

NO BINOCULARS ABOARD TITANIC

Failure to Provide Lookout With One Probably Caused Disaster.

IF SUCH HAD BEEN SUPPLIED THE ICEBERG COULD HAVE BEEN SEEN IN TIME TO PREVENT THE COLLISION—THIS IS TESTIFIED TO BY FREDERICK FLEET OF THE TITANIC BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 23.—Like the missing horseshoe nail that cost the monarch his kingdom, the failure to provide a binocular or spy glasses for the lookouts on the Titanic was one of the contributing causes of the ship's loss and with it the loss of more than sixteen hundred lives. Two witnesses before the senate investigating committee today agreed on this.

They were Frederick Fleet, lookout on the Titanic, and Major Arthur Godfrey Peuchen, a Canadian manufacturer and yachtsman, who was among the rescued passengers. Fleet acknowledged if he had been aided in his observations by good glasses he probably would have spied the berg into which the ship crashed in time to have warned the bridge to avoid it.

Peuchen also testified to the much greater sweep of vision afforded by binoculars, and believed the presence of the iceberg might have been detected in time to escape a collision had the lookout been so equipped.

It was made to appear that the blame for being without glasses did not rest with the lookout men. Fleet said they had asked for them at Southampton and were told there were none for them.

Peuchen said that when the call to quarters was sounded not enough of the crew responded to undertake the work required in lowering and filling the boats. He criticized the lack of experienced sailors aboard.

Harbert J. Pitman, third officer of the Titanic, told of his failure to turn back the life boat in which he and the passengers were idly drifting, to attempt to rescue others when the Titanic sank. He said the cries for help made "one long, continuous moan."

The passengers insisted that to attempt to save their lives would mean their destruction, he said, so after starting in the direction of the cries he rescinded the orders and waited for dawn.

In an executive session at the close of the hearing today the committee decided not to allow J. Bruce Lemay or P. A. S. Franklin to testify, although until they are no longer needed, Lemay may take the stand tomorrow.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED. Because of confusion caused by the rush of crowds to the hearing, the committee determined today to exclude the general public. To accomplish this, the hearing was transferred to a smaller room. Only witnesses, those particularly interested in the inquiry and members of the press were admitted.

The chance caused disappointment to thousands to the hearing, the women hundreds around the building clamored for admittance. The crowds lined the hallways leading to the new room and the police had difficulty keeping a passageway to the door.

Life and death struggles of the Titanic's victims reluctantly were pictured by Third Officer Herbert John Pitman of the sunken liner.

Chairman Smith of the committee pressed Pitman regarding scenes after the sinking of the ship.

"How far away were the cries from your life boat?" "Several hundred yards, probably some of them. I told my men to get the cars out and pull toward the wreck that we might be able to save a few more."

"The people in my boat demurred. They said it would be a mad idea."

17,000 PEOPLE IN LOUISIANA ARE HOMELESS

WATER TEN TO FIFTEEN FEET OVER SIX PARISHES IN THE NORTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE STATE—TALLULAH FLOODED AND PEOPLE GOING ABOUT THE STREETS IN SKIFFS.

By Associated Press. Delta Point, La., April 23.—From Delhi to Delta Point, opposite Vicksburg, Thomastown is the only town out of water. Tonight the water is ten to fifteen feet deep and over thousands of acres of fertile lands of more than six parishes in northeastern Louisiana no crops can be raised this year. Tallulah is under water to a depth of from four to six feet. Water is in the business houses and people are traversing the streets in skiffs and motor boats. A conservative estimate of the homeless persons in northeast Louisiana is seventeen thousand.

THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND RATIONS DUE TO ARRIVE

New Orleans, April 23.—Thirty-two thousand rations supplied by the United States government are due to arrive at Leland, Miss., today where 5,000 or more flood refugees have collected. Supplies have been sent to other refugee camps and temporary relief has been recorded nearly all of the 70,000 persons made destitute when the waters from Mississippi river crevasses forced them from their homes in southern Arkansas, northwestern Mississippi and northern Louisiana. It is estimated that there are 5,000 or more refugees at Benoit, Miss., and vicinity, and 20,000 at the Delta fair grounds, being cared for by the Greenville, Miss., relief committee. Government relief boats with food, clothing and other supplies have proceeded up the Sunflower and Yazoo rivers to aid refugees in those sections.

