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THE TITANIC SINKS WITH 1,800 ON BOARD; ONLY 675, MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, SAVED

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THE WEATHER: Clear; slight warm.

DRAWING OF THE TITANIC, ARRANGED TO SHOW THE CHARACTER OF THE DISASTER.

MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF THE TITANIC AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT.

MISS JOHN BRONN WATSON

FRANK MUIST

CAPTAIN W. ROSS

WILLIAM T. STEAD

MRS. DANIEL WARDNER MARVIN

CAPTAIN E. J. SMITH

LAWRENCE ANDRE

MISS CAROLINE W. CAULFIELD

THE CARPATHIA'S SURVIVORS LIST

A portion list of the survivors who are listed in the Carpathia, headed by the great list will be found in page 2 of this morning's Herald.

J. Bruce Ismay, Head of the White Star Line; Mr. and Mrs. George D. Widener, the Countess of Rothes and Mrs. Henry B. Harris Are Some of Those Saved.

In the darkness of night and in water two miles deep the Titanic, swiftest of the White Star fleet and proudest of all ocean steamships, sank in the bottom of the sea at twenty minutes past two o'clock yesterday morning.

Dispatches received late last night from the Cape Race Wireless station in Newfoundland and elsewhere indicate that at the same time by the New York office of the White Star Company was sent the fact that of the 2,200 persons who were aboard the great vessel, which she received two minutes and a half later, were as many more than 1,500 have gone to their death in her shattered hull, while 675, most of whom are women and children, have been saved.

Should these grim figures be verified, the loss of the Titanic—outfit, most powerful, proudest of all the ocean fleet—while speeding seaward on her maiden voyage will take rank in maritime history as the most terrible of all recorded disasters of the sea.

A dispatch from St. Johns, N. F., received at Ottawa minutes past two o'clock this morning gives me the hope that the steamship Carpathia may have some of the Titanic's survivors on board. The message said she would bring to St. Johns such survivors as she "may receive." Hope arises from the fact that the steamer is putting in here at all, which she would scarcely need to do were there not some humane necessity for that course. She was outward bound for Liverpool.

One point is known from which may be deduced a sad reflection. In a desperate situation when the tug-boat of all but not possible the women and children were saved for first. There was sent away in the first of the boats launched from the sinking ship, the only boats apparently which did not state the fate of the manfully saved.

Accounts and rumors are spread the rumors that attended the sinking of the French ship La Bourgogne, in 1874, when the women and children were waded under feet and out-boards with shovels.

It was learned this last night that the full text of the message New York showed the Carpathia, of the Cunard line, the loss of life from the steamship Olympic reporting the sinking of the Titanic, only indicated would be 1,493 persons.

The full text of the dispatch received from the Olympic is as follows:—

"Carpathia reached Titanic's position at daylight. Titanic sank about twenty minutes past two o'clock on the morning, in 41.16 north latitude, 70.14 west longitude. All her boats accounted for, containing about 675 souls saved; crew and passengers included. Nearly all saved women and children. Captain Beer, California, remained and searching exact position of disaster. Loss likely 1,500 souls."

By midnight toasting given in front of the White Star offices

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This is an advertisement for high-quality soap that was provided for first-class passengers on the Titanic. The ad appeared in London newspapers just days before the voyage.



(Source: Wikimedia Commons)

This is a newspaper article published in Chicago several days after the sinking of the Titanic.

Titanic Steerage Passengers Left to Die, Says Girl

Chicago American, Thursday, April 25, 1912

Fears are entertained by Dr. Thomas J. O'Malley, who is attending Miss Annie Kelly, the seventeen-year-old girl survivor of the Titanic, that she will never gain her normal condition as a result of her harrowing experiences when the ship sank.

Miss Kelly is at the home of her cousins, the Misses Anna and Mary Garvey, at 303 Eugenie Street.

