

TWO MEN HURT ON OLYMPIC

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President Ismay Sails on Her to Return on New Titanic's First Trip

While hundreds of people were passing up and down the gangways of the White Star liner Olympic yesterday, seeing their friends off to Europe, one of the electric cranes on the after part of the second-class section of the main deck suddenly moved without any warning and tumbled two sailors working on it to the deck.

Albert Avery, 43 years old, of Hambledon Hants, [sic] England, one of the men, was found unconscious, with a possible fracture of the skull, and his mate, William Robertson, 50 years old, of Aberdeen, Scotland, had an ugly scalp wound. The injured men were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

They had been working on the crane all morning to discover a broken feed wire to the electric motor, and were over the beam of the crane when it suddenly shot upward, throwing them off.

Among the 563 cabin passengers on the Olympic was J. Bruce Ismay, President of the International Mercantile Marine, who said that the new Titanic will have accommodations for 830 in her first cabin, 100 more than the Olympic, and that he intends to make the first trip on her on April 10.

Another passenger was the Rev. Dr. R. J. Campbell, the well-known London preacher, who has been in this country since last October preaching his new theology. Dr. Campbell referred to California as "the Paradise of the earth," and said he had all he could do to tear himself away from the Golden Western State.

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