DANGER OF CREVASSES CONSIDERED VERY GRAVE

Baton Rouge, La., April 23.—The danger of crevasses in the Mississippi river levees between Point Coupee and Morganza is considered so grave that 250 volunteer guards from St. Mary parish today inaugurated day and night patrol service along this stretch. A company of militia was also placed on guard duty between Baton Rouge and Red river landing. A break in the levee near Morganza would cause the inundation of the richest farming section of the state. Captain C. O. Sherrill, chief of the United States engineers in charge of the levee work in this district, accompanied by the state engineer, is riding the west levee today from Torrance south. Under Captain Sherrill's direction, thousands of dollars are being expended in strengthening the levees in expectation of a further heavy rise in the river beginning next week when the upper crevasse waters begin to come back through the Red river.

ARE PLANNING TO SPRING SURPRISE

Members of Senator Cummins Are Expected to Spring Something at the Iowa State Convention.

By Associated Press. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 23.—Whether Senator A. B. Cummins's adherents were planning a surprise for the Republican state convention here tomorrow was the paramount question among the delegates today.

The attitude of John H. Briar, Cummins's Iowa manager, gave cause for uncertainty even among Taft's friends. He claimed to be able to control the convention, but declined to divulge the source of his support.

John T. Adams, Taft's Iowa manager, was more insistent than ever that he and his friends would organize the convention, even to the extent of raising his estimate to 85 majority.

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The negro was partially surrounded near Gibson at midnight, but fought his way out.

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PROMINENT LEADERS OF WASHINGTON SOCIETY IN WHITE STAR LINE WRECK



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore, social leaders of Washington, D. C., were on the wrecked Titanic when it struck the great iceberg off the Newfoundland coast. Mr. Moore went down with the ship; Mrs. Moore was saved and returned on the Carpathia.

Oliver Calls Wilson Club Meeting for Thursday Night

President John G. Oliver announces that the Woodrow Wilson Club will meet at the court house Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. No important speakers will be there, but several members of the club will speak briefly on the presidential situation as it appears to them.

It is not regarded necessary by the Wilson supporters in Escambia county to engage speakers from abroad either to advise the people how to vote or to manufacture enthusiasm for the campaign. They already know how they are going to vote and their enthusiasm is already in evidence.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting Thursday night and every Wilson man who comes is urged to bring at least one Underwood man with him, if enough Underwood men can be found.

CANNOT AGREE ON RESOLUTION

House and Senate Cannot Get Together on the Matter of Popular Election of United States Senators.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 23.—A conference report was made to the senate today announcing the failure of agreement on the resolution aimed at a constitutional amendment to provide for popular election of senators. It declared that the house proposed to take away from congress all supervisory power over senatorial elections.

"To deprive congress of the right to say whether a member of that body had been corruptly elected," said Senator Clark of Wyoming, chairman of the judiciary committee, "is striking at the very root of our legislative department. It is my opinion that the house amendment would preclude congress from making any investigation into the election of a senator. It would leave it entirely in the hands of the states."

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Each faction is calling the state convention, at which four delegates at large and alternate to the national convention will be chosen and elected, and a national committee elected.

The Taft leaders announced that the president has 431-2 delegates instructed. Roosevelt 411-2 and contested 224.

The Roosevelt faction claims 664-1-2 votes and gives the administration 423-1-2 votes with 51 contested and 9 uninstructed.

MEDIATION IS NOW PROBABLE

Threatened Strike of Locomotive Engineers on Fifty Railroads Will Likely Be Averted.

By Associated Press. New York, April 23.—Mediation of the differences between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the eastern railroads, involving a threatened strike on the fifty lines east of Chicago and north of the Potomac, is expected to result from the action of the conference of the committee of railway managers today in agreeing to confer with Charles P. Neill, United States commissioner of labor, and Judge Martin J. Knapp, of the United States commerce court, regarding the dispute.

While the answer of the railroads to the letters of Neill and Knapp did not definitely accept mediation, the opinion is expressed by the engineers that in the end this will be the result.

Tonight in all quarters the opinion is expressed that the possibility of a strike which yesterday appeared imminent is increasingly remote. On the basis of conferences tomorrow probably will depend the settlement of the dispute or arrangement of the plan of arbitration.

SIX LIVES LOST IN EXPLOSION

Four Bodies Are Recovered From Coal Mine and Two More Men Are Reported Missing.

By Associated Press. Madisonville, Ky., April 23.—Six lives, instead of five, are now believed to have been lost in an explosion followed by a fire in the Colliery coal mine here Sunday night. Four bodies, including those of Joseph Colwell, the mine foreman, and three negro miners, were found today.

