

A digital illustration of the RMS Titanic sailing on a dark blue sea under a large, bright yellow sun setting behind a blue sky. The ship's four red funnels with white tops are visible. A seagull is flying on the right side of the image.

The Titanic

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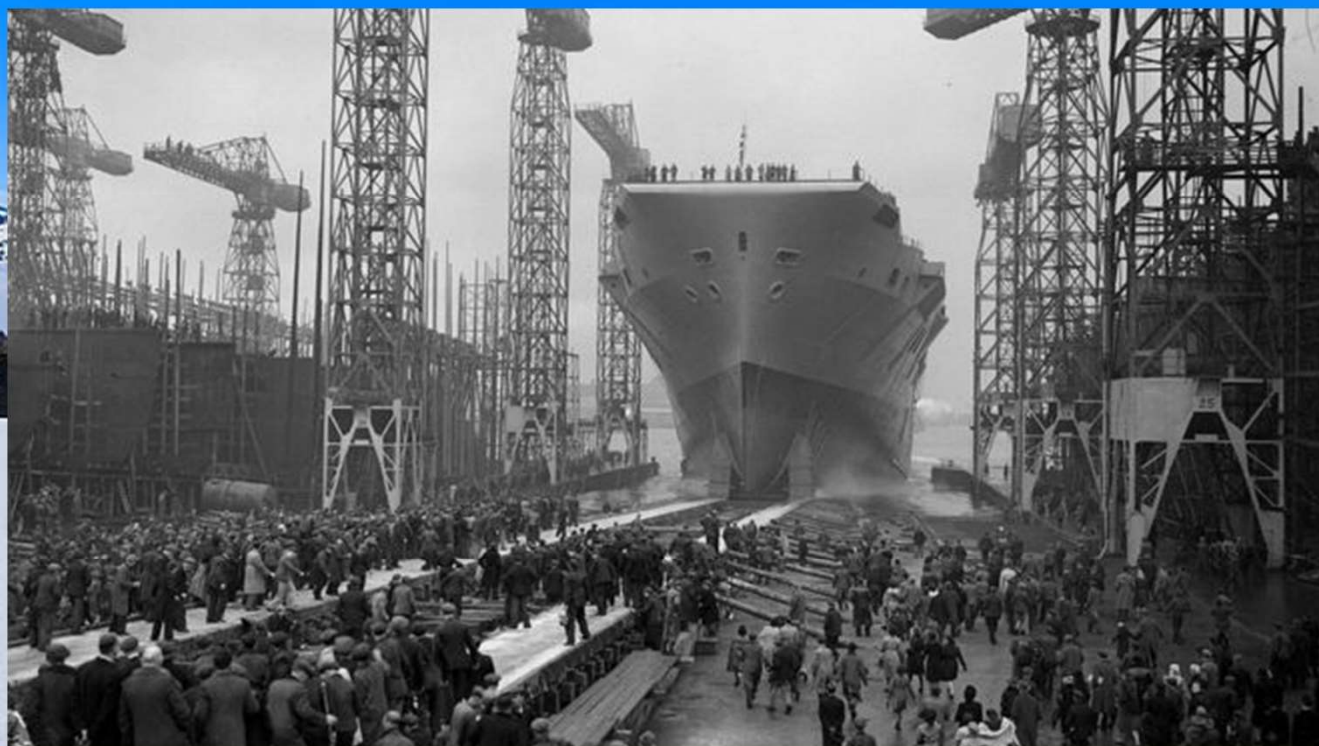
Overview

The Titanic was one of the greatest tragedies ever to occur. Over 1,500 people died when the ship hit an iceberg 400 miles off the coast of Canada. The ship was made by White Star Line a company very experienced with making luxurious ships. There have been several movies made about the Titanic and a couple of books too. Some of the movies won academy awards. This tragedy increased the number of lifeboats that are necessary on board a ship so we always learn from our mistakes.



