

Two of the Asplund Children are Lost

Worcester Telegram

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Charles and Selma and Three of their Little Ones, Lillian, Clarence and Felix, are Safe.

Charles and Selma Asplund and their children, Lillian, Clarence and Felix Asplund, survive the Titanic disaster. Philip and Carl, the other children were drowned.

A dispatch to this effect was received by Peter F. Sullivan of Worcester, agent for the White star line, from their New York office at 8 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Charles E. Carlson, 193 Vernon street, a sister of Mr. Asplund, was almost stricken with grief when the news of the drowning of Philip and Carl was received.

Charles Asplund, the husband, who was at first thought to have gone down with the Titanic, is widely known among the Swedish-speaking people of Worcester having lived in Worcester 16 years previous going to Sweden, four years ago. While in Worcester, Mr. Asplund was employed at the Spencer Wire Co. In a letter recently written by Mr. Asplund to Mrs. Carlson, he said he was preparing to return to the United States to assume his former position at the Spencer Wire Co.

Mr. Carlson left Worcester for New York at 10 o'clock yesterday morning to meet the members of the Asplund family who survive the disaster and bring them to Worcester.

Carl, one of the drowned boys, is a twin brother to Lillian.

Mrs. Asplund has two sisters, Mrs. Olaf Ahlquist, 151 Vernon street, and Mrs. John Carlson, all living in Worcester, and a sister, Tekla Johnson of New York.

Mrs. Carlson said last night: " I am very sorry for the two drowned boys but glad that my brother is safe."

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