Clevelanders mourn thousands lost in wreck of Titanic

Clevelanders and newspaper readers around the world were shocked when the liner went down on April 15.

"People want to know the story of their lives and the world's history after the sinking of the Titanic," was The Plain Dealer headline on April 16.

By Monday morning, the story filled all of Page One and many inside. The newspaper reprinted the entire account of the disaster. In addition, several people stood in line and poured rain for two days, hoping for some news. Then came the heart-stopping stories transmitted by wireless from the solemn Carpathia as it rushed back to New York with survivors.

In Cleveland, crowds of people, made up of late afternoon shoppers and passengers, "found a sacred shrine" in front of the Otis Building, the location of the first Otis Elevator. And, as he frequently acknowledged, A. H. Otis expressed his gratitude to the Otis men who manned the elevators on the ill-fated Titanic.

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Fighter Johnny Kilbane about 1912 and 1951.

until his death in 1957.

The Naps players liked George Sisler, the first baseman who had helped them win the 1912 World Series. They elected him as their captain, and he led the team to a 33-38-1 record. But he was traded to St. Louis early in 1912.

The city's growth and a progressive presidency resulted in a record voter registration of 93,865. W. C. W. Edson became the first Democrat to be re-elected to the City Club, defeating Republican President William H. Taft and former President Roosevelt, who tried to conciliate with the Bull Moose Party.

Cleveland's population now was more than 600,000. These quarters of adults were ineligible because they were neither voters nor nonseniors.

Ohio proficiency tests aren't an innovation of the 1990s. Here are two questions from the Board of Education examination at the turn of the 20th century.

**Seventeen bars of sugar weigh 27, 26t., 24½, 4 oz. How many times the weight of sugar onions?**

**How often should oats be taken and when should the wearer be warm and when cool?** (Answers below)

On April 29, the government buys Cleveland something to remember. It was an 800-pound Liberty Loan of a $2.50 denomination from the battlefield, which exploded in Havana harbor in 1898.

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Jan. 1: Revolutionaries deposed the imperatorial Chinese government, replacing it with a republic headed by Sun Yat-sen.

May 7: Ty Cobb is suspended after climbing into the stands in New York and pummeling a man who had hit his brother. Cobb's Detroit Tigers threaten to refuse to play their next game after his letter is reinstated.

Aug. 18: A French doctor discovers radium and proves a miracle of cancer, prompting speculation there soon will be a vaccine against the deadly disease.

Oct. 8: War breaks out in the Balkans as 2,000 Turks are killed by soldiers from Serbia, Greece, Bulgaria and Montenego.

Reformist mayor takes over

Small in stature, Baker demanded big changes.

By Fred McGunagle

He was 5 feet 2, 125 pounds. But from the neck up, Newton D. Baker was Cleveland's big man.

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Meanwhile, Baker's efforts weren't limited to Cleveland and Ohio. He was elected a delegate to the 1912 Democratic National Convention, pledged to W. H. Wilson, the state party busily adopted a unit rule binding all delegates to vote for Gov. Judson Harmon, a "favorite son."

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