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Greatest Sea Disaster of Modern Times Is Wreck of Liner "Titanic"

About Eight Hundred Passengers, Mostly Women and Children, Saved and Taken Aboard Liner Carpathia, Now On Its Way to New York, While All Other Passengers and "Titanic" Crew Are Believed to Have Been Lost.—Ice Floes Extend for Twenty Miles Around Rescuing Vessel.

(BY UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS) NEW YORK, April 13.—With a death toll the greatest of any marine disaster in history still veiled in uncertainty, the following figures, obtained from the White Star offices at 4:30 this afternoon, are believed to be as near as possible correct under the circumstances: Total aboard ship, passengers and crew, 2358; known saved aboard the liner Carpathia, 866; unaccounted for, 1492. It will probably be weeks before a final definite count is available. The Carpathia is not due at New York until Thursday. The list of survivors transmitted by wireless is garbled and incomplete and offers little solace to the thousands of

relatives and friends besieging the company offices. As night approaches, this fearful crowd trembles in size. Police reserves throughout the city have preserved order. All the steamship company offices are besieged by grief-stricken friends, desirous of hearing an expert opinion on the chances of rescue. Marine experts say that on account of the bitter cold it is certain that hundreds of women and children suffered excruciatingly in the open boats before they were rescued and that tales to be told when the Carpathia arrives will exceed any fiction. This afternoon White Star officials announced that they are sparing no money to learn further details. Mrs.

Benjamin Guggenheim returned to the offices this afternoon and offered to defray all expenses to dispatch every available steamer in search of survivors.

Eight Hundred and Sixty Saved
CAPE RACE, April 16.—A wireless message from the liner Olympic confirms the Carpathia's report that 866 of the Titanic's passengers were saved. Wireless messages from other ships apparently agree that a majority of the other passengers are lost, making a total, with the crew, of probably 1360.

Sea Filled With Ice
NEW YORK, April 16.—The following wireless from the liner Carpathia was received at the Cunard offices today: "Seven fifty-five o'clock, latitude 41 degs. 45 mins. north, longitude 50 degs. 20 mins. west. I am proceeding to New York unless otherwise ordered. About 800 are aboard. After consulting with Mr. Ismay and considering the circumstances, with so much ice about, I consider going to New York best. There are a large number of floating icebergs. The sea for 20 miles is filled with ice."

White Star Officials Censured
Relatives and friends of the missing Titanic passengers bitterly censure the White Star officials for the alleged issuing of false reports that all passengers were saved by transferring them to other vessels. A detailed statement is lacking, although officials admit that they knew the Titanic sank several hours before the public announcement. They attempt to defend their action by saying that they did not feel justified in alarming the world until positive confirmation was received. Officials today appeared stupefied. Vice-president Franklin, when a reporter openly charged him with withholding the news and muzzling the wireless stations cried: "That's an absolute lie. You who make this charge know you lie. I would not admit that the Titanic was sunk until I was sure. We are doing

all that is possible to learn who are saved and who are lost."

Searching for Lifeboats
Interrupted wireless dispatches indicate that search is being made for possibly drifting lifeboats of the Titanic. It is believed that several boats are perhaps drifting among the ice floes, all the boats leaving the ship not being accounted for.

Delayed Report
Confirmation of the report that 800 passengers have been rescued has arrived in the following delayed message, received this morning from Captain Rostron of the Carpathia: "The Titanic struck an iceberg early today. The Carpathia picked up a number of the survivors and expects to proceed to New York. We are at present in a field of ice."

Fear for Carpathia
Seafaring men are fearful for the safety of the liner Carpathia, which is proceeding to New York with the refugees. Captain Rostron's messages that the sea is filled with ice is causing anxiety for fear that the Carpathia may meet the same fate that overtook the Titanic. Mariners say that if much ice is visible it is certain much more is submerged and it is possible at any time that it may appear on the surface and cause other disasters. Floes off Newfoundland and southward are reported the worst in a score of years.

Cannot Control Crowds
The police are unable to control the crowds at the White Star line offices and extra clerks are handing enquirers certified lists of the survivors. Magistrate Robert Connell collapsed when informed that his wife had perished but her sisters were saved.

Vice-president Franklin at noon continued to insist that all possible information has been given out. It is the general belief that the company is making him its buffer and is giving out only such information as it wishes.

Mrs. Benjamin Guggenheim hysterically demanded of Franklin: "For God's sake, do something. Don't let expense count. Hire steamers and send them to the wreck." Shortly before noon excitement around the company's offices reached such a pitch that additional police reserves were called.