Two more men are missing and their bodies are believed to be in the mine. W. D. Cull, president of the mine company, said he believed the explosion was accidental and was caused by dynamite.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR PRESIDENT

Roosevelt Leaders Practically Concede the State to Taft, Who Already Has 380 of the Delegates.

By Associated Press. Concord, N. H., April 23.—A victory is practically conceded to President Taft tonight by the Roosevelt leaders. The returns at a late hour gave Taft 380 and Roosevelt 154 of a total of 534 of the state convention delegates.

THE INTERNATIONAL ART INSTITUTE INAUGURATED

Venice, April 23.—The International Art Exposition was inaugurated today by the Duke of Genoa in the name of King Victor Emmanuel. Pierpont Morgan, who arrived yesterday, was one of the central figures at the ceremony.

Count Grimani, mayor of Venice, in his speech said this exhibition had great artistic significance owing to its being connected with the re-birth of the Campanile and the resurrection of Italian power in northern Africa and the Mediterranean.

DESPERATE BUT FUTILE EFFORT TO HELP ALLENS

Attempts Made to Smuggle Weapons Into Jail to the Six Men.

THEY ARE ARRAIGNED ON THE CHARGE OF MURDER AT HILLSVILLE, ENTER PLEAS OF NOT GUILTY AND SECURE A CHANGE OF VENUE TO AN ADJOINING COUNTY, WHERE THEY WILL BE TRIED ON MAY 30.

By Associated Press. Hillsville, Va., April 23.—Desperate but futile efforts were made this afternoon, according to detective, to smuggle weapons to six members of the Allan clan in jail. Earlier in the day they pleaded not guilty to the indictments charging them with murder in connection with the Carroll county court house tragedy on March 14 and their trials set for April 30 at Wytheville, in an adjoining county.

The prisoners will be taken there during the night and strict precaution will be taken during the transfer from here, as the day's developments showed the Allens had many friends who might attempt a rescue.

On the pretense of being intoxicated Wesley Smith attracted attention around the jail and was locked up. Smith is said to be a friend of the Allens and planned to get in jail and occupy a cell adjacent to Floyd Allen and thus communicate with him.

Later in the day J. C. and David Strickland were driven at the point of a rifle from the vicinity of the jail. They were charged with loitering in front of the jail and acting threateningly.

The application of the defense for a change of venue was not opposed. Attorney announced the severance of the cases and the commonwealth will try Floyd Allen first and probably his sons, Claude and Victor, next, then his brothers, Allen, Sidna, Edwards and Byrd Marion.

MAJOR BUTT, NOBLEST HERO OF THEM ALL



Major Archibald Butt.

New York, April 23.—Titanic passengers who returned on the Carpathia told an inspiring story of the heroism of Major Archibald Butt. Major Butt and Col. Astor died together like heroes on the sinking ship. They worked like soldiers, putting women and children in the lifeboats and then returning to the ship, smilingly waving farewell to the rescuers while the Titanic sank out of sight in the icy waters.

"Throughout the whole panic and during the lowering of the boats," relates a survivor, "Butt and Astor assisted the ship's officers. They were pulled away I saw their figures outlined against the sky. Apparently their arms were entwined about each other's shoulders."

"I was on the last boat that was put overboard," Butt said another survivor. "Major Butt helped me to a seat as coolly as if it were in a parlor. Then he took off his hat, said 'good-bye' and smilingly waved his hand to us from the watery deck as our boat pulled off. The last I saw of him was waving his hat and smiling."

Major Butt counted his friends by the hundred and they deeply mourn his loss. The saddest mourner of Titanic was the prettiest debutante of Washington, Miss Dorothy Williams, whom the major was soon to have wed.

The information that Major Butt and Mrs. Williams were engaged was given out at San Antonio, Texas, former home of the grief-stricken bride-to-be. It came through Brigadier General Lockwood, an uncle of Mrs. Williams, who is the daughter of Col. John R. Williams, of the coast artillery corps, retired, and also a sister-in-law of Joseph Letter, of Chicago.

General Lockwood said: "Miss Williams, my grandniece, met Major Butt soon after he became aide to the president. They were to have been married next fall."

Confirmation of the engagement is seen in the cancellation by Miss Williams of all social engagements. Her friends assert that this action is alone due to grief for Major Butt.

AMERICANS IN MEXICO PAYING TOLL TO BANDITS

They Are Tortured, Robbed and in Many Instances Assassinated.

