

Describes Assault By Frenzied Passengers

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NEW YORK, April 19---Wireless Operator Jack Phillips did not desert his post when the Titanic sank, but was torn from the key by a party of fear-crazed first cabin passengers, who assaulted him in an effort to take from him a big life belt he wore. A terrific fight followed in the little wireless cabin, the outcome of which will never be known.

Phillips fought with the men who according to the story told by survivors when they arrived here last night. [sic]

They knew none of the details, and they did not identify the men who struggled for possession of the operator's belt. All that they knew was that the fight took place and that there was wild frenzy and pandemonium in the wireless station.

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