Soon after the arrival of the second detail of police reserves, the crowd became so dense that it was necessary to disperse it to permit traffic. Within ten minutes the streets were again jammed with the curious gathering with the bereaved. The police were powerless to prevent the congestion, but excellent order prevailed. Throughout the morning and early afternoon the company officials continued the statement that there were no facts. At 2 o'clock a rumor spread through the crowd that the company had received definite news of the number of dead and the number of survivors. At this time it is generally accepted that 1619 are lost. Rumor stated that this number may be cut down by more than 100.

Life Saving Equipment
The bureau of inspection of steam vessels gives statistics of the life saving apparatus of the Olympic, the sister ship of the Titanic, but the figures for the latter are not yet filed. There was almost identical apparatus, however. The Olympic has 16 lifeboats and four collapsible rafts, all calculated to accommodate 1171. The ships are not required to have sufficient boats and rafts to accommodate their full complement of passengers and crew. The Olympic carries 3455 life preservers and 48 life buoys.

Officials Grasping at Faint Hope
Officials of the White Star line declare that there is absolutely no lucid report in regard to the sinking of the Titanic, after a dozen reports had been received that her passengers were safe. They are making every effort to establish communication with liners which attempted the rescue. Officials are grasping at the

faint hope that the liner Olympic may have rescued some of the survivors. They do not expect to hear from the Olympic until it reaches London. It is possible that the Virginian and Parisian rescued a few. Authorities are silent as to the inception of reports that all passengers were saved.

Parisian Rescued None
HALIFAX, April 16.—The Sable Island and wireless station reports: "We are now in communication with the liner Parisian. It has no Titanic passengers aboard."

Hope Is Dissipated
MONTREAL, April 16.—The last hope that other Titanic passengers were rescued was apparently dissipated today when Captain Campbell of the liner Virginian sent a wireless to the Allen line offices here: "We arrived too late to rescue any one. Are now proceeding to Liverpool." This is taken to indicate that all the passengers and the crew of the Titanic sank except the survivors aboard the Carpathia.

Col. Astor May Be Lost
CAPE RACE, April 16.—In an impartial revised list of survivors received today the names of Mrs. John Jacob Astor and her maid appeared. This is believed to indicate that it is certain that Colonel Astor is lost.

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Went Down With Ship
CHARLESTON NAVY YARD, April 16.—An unsigned Marconigram picked up at 5 this morning says: "Six hundred and fifty, mostly women and children, are aboard the Carpathia. They are the only survivors of the Titanic. All others went down with the ship. Other rescue ships failed to find any more of the Titanic's passengers."

Fate of Major Butt
WASHINGTON, April 16.—President Taft is receiving continuous messages from every news center in an effort to learn the fate of his aide, Major Archibald Butt. The president refuses to abandon hope, but apparently it is certain that Butt was drowned.

A Forlorn Hope
LONDON, April 16.—Capt. James Parlon, manager of the White Star Company, issued the following statement at noon: "The facts that most

of those saved are women and children speaks volumes for the discipline aboard. We still hope that other liners than the Carpathia assisted in the rescue. Of course, this is only a forlorn hope."

Fragment of a Message
NEWPORT, R. I., April 16.—Wireless station here heard the following fragment of a message from one ship at sea to another: "Eight hundred went down on the Titanic." The message was incomplete and unsigned.

London Excited
LONDON, April 16.—Thousands crowded the streets in the vicinity of the White Star offices here. The officials are absolutely in the dark in regard to the facts. They informed the crowd that the ship sank and hundreds met death, but are unable to give definite details. Periodically the company guards open the office doors and announce, "No news yet." The crowd then settles to another period

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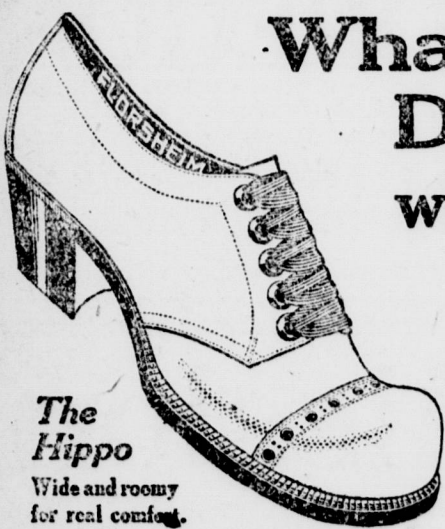
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