Construction

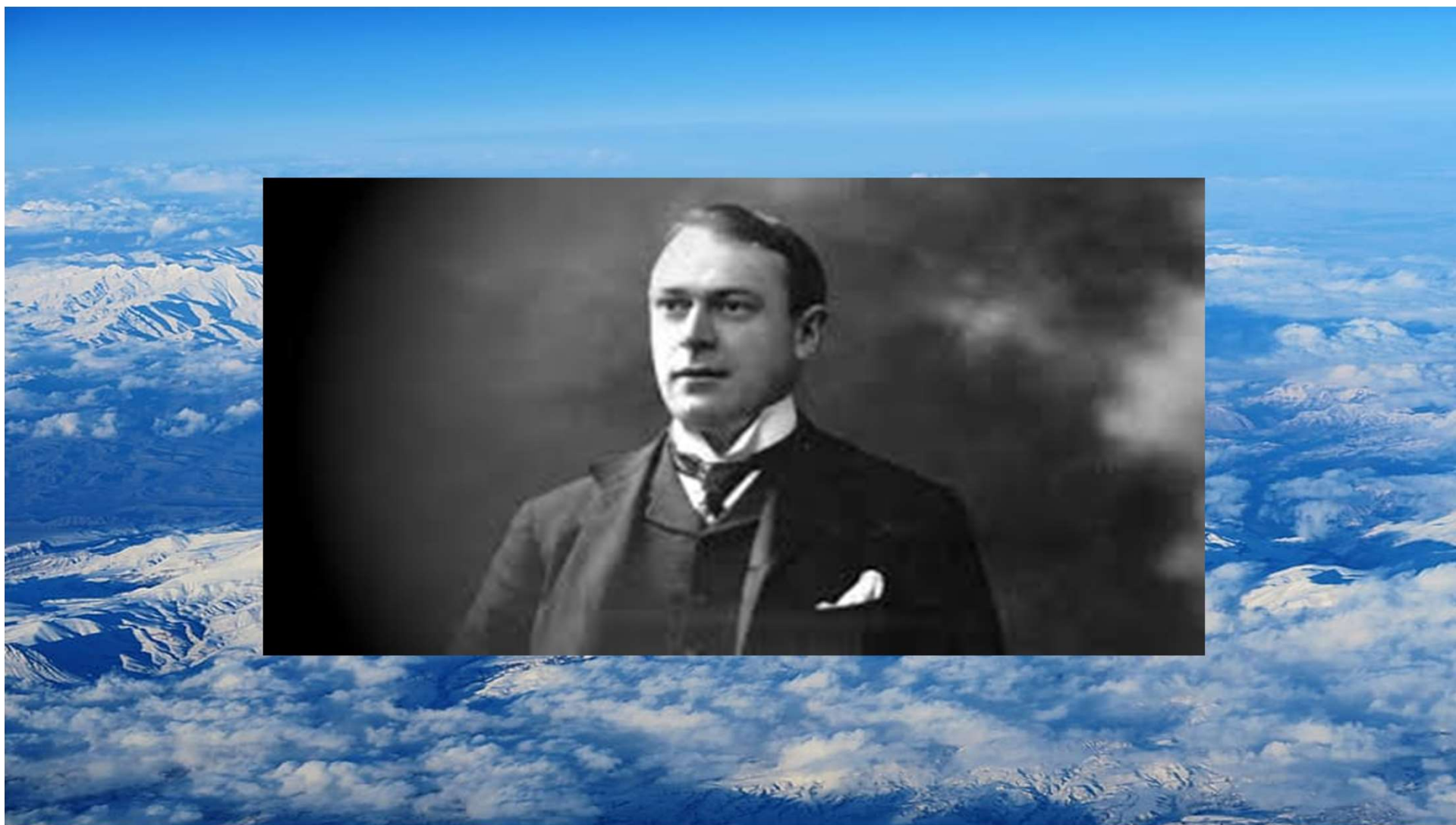
The construction of the Titanic began on the 31st of March 1909 in Harland and Wolff shipyard No.401 in Belfast, Co. Antrim. There were 15,000 workers working on the Titanic alone. In the progress of building the Titanic 8 people lost their lives. The project took 26 months to complete. It cost around 1.5 million pounds which is around 23.3 million euro today. The designer of the Titanic was called Thomas Andrews. The average wages of one of the workers was 2 shilling.