FORTY-SEVEN PASSENGERS ARRIVE AT GALVESTON FROM VERA CRUZ AND TELL OF BEING COMPELLED TO FLEE AND LEAVE THEIR PROPERTY—THE AMERICANS HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO PROTECTION.

By Associated Press. Galveston, April 23.—Forty-seven passengers, all but one citizens of the United States, who arrived this morning from Vera Cruz on the steamer Texas, tell of alleged torture and assassination of Americans in the republic. All the refugees left their lands, homes, furniture and everything they possessed except enough money for passage and the clothes on their backs. Among the entire number there are only four or five trunks.

M. H. Ish tells of the murder of an American citizen named Wait. "Mr. Wait was a neighbor to me," said Mr. Ish. "He had sold several head of cattle and hidden the money. A band of desperadoes came to his hacienda and demanded money. Failing to get it, they deliberately beheaded him with their machetes gathered his cattle together and drove them off. There are many instances just like this."

"We lived in a little settlement where a colony of eleven American families had founded the town of Sanburn. All of these eleven families left because we were afraid to remain longer, knowing we would all be killed or tortured. I am 44 years old, I went to Mexico one year ago, put all I had, \$1,650, in land and improvements there and today I have only this (showing his two hands) and the clothes on my back."

"Before leaving we tied our cattle for damage with the American consul in the Mexico city. Another planter who went to Mexico two years ago returned to America minus more than \$20,000 and left behind land cattle and live stock."

Mr. McGee tells of cruelties practiced on an American now in the hospital at Mexico City. "The bandits visited the home of Mr. Shay, one of my neighbors, about a week before I left the settlement," said Mr. McGee. "and demanded money and guns. He gave them forty dollars and one gun, saying that was all he had on the place."

WOMAN WAS BEATEN. The land then left, but returned to Shay's place and demanded more money and guns. Not being given the money and guns, they took Mrs. Shay, tied her down and began beating her feet. Mr. Shay and his son, to stop the torture, gave four guns and \$800 to the desperadoes, who, after a final beating of the woman, left the place. Mrs. Shay was badly injured and she had to be carried to the hospital at Mexico City, where it was found that nearly every bone in her feet had been broken. She is in a serious condition.

"What has been true of the Shay family has been likewise true of scores of other Americans and by staying there we took our lives in our hands. The bandits are everywhere. The Mexican government is not able to quiet these bandits and many Americans believe that the fortune so disliked by the Americans that they would rather permit the brigandage than try to stop it. Whenever rurales are near the bandits disperse, but there is rarely a shot fired."

Practically every man on board the Texas had a like tale to tell of experiences there. Two men who rode horseback into Vera Cruz after abandoning their horses and their guns, tell of meeting four armed bandits in a narrow pass enroute.

"The only reason we are here," said one of the men, "is because we were lucky enough to beat them to it."

"Everywhere you go, except right in the largest cities, you will see deserted farms, houses burned, livestock stolen and in many instances the despoiled and headless bodies of their owners are left lying about. The bandits are in such large numbers and so scattered over the interior that to resist them is useless. The Americans just have to give up everything to them when they come to the settlements, no matter how well armed they may be."

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THEY CANNOT DELIVER THESE MEN OVER

Bull Whip Ticket and Tactics Are Condemned All Over Florida.

EDITOR J. W. CARPENTER, CLARK MAN, WILL NOT GO TO UNDERWOOD, AND HON. G. W. HINSEY, A HARMON MAN, LIKEWISE REFUSES TO FOLLOW THE FRAMEUP LEADERSHIP—OTHER DEMOCRATS WRITE.

There are a good many men in Florida who cannot be traded off or delivered over, and this attempt to swing them to the support of a substitute candidate for president is meeting with opposition at every turn. Here are notable illustrations right here in West Florida. J. W. Carpenter, editor of the Cottondale News, and a supporter of Champ Clark, writes:

FOR CHAMP CLARK. Cottondale, Fla., April 23, 1912. Editor Pensacola Journal.

I notice in your Sunday issue that I am quoted as favoring Mr. Underwood for the Democratic nomination for president. I told Mr. Shomaker, Sr., when that gentleman was taking the "straw" ballot, that if there were no other choice but Wilson and Underwood I would favor Underwood, BUT that I was going to vote for Champ Clark and will write his name on the ballot and place an "X" before same, unless my hand is paralyzed and the pencil market is suffering a shortage. The statement that I am for Underwood is misleading. I am for Champ Clark until the song is sounded.

