district, convened with Bethesda church Friday, April 11. Rev. Walter I. Herbert, presiding elder in the chair.

Every church on the charge was represented by two or more stewards. Considering that it was a mid-week appointment at a very busy season of the year, quite a large congregation was present and no doubt felt well repaid after hearing a strong sermon delivered in earnestness by Bro. Herbert.

It is a custom of this church to carry dinner out on these occasions, so, the sermon being over the congregation adjourned to dinner where a most bounteous and delightful spread awaited them. The social feature of these occasions, where everyone is made to feel welcome, makes them enjoyable indeed. Bethesda church is always pleased to entertain these conferences and to have as many as will to be with them.

This occasion brought together people removed from each other, devoted friends with others, all contributing to its pleasure. More than one visitor expressed himself as having spent a glad day away from the vexations and cares of life.

After dinner the conference was called to order with the following present: Rev. J. N. Wright, P. C.; Rev. H. C. Bethea, J. R. Corbett, W. S. Allen, W. H. Freeman, T. D. McLeod, J. M. Reams, T. M. Crosswell, B. W. Segars, C. W. Chandler, and Mr. Strange. T. J. Brown was elected a trustee instead of H. C. McLeod, deceased, and also steward.

The business of the conference was gone through in a masterful manner that was profitable to the great cause.

Ero. Herbert, the son of a saintly preacher, most favorably impressed the people and was well received.

On Sunday our pastor, Rev. J. N. Wright, presented the mission claims to the congregation and got the entire amount assessed this church. (I have written this for the encouragement of other churches of whatever faith they may be, and exhort: "Go thou, and do likewise.") Our Baptist friends helped us out in this matter.

I am aware that the above is unusual for a secular paper, but knowing it is for interest to the personnel of your paper, particularly to that old Vet, I believe it is to other good people. When you do worthy things the world wants to know of them.

None of our people that I know of have planted cotton yet. Some are not through with corn planting.

Harry McLeod, oldest son of the late H. C. McLeod, is stricken with pneumonia, but is reported to be improving.

Mrs. H. C. Bethea, who was prostrated by a severe attack of malarial fever is able to go out again.

Mrs. G. H. Lenoir was in our community a few days last week.

Mrs. H. C. Bethea and Miss Courtney Atkinson dined with Mrs. C. J. Jackson some days ago.

Robt. E. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Sanders, Eugene James, Walter Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Moore, ran over to Columbia last Friday.

Messrs. Frierson and B. G. Morris are erecting a most substantial and handsome dwelling on the road from Dinkins' mill to Borden for Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bethea.

Mr. W. S. Allen spent some days recently at St. Stephens.

A party of automobilists Tuesday afternoon ran over a big rattlesnake between the city and Cane Savannah and then stopped long enough to despatch the reptile. The snake had thirteen rattles on it and was a monster in size.

from Halifax, where the cable steamer Mackey-Bennett has been chartered to proceed to the scene and remain until further orders searching for bodies that may come to the surface.

Up to 1.30 this morning so far as could be learned at any of the coast stations no tidings had come from the Carpathia since she was able by the aid of the Olympic's relay many hours before to send ashore her list of the names of first and second cabin Titanic survivors which she had on board. It is thought, feared, would be the better word, that this list is now practically complete. As for the rest, direct advices from Sable Island reported that weather conditions were bad today and that only faint communication was had with the ship, she being barely within range of call. It was thought, too, that the wireless operator on the Carpathia had become fatigued from his long seige at the key of the liner's wireless and that he was resting, preparing for the transmission of messages when the ship comes into communication with stations on the American coast.

**WORK COMMENCED ON HOTEL.**

**Tool Houses Constructed and Digging for Foundation Commenced.**

Active work was this morning commenced on the construction of the new hotel, the work done being preparatory to work which will follow in the near future on the hotel building itself. The carpenters were put to work erecting the tool houses and workmen were digging down in the ground to investigate the quality of soil with a view to determine the necessary foundation for the building.

The grounds were laid off and show the building to be a big one. The structure will face on Bartlett street, having a frontage on that street of 86 feet three inches. The side will extend on Main street 153 feet, there being just room enough in rear of the building for vehicles to pass. There are several trees on the grounds which will have to be cut down and removed and the whole will be leveled off before the concrete flooring is laid on the surface of the ground.

Mr. T. C. Stokes is foreman of the workmen in charge of the building and will see that the work is pushed as rapidly as possible. A large force of hands will be engaged as soon as they are needed on the building. Already some of the material has been ordered and will be here in the next few days, while the granite is now being cut for the foundation and first story of the building.

Much interest is being taken in the work by citizens and by the people generally, many of whom have stopped in passing to view the proceedings. Traveling men who make Sumter a stopping point have been heard to make favorable comments on the fact that work has commenced and the people generally seem glad that the hotel is at last under way.

**Commissioners of Public Works Hold Meeting.**

At 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the Commissioners met in the City Clerk's office, with all members of the board present.

Mr. C. G. Rowland, who was elected by council to succeed Mr. H. L. Scarborough, took the oath of office. The annual report was examined, and the affairs of the department were discussed. The secretary and collector were directed to observe and enforce the rules governing the collection of accounts, especially the rule that provides for the cutting off water from customers in arrears.

It was ordered that all past due accounts be paid by the 22nd inst. and in all cases in which settlement is not made by that time, the supply is to be cut off.