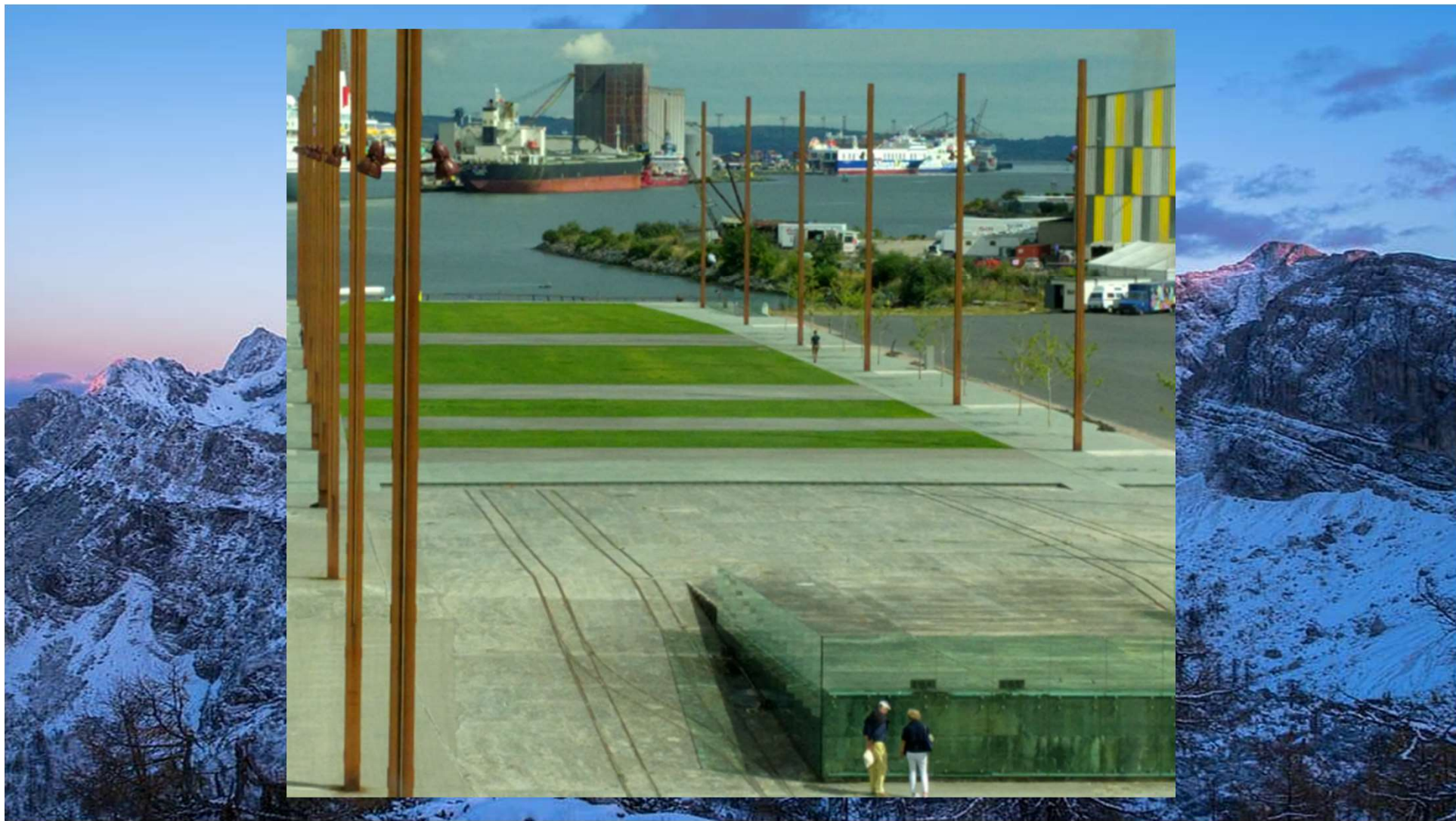
Design

The Titanic was a huge project. There were 29 boilers, 159 furnaces, 3 engines and 4 funnels. The top speed of the giant was an impressive 16 knots. It was 269 meters long, 28 meters wide and 53 meters tall. It took 20 horses to carry the main anchor. The designer Thomas Andrews put a lot of thought into it.



