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THIRD OFFICER AND LOOK-OUT OF TITANIC TELL OF SINKING OF THE GREAT SHIP

Say They Lacked Marine Glasses, Which Would Have Made It Possible for Them to Steer Clear of the Floating Mountain of Ice—77 Bodies Reported Recovered.

Washington, April 23.—The death cries of the 1,600 victims of the Titanic were brought to life again in the Senate building today.

Third Officer Herbert J. Pittman was on the stand before the Senate Investigating Committee.

He described the sinking of the great ship. He told of the prayers, the cries, the moans—the mighty chorus of woe that rose to heaven as the Titanic disappeared beneath the waters.

The British officer told his story in short, blunt sentences. His manner was almost stolid. But even his voice choked when he came to the death scene, and he begged the committee not to question him further along that line.

Frederick Fleet, one of the men who was in the crow's nest of the Titanic when she struck the iceberg, followed Pittman.

Fleet told of sighting the iceberg, of reporting by telephone to the officer on the bridge, of the course of the Titanic being changed just a little—and then of the grinding crash.

The stories of both men were dramatic in the extreme. For both were men who realized that they might have done more than they did; that had they perhaps been more urgent, more clear-headed, that awful disaster would not have occurred, or, occurring, not have been so costly in human lives.

The Senate Committee room was jammed again today, and hundreds were refused admittance. Those who were present were mostly the wives of senators.

There were many times in the course of the stories of the officers of the ship that lies at the bottom of the Atlantic when the faces of the women went white, when their hands gripped the sides of their chairs, and the hot tears rose in their eyes.

A high wind that moaned and whistled through the cracks of the windows, and rustled through the room like the spirit of another world, added to the tenseness of the scene.

Haunting every man and woman was the word picture of the Titanic's end drawn in Pittman's