

## Sipped Highball at Crash

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C. H. Romacue of Georgetown, Ky, one of the first cabin passengers had just stepped from the deck to the smoking room and stood at a table with a highball in front of him when the crash came.

"We had been crunching through ice all day," said Mr. Romacue, "and I had been standing on the deck. I had become chilled and went inside for a warming drink before going to bed. Suddenly there came the shock, and my first thought was that we had struck a larger cake of ice than usual.

"The boat suddenly tilted, so sharply that my highball slid from the table. Then came a cry: 'We're sinking,' and the lights grew dimmer and dimmer and finally went out.

"Even then there was no panic of any kind, although there was a rush to the boats when they were first lowered. The officers in charge commanded, 'women and children first,' and the men stood back. Few of us, even then, thought there was any real danger."

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