The Launch

The launch of the Titanic took place on the 31st of May 19. 11100,000 is the estimated size of the crowd who gathered to witness the launch of the Titanic in Belfast. It took 22 tons of soap and tallow to get the titanic into the water. It only took 62 seconds for the Titanic to get from the slipway into the water. After it's launch the Titanic traveled around Europe collecting passengers for its maiden voyage to America.



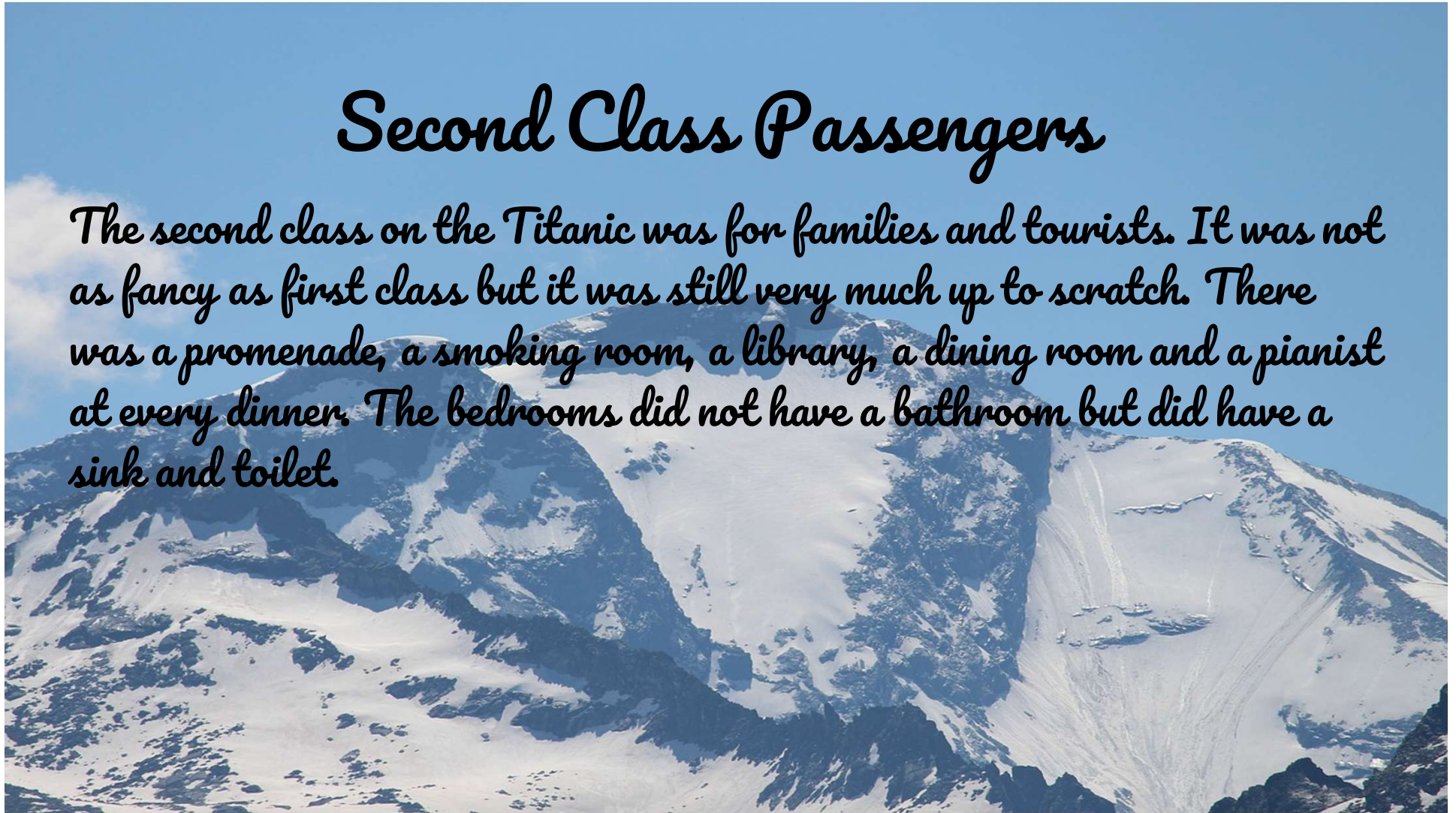
First Class Life on Board

The first class on the Titanic was supposed to be for mayors and royalty and rich business men. In the first class area of the boat there was veranda cafes, a smoking room, a restaurant, a reading and writing room, a gym, a shuffleboard court, a squash court and Turkish baths. There were also 39 private suits including 2 large bedrooms, 2 walk-in-wardrobes and a bathroom. The cost was around 870£ which is the equivalent of 79,000£ today. The musicians were required to know 396 pieces of music as to be able to take requests from passengers.



Second Class Passengers

The second class on the Titanic was for families and tourists. It was not as fancy as first class but it was still very much up to scratch. There was a promenade, a smoking room, a library, a dining room and a pianist at every dinner. The bedrooms did not have a bathroom but did have a sink and toilet.





Third Class Passengers

Third class passengers were at the lower end of the pole they were mostly emigrates and poorer families. Although they were in third class it was still very accommodating. There was a general room where people use to sit down and talk, a piano for passengers, an all male smoking room and a dining room where they serve soup, biscuits, beef and fruit. There were only 2 bathrooms in the whole of third class.

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The Flaws

There were many reasons why the Titanic sank, the most obvious was the shortage of lifeboats. There should have been 64 lifeboats but there were only 20 (4 of which didn't work as they were collapsable and wouldn't collapse. The other flaw was that there was no binoculars for the lookout as they were locked in a cabinet and the crew couldn't find the key. Another factor of why so many people died is that the crew didn't fill up the lifeboats properly and there were no ships nearby.



The Statistics

When the Titanic left for her maiden voyage there was 2200 people aboard, 900 staff and 1317 passengers 324 in first class, 284 in second class, and 709 in third class. Of these, 805 were male and 434 were female 112 children were aboard, the largest number of which were in third class. It took 600 tons of coal to get to where she sank. Over 1500 people died when she sank although the overall figure is still not known.