Failure of stewards on the steamship Titanic to warn steerage passengers that the big boat was sinking was responsible for the death of several hundred men, women and children, asleep in their berths and unaware even of the collision with the iceberg, according to Miss Kelly.

"Everybody said that the steerage passengers did not have an equal opportunity with the first cabin passengers to save themselves. There were only two stewards to awaken more than 1,000 passengers."

Miss Kelly's relatives expressed indignation at what they believe to have been an attempt by employees of the White Star Line to sign away all claims for damages against the company by securing Miss Kelly's signature to a receipt for \$25, which she found pinned to her underwear when she left St. Vincent's Hospital in New York.

According to the girl, four men entered her room and in the presence of a nurse and a priest instructed her to sign a piece of paper. She complied, believing it to be a railroad ticket to Chicago.

This is an American folk song. Some people reported hearing street performers sing the song in 1912. The first time the lyrics were written down was around 1915 or 1916.

The Great Titanic

It was on one Monday morning just about one o'clock
When that great Titanic began to reel and rock;
People began to scream and cry,
Saying, "Lord, am I going to die?"

Chorus:

It was sad when that great ship went down,
It was sad when that great ship went down,
Husbands and wives and little children lost their lives,
It was sad when that great ship went down.

When that ship left England it was making for the shore,
The rich had declared that they would not ride with the poor,
So they put the poor below,
They were the first to go.

While they were building they said what they would do,
We will build a ship that water can't go through;
But God with power in hand
Showed the world that it could not stand.

Those people on that ship were a long ways from home,
With friends all around they didn't know that the time had come;
Death came riding by,
Sixteen hundred had to die.

While Paul was sailing his men around,
God told him that not a man should drown;
If you trust and obey,
I will save you all to-day.

You know it must have been awful with those people on the sea,
They say that they were singing, "Nearer My God to Thee."*
While some were homeward bound,
Sixteen hundred had to drown.

*"Nearer My God to Thee" is the name of a Christian hymn (sacred song).

(Source: *Poem of the Week*, available at <http://www.potw.org/archive/potw76a.html>.)

