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# TITANIC SURVIVORS RECOUNT HORRORS OF GREAT DISASTER

Terrible Scenes Enacted as Command is Given to Lower Lifeboats Shortly After Vast Vessel Strikes Gigantic Iceberg --- Panic Stricken Passengers Fight Way to Rescue Crafts, Compelling Firm and Determined Officers to Shoot Down Several Men While Enforcing "Women First" Marine Rule --- Managing Director Ismay of White Star Line First to Seek Safety, While Colonel Astor Gives up Seat in Lifeboat to Tardy Woman --- Rainer Captain Smith and First Officer Were Suicides--Explosions Heard as Titanic Disappears.

## REFUSE DROWNING MEN PLACES ON LIFE RAFT

Colonel Archibald Gracie, Who Jumped From the Titanic's Topmost Deck, Describes Horrible Battle For Life on Ocean.

## MEN GRAPPLED AGAINST WOMEN FOUR SHOT DEAD BY OFFICERS

Time and Time Again It Became Necessary For the Crew to Drag Men From the Lifeboats to Make Room For Women and Children--Jump From Watling's Boat With Colleague Seen, While Grenville First Officer Was Shot Dead Shortly After the Disaster.

## SHIP'S ORCHESTRA DROWNS CRIES OF DYING VICTIMS

THE ROLL OF THE TITANIC

Persons Aboard When Sailing	2,340
Died in Lifeboats and on the Carpathia	6
Brought Alive to New York	739
Sank with the Titanic	1,595

CAPTAIN I. SMITH WHO REFUSED AID



THE TITANIC'S LAST COMMANDER

New York, April 19--(Special from the scene of death, the 100 survivors of the Titanic were landed last night by the Carpathia, which towed those few boats and a had after the great White Star liner had been crushed against an iceberg late Sunday night. ...

...the Titanic's last command was given by the captain, I. Smith, who refused aid from the Carpathia. ...

ASTOR GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE WOMAN  
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CREW ASSISTS MR. ISMAY TO GET IN BOAT  
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## FEAR THE INT. OSWALD MET ICEBERG FATE OF THE TITANIC

# Elmira Star-Gazette, Elmira (New York) 19 April 1912

Disasters make big newspaper headlines, we all know that. And the higher the death toll or the bigger the disaster, the better the headline.

As disasters go, the sinking of the Titanic – at the time the "world's greatest disaster" – had a huge impact. It terrified people all over the world.

Why? It was a giant technological leap, it was the most glamorous means of transportation in the days when sailing across the Atlantic was reserved for the rich and powerful – with a few desperate migrants below decks. And above all, it was proclaimed an "unsinkable" ship. But things that cannot happen sometimes do happen.

We all know the story: the unexpected iceberg, the rush to meet the timetable, too few lifeboats, the stampede to get on board, ignoring the "women first" rule at sea, the orchestra playing on as the ship sinks "drowning the cries of the dying victims", and the proud captain Smith duty-bound at the helm until the bitter end. And yes, also the implausible love story

depicted in the blockbuster movie.

But the tragedy was many-fold. Let's read on to see what happen in those moments of desperation when everybody wanted to get on board the lifeboats: "Men fought with women down in steerage, and time and again, officers would drag men from the boats in order to let women have their places. When one of the boats was nearly filled, four men crowded past the officers and jumped into the boat. Immediately one of the ship's crew jumped into the boat and drawing a revolver, shot the four men dead. Their bodies were picked out from the bottom of the boat and thrown into the sea."

And then, when the survivors reached safety: "There was no cheering, no up-raising of voices in salute of the living, for the thought of the dead was in the mind of all onlookers. The depressed of death was oppressive on the spirit of the waiting men and women".

In all, 1,595 passengers survived out of the 2,340 on board when the mighty "unsinkable" Titanic went down with a roar like thunder.