

enough lifeboats and rafts or ocean steamers to take off even one on board.

The Carpathia with the survivors will reach here late Thursday or early Friday. Under orders from Washington, the Collector of Customs office this afternoon announced that all regulations would be suspended when it arrived.

The survivors of the Titanic have no baggage, and the treasury department determined to permit their immediate reunion with relatives and friends without the formality even of customs examination.

One scant hope still is clung to. The Titanic drifted 34 miles after the collision before it struck. It is just possible that one or two lifeboats, which were lowered first, might have drifted away and not been reached by the Carpathia.

For this reason, the sister ship of the Titanic, the Olympic, is cruising about the Newfoundland banks, searching ever inch of the ocean.

But this is only a straw, to which the relatives of those "missing" are clinging desperately.

And against it are the weather reports from the stations along the Nova Scotia coast. There was a heavy thunderstorm which traveled eastward over the scene of the wreck last night.

Wind followed the thunderstorm. Even the modern lifeboats of the Titanic could hardly live longer than ten or twelve

hours in the sea that now is running, especially with the added danger of the ice fields.

The scenes at the offices of the White Star line today were sited.

Millionaires and wives of millionaires, workmen and wives of workmen begged and pleaded with the officials to "do something." But to all the one reply was made:

"We have done all we can. Money can do no more."

One to whom this reply was made was Mrs. Benjamin Guggenheim, wife of the smelter king, who is among the "missing." She told Vice President Franklin of the White Star that she was ready to spend any amount into the millions to charter steamers to go to the rescue.

Franklin gently told her that it was too late to charter steamers now.

"There is nothing left to do now," he said, "but hope."

Herbert Straus, who called on Vice President Franklin to learn the latest news as to the fate of Isidor Straus, one of New York's merchant princes, was given as little encouragement.

The crowd of men and women that jammed the White Star offices and blockaded the traffic on lower Broadway became half hysterical several times.

The police reserves were hard put to it to manage them. The commissioner of police gave orders that the grief stricken multitude of people were to be handled very gently.