Sinking

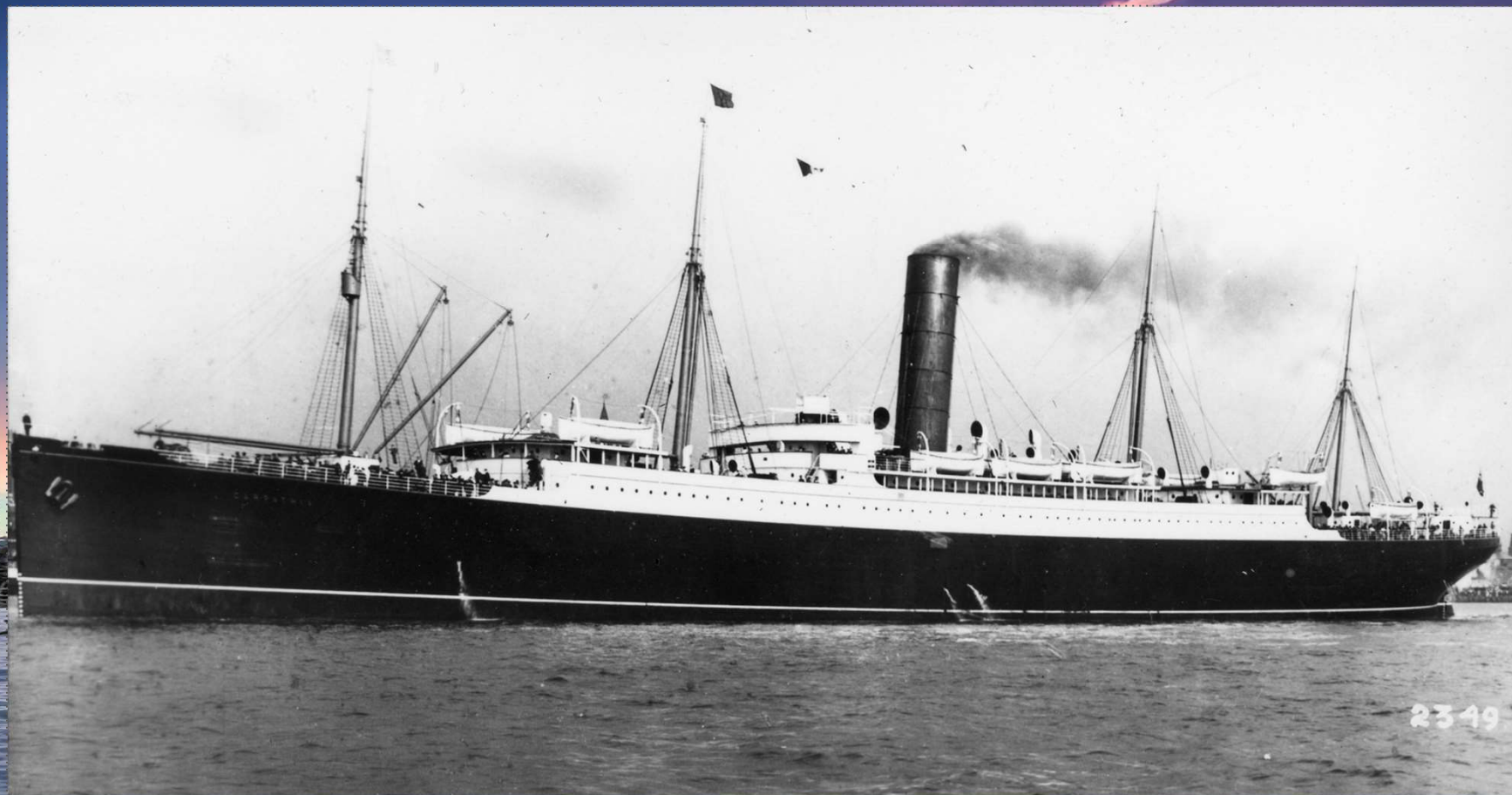
At 11.40pm on April the 14th 1912 the Titanic hit an iceberg 400 miles south of Newfoundland Canada. The iceberg had floated down south from Greenland. While the ship was sinking a band called The Band famously played music while the ship was sinking and everyone else was scrambling around trying to get into a lifeboat. It took two and a half hours to sink and sank at 2.20 am on April the 15th 1912.



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The Carpathia

Carpathia made her maiden voyage in 1903 from Liverpool to Boston, and continued on this route before being transferred to Mediterranean service in 1904. In April 1912, she became famous for rescuing survivors of rival White Star Line's RMS *Titanic* after the latter struck an iceberg and sank with a loss of between 1,490 and 1,635 lives in the North Atlantic Ocean. Carpathia navigated the ice fields to arrive two hours after *Titanic* had sunk, and the crew rescued 705 survivors from the ship's lifeboats. Carpathia was sunk on 17 July 1918 after being torpedoed by the German submarine SM U-55 off the southern Irish coast with a loss of five crew members.



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Famous People

