

Butt A Courtier to Death, Says Woman

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Washington, April 19 – A graphic story of the heroism of Maj. Archibald W. Butt on the Titanic was told today in an interview given by Miss Marie Young, a former resident of Washington. Miss Young is believed to have been the last woman to leave the Titanic and the last of the survivors to have talked with the president's military aid. She and Maj. Butt long had been friends, Miss Young having been assistant music instructor to the children of former President Roosevelt. Miss Young said:

"The last person to whom I spoke on board the Titanic was Archie Butt, and his good, brave face, smiling at me from the deck of the steamer was the last I could distinguish as the boat I was in pulled away from the steamer's side.

"Archie put me into the boat, wrapped blankets around me, and tucked me in as carefully as if we were starting for a motor ride. He entered the boat with me, performing the little courtesies as calmly and with as smiling a face as if death was far away, instead of being but a few moments removed from him.

"When he had carefully wrapped me up, he stepped upon the gunwhale of the boat and lifting his hat smiled down at me.

"'Goodbye, Miss Young,' he said, bravely and smilingly. 'Luck is with you. Will you kindly remember me to the folks back home?'

"Then he stepped to the deck of the steamer and the boat I was in was lowered to the water. It was the last boat to leave the ship; of this I am certain. And I know that I am the last of those who were saved to whom Archie Butt spoke.

"As our boat was lowered and left the side of the steamer, Archie was still standing at the rail, looking down at me. His hat was raised and the same old, genial, brave smile was on his face. The picture he made as he stood there, hat in hand, brave and smiling, is one that will always linger in my memory."

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ARCHIE PUT ME IN A LIFEBOAT

by Marie Young

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Miss Marie Young, of Washington, Tells of Aid's Heroism and Calmness

By MISS MARIE YOUNG

Musical tutor to the younger children of former President Roosevelt. She had been studying music in Europe and was returning to Washington to teach.

New York, April 19---"I left the Titanic on the last boat. The last person on the Titanic to whom I spoke was 'Archie' Butt, and his good, brave face smiling at me from the deck of the steamer was the last I could distinguish as we left the steamer's side.

"Archie put me in a boat. He entered it with me, wrapped blankets around me and tucked me in as carefully and as courteously as though we were preparing for a motor ride. He did all this with a smiling face as though death were far away instead of imminent.

When he had carefully wrapped me up, he stepped back, lifted his hat and smiled again.

"'Good-by, Miss Young,' he said, 'luck is with you. Kindly member me to the folks back home.'

"The the boat was lowered to the water. As we pulled away, Archie was still standing at the rail looking down at me. His hat was raised, and the same brave smile was on his face."

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