

Awful shipping Disaster. Loss of the Titanic with over 1200 Souls

Western People

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The great White Star liner, Titanic, the largest ship in the world, which left Southampton on Friday of last week on her maiden trip to New York, collided with an iceberg off the Newfoundland coast on Tuesday last and sank in 1200 fathoms of water (over two miles in depth). Of nearly 2,000 souls on board only 670 were saved, these being mostly women and children. Few of the male passengers were saved, the lost including several big American millionaires on their way home from the continent. No such frightful disaster has ever been recorded in shipping annals. Amongst those who embarked as steerage passengers at Queenstown, according to the returns furnished by the Company's agents there were - Kate Hargadon, Ballisodare; John Mahan, Curry; Catherine McGowan, Castlebar; Anne Kate Reilly, Athenry; Martin Gallagher, Ballygar; Thos. Kilgannon, do.; Mary Corcoran, Castlebar; Mary, John and Catherine Bourke, Castlebar; May Mangan, do.; Bridget Donohoe, Pat Canavan, Norah Fleming, do.; Jane Carr, Tubbercurry. The list of the steerage passengers saved is still incomplete, as the Carpathia by which they were being taken to New York has not yet reached there, but the few names as sent by wireless telegraph do not, unfortunately, contain any of above named. The names of those mentioned as from Castlebar do not, we learn, belong to the town, but took out their bookings there. Some of them, we hear, are from Lahardane district. Md. McNulty, Ballina one of the largest shipping agents in the province, informs us that he had no passengers booked on the Titanic, as some who intended going by her were late, and others left by the boat from Queenstown the day before the Titanic sailed.

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