**Department of Civic and Public Affairs—L. D. Jennings, Director.**

Following are the appointments of committees in this department:

Health and Sanitation—Dr. H. M. Stuckey, chairman; E. I. Reardon, Dr. Archie China, Dr. C. J. Lemmon, Dr. C. P. Osteen, J. J. Tinsley, W. C. Wise, D. M. McLeod, Dr. E. R. Wilson, Rev. C. C. Brown, D. D.

Legislation—Dr. eGo. W. Dick, chairman; J. H. Clifton, R. B. Belsler, C. M. Hurst, Dozier Lee, Horace Harby, H. G. Osteen.

Parks and Public Buildings—E. C. Haynsworth, chairman; L. W. Jenkins, R. F. Haynsworth, Rev. G. S. DeLano, J. M. Harby, T. B. Fraser, R. L. Wright.

Fire Protection and Building Code—R. S. Hood chairman; E. C. Wallace, G. E. Haynsworth, J. W. McKiever, W. F. Carr, D. P. Kelly, Eugene Forshee.

City Streets, Sidewalks and Trees—J. P. Booth, chairman; S. R. Chandler, E. C. Haynsworth, D. M. Dick, J. P. Mariou, R. F. McClellan, W. Loring Lee, J. P. Commander, J. E. Hodges.

Mr. J. T. McNeill, of Shiloh, who was for a number of years a member of the County Board of Commissioners will probably be a candidate for county supervisor. When in the city Monday Mr. McNeill told several of his friends that he had the matter under serious consideration, as he was being urged to enter the race by quite a number of citizens in various parts of the county. The campaign for county officers will be interesting this year and there will be a number of hotly contested races.

The promoters of the proposed Pee Dee baseball league want Sumter to join and have invited the local fans to send a representative to the meeting to be held in Cheraw Friday, April 19th. If anyone is interested, full information can be obtained from Mr. William Godfrey, President First National Bank, Cheraw, S. C.

Every day fishermen—and some more fishermen—pay their respects to the fish in some of the neighboring ponds. It seems that the fish would get tired of so many visitors.

**ALLIGATORS SWALLOW TURTLES**

**Team Still Holds Former Record—Number of Spectators Saw Contest.**

Quite a number of spectators saw the Alligators win a victory over the Turtles Tuesday in the second game of the series of in-door baseball games at the Y. M. C. A., the score being 4 to 3 at the end of the game.

The game was fast and exciting from start to finish, but the Alligators had the advantage of the Turtles all the way through, and it looked like it would be a shut-out affair for the Turtles, until "Long Emanuel," pitcher for the Alligators, literally went up in the air and the Turtles in the eighth inning made three runs. For the Alligators "Happy" Phelps and "Beau" Crowson were the bright stars, while on the Turtle team "Shorty" Folsom and "Big" DuRant were the stellar lights.

The game seemed to meet the hearty approbation of the spectators, who seemed much pleased with what they saw. The game was umpired by Mr. Thees, Physical Director of the Y. M. C. A.

**GAME COCK CITY LEAGUE.**

**Committee Appointed to Solicit Subscriptions and to Organize Teams.**

At a meeting of those interested in baseball in this town held at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night active steps were taken to have the league organized and to secure funds for the purchase of the uniforms and to get the teams organized so that the games could commence as soon as the uniforms arrived. The committee on constitution and by-laws was given further time in which to complete their work and still further steps will be taken towards organization when these committees meet and make their reports next Tuesday night.

All persons interested in baseball, whether they are members of the Y. M. C. A. or not, and who will abide by the constitution and by-laws are entitled to join. There will be four teams formed and the captain of each will select twelve men to play on his team. It is thus necessary to have uniforms for forty-eight men and the committee to solicit subscriptions has charge of the raising of sufficient funds for this purpose, all contributions being gratefully received.

The organization, while it will not be a part of the Y. M. C. A. will probably have the Y. M. C. A. as its headquarters for meetings and will not stand for any disorderly conduct among its members. Mr. B. A. Thees of the Y. M. C. A. executive force will probably be selected as official umpire for the association and he will consequently have charge of the conduct of the games.

The membership committee consists of Messrs. P. M. Brown, Jas. D. Graham, Allan Brown and Frank Chandler, and any person interested in baseball and anxious to get on one of the teams should hand in his name to them.

The name for the league has been decided upon as the Game Cock City Baseball league and much fun is expected from the series of games which will be arranged.

It will be of interest to many people in this city to know that Mr. David Loring, formerly of this city but now of Wilmington, was in a head on collision of a yard engine and a local freight in the Wilmington yards last Wednesday. Mr. Loring, who was fireman on the freight, jumped and luckily escaped injury.

It is suggested by citizens in the western part of town that it would be a good idea for the city to have garbage carts to carry off trash daily, instead of waiting until Clean-Up Day to carry it off. It was reported that some of these citizens had "clean-up day" all the year round, but recently they had waited for more than three days for carts to carry off garbage which they placed on the streets.

**NOTICE.**

The registered Jack, Blarney, Jr., will stand the season at Booth-Harby Live Stock Company's stables. He is sixteen hands high, black, weighs eleven hundred pounds. Liberal terms allowed. Sumter Jack Association. W&S 16 t.

Summer seems to have hit Sumter all of a sudden, leaving spring away behind to look out for itself.

**Appeal of the Afflicted.**

It was Walter's first visit to church, and he tried hard to remember all the varied instructions he had received, such as not whispering, keeping his head bowed during the prayer, etc. But during the main petition of the service nature won a complete battle over memory and decorum. "Mother," shrieked the weary youngster, "when will it be time for me to straighten my neck? It's like to break if I don't do it soon!"

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