Very truly yours, J. W. CARPENTER.

Here is another case. Hon. G. W. Hinsey, tax collector of Franklin county, and an original Judson Harmon man, writes:

CAN'T ENDORSE SUCH TACTICS. Apalachicola, Fla., April 20, 1912. Editor Pensacola Journal.

I have been closely watching the papers in hopes of seeing something that would satisfactorily explain why the names of Judson Harmon and Champ Clark will be omitted from the official ballot to be used at the primary election on the 30th inst.; and why certain sections of the United States have been apportioned to the three candidates, Harmon, Clark and Underwood, with Florida in the Underwood territory, of course, but up to this writing I have seen nothing that satisfactorily explains it.

I have all along been for Judson Harmon, but such seeming formation of a triple alliance and the cornered fight against Woodrow Wilson compels me to change, for I cannot endorse any such tactics and will now vote for and do what little I can for the interest of Mr. Wilson.

Yours very truly G. W. HINSEY.

The foregoing is an illustration of the cases of two men who have been in effect distractedly because they are prevented from voting their preference on the printed ballot. The state executive committee provided by resolution, passed unanimously, that the names of ALL candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination should appear on the ballot. Chairman Price, without any authority from the committee and without any request, so far as he has yet indicated, from the candidates themselves, refused to print the names of Clark and Harmon on the ballot.

Here is another Democrat who will not stand for bull whip methods. Henry C. Neal, of Greenwood, Fla., writes:

WILL VOTE FOR WILSON. Greenwood, Fla., April 20, 1912. Editor Pensacola Journal.

I must congratulate you for your straightforward and honorable course in the Journal's editorial management, and for your manly fight in behalf of the masses as against the privileged classes. I shall take great pleasure in casting my vote for you and Judge Griggs as delegates from the third congressional district to the national Democratic convention. I am an ardent supporter of Woodrow Wilson and believe him to be the only logical candidate of democracy for the presidency.

It seems to me that there is an effort being made on the part of the friends of Harmon, Champ Clark and Underwood to combine against Gov. Wilson and thus thwart the wishes of the people—anything or any person to beat Wilson, else why this sudden change on the part of some of the men?

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Government Criticized For Not Preventing the Massacre at Fez

Paris, April 23.—The massacre at Fez, in which a large number of French officers, soldiers and citizens were killed and wounded, has given rise to considerable criticism of the government authorities for not foreseeing and preventing the occurrence.

Premier Poincaré telegraphed today to Eugene Regnaud, the French minister, to make a complete investigation. The special correspondents of the French newspapers at Fez indicated that the plot of the rebels included the massacre of the whole of the French mission headed by M. Regnaud, which recently arrived at the capital to establish the protectorate.

This plan failed owing to the impetuosity of the Arabian women to begin the carnage. These women are described by the correspondents as

creatures of terrifying appearance, who rushed about the streets, torturing the wounded and sometimes adding the Moorish rebels in the final mutilation of the victims.

A scene of horror occurred in the Jewish quarters of the city, where the mob murdered, pillaged and burned all the Jews they could find, throwing their bodies from the roofs, many young girls were carried off to suffer outrages.

The Jewish quarter was set on fire and three-fourths of it entirely destroyed, rendering over a thousand people homeless.

The complete story of the death of the French telegraphers is a narrative of coolness and bravery. Although they possessed only one revolver among them, they kept the mob at bay for a considerable time, killing sixteen of the fanatics.

Southern Wholesale Grocers Are Now in Session in Montgomery

By Associated Press. Montgomery, Ala., April 23.—The Southern Wholesale Grocers Association began a three days' annual convention in Montgomery at 10 o'clock this morning with Frank Harvey Miller, chairman of the local committee on arrangements, in the chair. Practically every section of the south is represented by the hundreds of grocers in attendance. Manufacturers from all parts of the country are also conspicuous at the convention.

Governor Emmett O'Neal delivered an address of welcome for the state to which response was made by J. H. McLaurin, of Jacksonville, Fla., president of the association. On behalf of the city Mayor W. A. Gunter, Jr., welcomed the delegates and their response to his address was delivered by Lloyd Hooper, of Selma, Ala., first vice-president of the association. The forenoon session closed with an address by E. J. Meyer, president of the Business Men's League of Montgomery.

The convention will get down to business this afternoon when annual addresses of the officers will be delivered and the reports of the secretary and treasurer submitted. Committees will be announced after lunch. The visitor will be entertained while