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RELATIVES OF STEERAGE VICTIMS OF TITANIC REFUSED PASSES TO PIER

Survivors Half Insane from Grief and Exposure; Carpathia Due Tonight, and All New York Bowed in Horror.

New York, April 18.—The Carpathia, carrying the 705 survivors of the wreck of the Titanic, is steaming slowly toward this port through a dense fog. It probably will not be docked until late tonight.

At the White Star offices, and at the Cunard pier where the Carpathia will be moored, men and women are breaking down under the strain of the last hours of waiting to learn the fate of their loved ones.

Strong men are weeping and cursing alternately. White-faced women are sobbing quietly, or breaking into awful, hysterical shrieks.

Every hospital in New York has offered its services toward caring for the survivors. The pier of the Cunard line tonight will be crowded with ambulances.

The attitude of General Nelson H. Henry, Surveyor of the Port, is not helping matters out.

Henry is in charge of all arrangements for receiving the Carpathia. He is the only man who

can grant passes to relatives of victims of the tragedy.

Henry already has given out passes to relatives of cabin passengers. He has refused them to relatives of the steerage passengers.

When asked why he was discriminating against the more lowly victims of the steerage, he said that a local committee of women had been named to care for steerage survivors at the dock and until they were taken either to the municipal lodging house or returned to Ellis Island.

This is quite true, but does not quite give Henry an excuse for refusing the weeping relatives of the poorer survivors a chance to embrace their loved ones.

The scenes tonight are going to be beyond all description. It is only necessary to look once upon the faces of the long lines of those awaiting the ship of horror and grief to realize this.

They are faces lined deep with anguish, worn from lack of sleep, dull with aching pain.

And it is known now in what