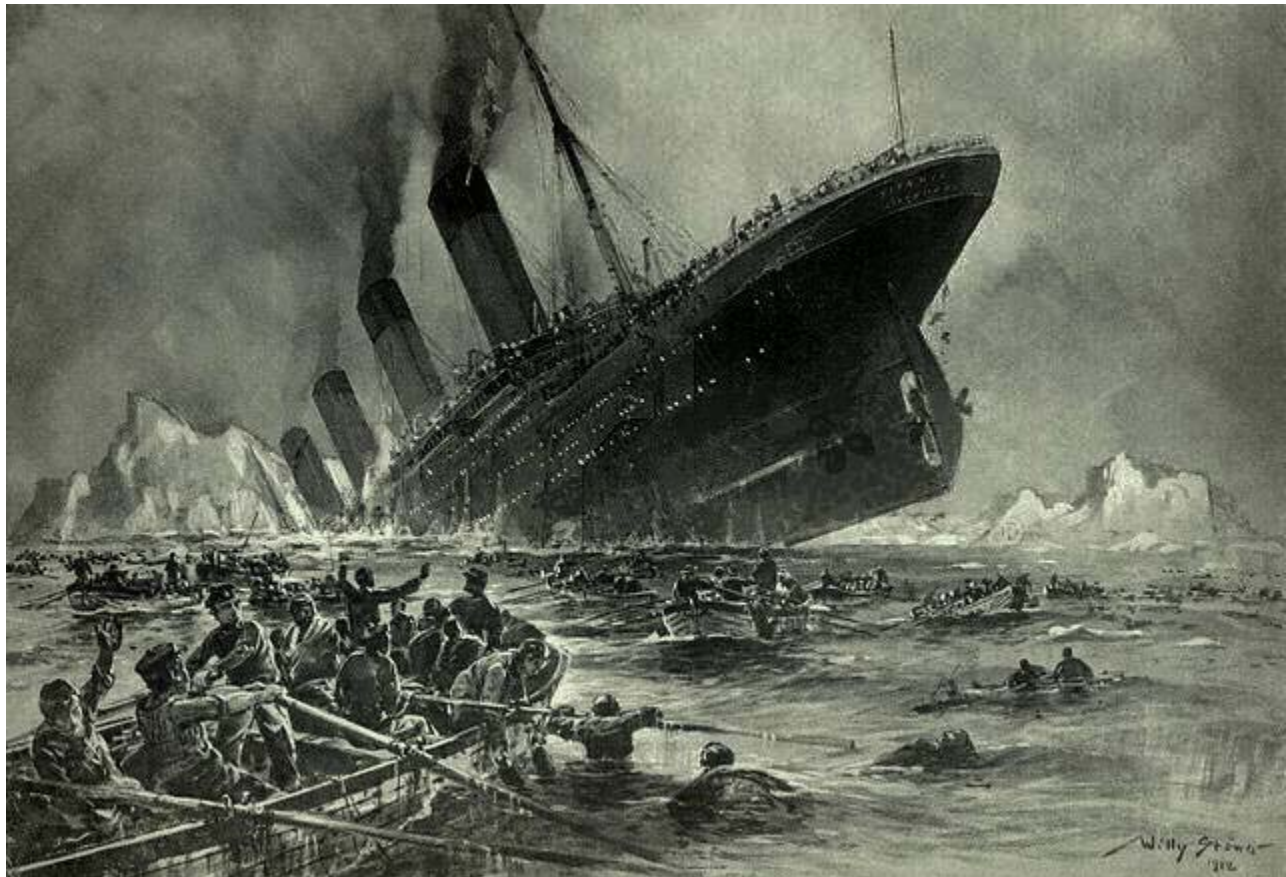
Margaret Brown was aboard the Titanic on the night it sank. After she was loaded onto a lifeboat, she famously tried to turn the lifeboat around to save survivors in the water. She earned the nickname "Unsinkable Mollie Brown."

Below is a list of property that she claimed sank with the ship. Her total claim would be worth approximately \$660,000 in 2012 dollars. Many survivors filed claims to recover the value of their lost property.

