

# Alexander Compton 1874-1912

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Mother and Sister Mourn Young Compton

New York, April 19 Mrs. Alexander T Compton and her daughter, Miss Alice Compton, of New Orleans, two of the Titanic's rescued, reached New York completely prostrated over the loss of Mrs. Compton's son, Alexander, who went down with the big liner.

"When we waved good-bye to my son," said Mrs. Compton, "we did not realize the great danger, but thought we were only being sent out in the boats as a precautionary measure. When Captain Smith handed us life preservers he said cheerily, 'They will keep you warm - you do not have to use them.' Then the crew began clearing the boats and putting the women in them.

"There was a moan of agony and anguish from those in our boat when the Titanic sank, and we insisted that the officer head back for the place where the Titanic disappeared. We found one man with a life preserver on him struggling in the cold water and for a minute I thought that he was my son."