There were many famous passengers aboard the Titanic many whom became famous because they survived it. Aboard the Titanic there was John Jacob Astor VI the richest man in the world, Margaret Brown (the unsinkable Molly), Benjamin Guggenheim, Captain Edward John Smith, Isidor and Ida Straus, Thomas Andrews the designer of the Titanic, Lady Duff Gordon, Lady Countess Rothes, Millvina Dean and The Band (Brially, Bricoux, Hartley, Hume, Krins, Taylor and Woodward).



A background image of a winter landscape. In the foreground, a wooden fence is partially covered in snow. Behind it, there are snow-laden trees and bushes. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall tone is cold and serene.

Millvina Dean

Millvina Dean was the youngest survivor of the Titanic. Born in Branscombe, England on February 2, 1912, Millvina Dean was only nine weeks old when she rode on the RMS Titanic with her parents and brother. When the ship hit an iceberg and sank, she became its youngest survivor. She traveled in third class as her family were emigrating to Kansas. She died on the 31st of May 2009 at a very respectful 97.



Fast Facts

1. One of the funnels didn't work.
2. The interior was based on a London hotel.
3. There were 13 couples on their honeymoon onboard.
4. There were only 23 female crew members.
5. The ship had its own newspaper.
6. The wreck wasn't found until 1985.
7. 600 artifacts from it are in a museum.