M. Brown		SCHEDULE A.
Street furs		\$ 300.00
Ermine Collarette		75.00
Ermine Opera Cape		500.00
Brussels Lace Gown		375.00
Persian Over dress		175.00
6 Dinner Gowns (\$75 each)		450.00
Green Lace Gown		175.00
1 Sealskin Jacket		700.00
4 Gowns (\$200 each)		800.00
1 necklace		2000.00
Odd laces		200.00
1 Pearl Brooch		150.00
14 hats		225.00
6 lace shirtwaists,		175.00
6 Embroidered waists, lace		140.00
Silk hosiery		75.00
Lingerie		300.00
Souvenirs (Egypt)		500.00
3 crates ancient models for Denver Museum		500.00
2 Japanese Kimonos		50.00
1 Black Satin Gown		150.00
1 blue and white serge gown		75.00
3 satin evening gowns		450.00
1 Irish lace gown		150.00
3 dozen gloves		50.00
1 hat		35.00
6 shoes (10 Each)		60.00
4 tailored gowns and 2 coats		500.00
3 shoes		35.00
1 evening wrap		150.00
4 Evening slippers		15.00
Brown velvet gown		200.00
Brown velvet coat		100.00
2 black gowns		150.00
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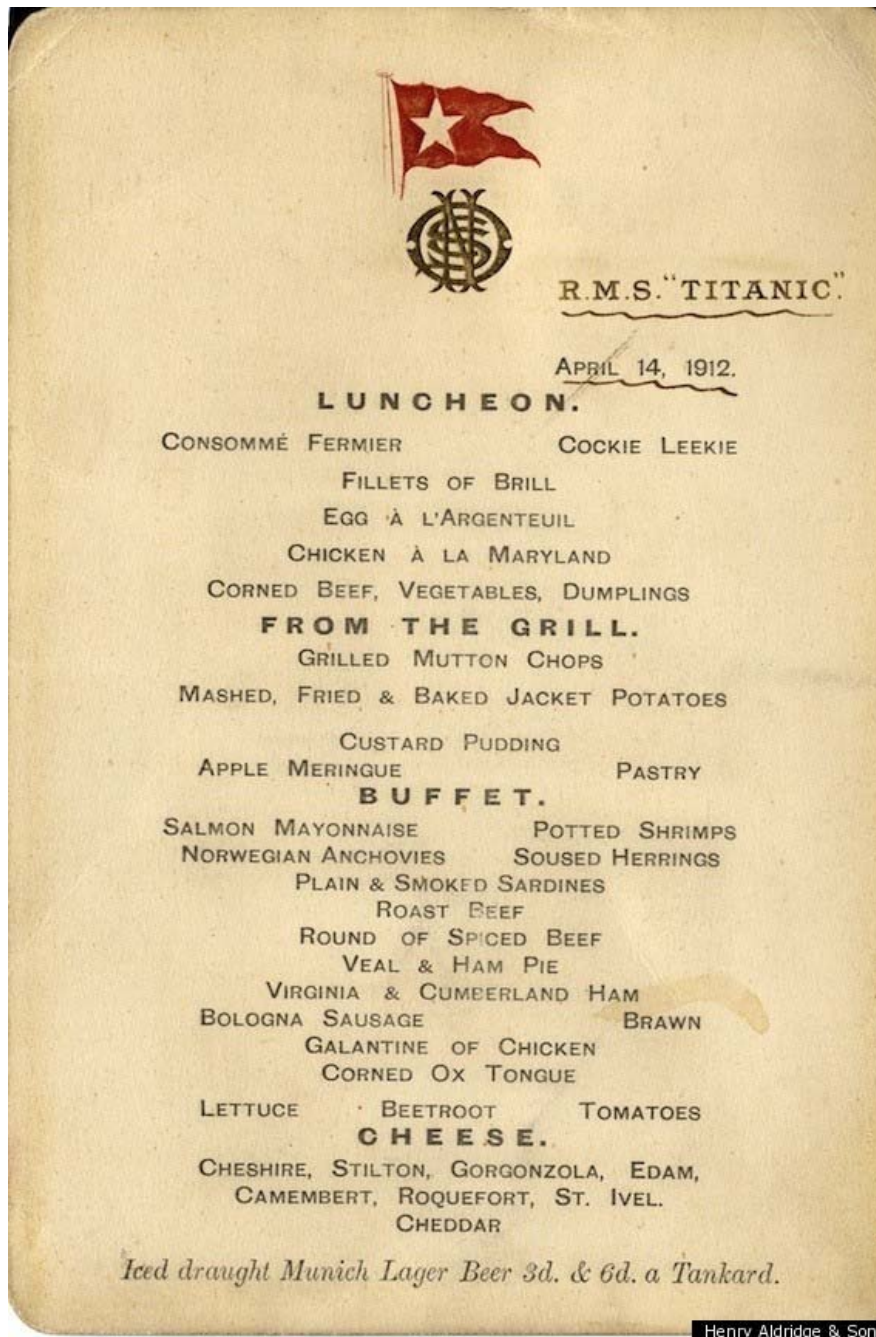
(Source: U.S. National Archives and Records Administration)

This is an image of Der Untergang der Titanic ("The Sinking of the Titanic"), an engraving by German artist Willy Stöwer (1912). It appeared in a German-language magazine shortly after the event.



(Source: Wikimedia Commons)

This is a lunch menu for first class passengers from the RMS Titanic. ("RMS" stands for "Royal Mail Ship." It was used for British passenger ships in the 19th and early 20th centuries.) The menu belonged to the wife of Dr. Washington Dodge, a banker from San Francisco. The Dodge family survived the sinking. The menu sold at an auction for \$122,000 in April 2012.



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