

WIRELESS MESSAGE FROM RESCUE SHIP SAYS SOME OF TITANIC'S LIFEBOATS, FILLED WITH PASSENGERS WERE SUCKED UNDER BY LINER



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CUNARD OFFICIALS READY TO RECEIVE WRECK SURVIVORS

Passes to Pier Issued to Relatives of Those on
Board Rescue Ship, and Ward in Hos-
pital Made Ready for Sufferers.

NEW YORK, April 18.—With every wireless station along the coast trying frantically to get information from the rescue ship Carpathia, radio-communication conditions were at their worst and messages were sent and received with the utmost difficulty. In addition to the enormous pressure of business, weather conditions were bad.

After hours of unavailing efforts by the scout cruisers Salem and Chester to obtain information from the Carpathia, they were prepared to give up in despair. At 11:30 o'clock an arrangement was made to eliminate the many land stations that were interfering with communication. The Government ordered all land stations not to attempt to talk to the Carpathia or the Salem, but to relay messages from the Chester.

At the same time the Marconi and United Wireless Companies ordered all distant stations to keep out of the field of communication. The stations at Wellfleet, Saugaponeck, Siasconset, and Sea Gate were given orders to pick up the Carpathia as she came within easy communication radius. All other stations were ordered to keep out.

MESSAGES PICKED UP.

The first direct communication between the Carpathia and New York was shortly after 11 o'clock, when the Marconi office picked up messages exchanged between the George Washington and the Carpathia. Up to that time wireless operators had been calling the rescue ship repeatedly without getting an answer. The Washington ascertained that the captain of the Carpathia expected to have her at her dock "some time tonight."

Thomas J. Stead, assistant to the president of the Cunard line, announced that the speedy Mauretania would probably overtake the Carpathia in New York bay. Chairman Booth, of the Cunard line, is aboard the Mauretania, and he has promised to get all the information from Captain Rostron possible and flash it ashore. There was a tremendous demand for passes from the Cunard line today, but only a fraction of those seeking admission to the Cunard pier could be accommodated. Scores who sought passports were out-of-town persons who had relatives or friends upon the Titanic. In some cases the visitors had no further ground for hope than the former assumption that their relatives might have been picked up by the Carpathia and their names misspelled in wireless messages.

Passes Issued.

The Cunard line had issued passes to 1,200 persons up to 9 o'clock this morning while Superintendent Henry, of the port, had issued passes for the admission of 3,000 other persons. No photographers were allowed. Titanic survivors today had placed at their disposal the free and exclusive use of a ward in St. Luke Hospital, accommodating sixty. With this offer goes ambulance and medical service at the pier when the Carpathia lands. This offer was made to Vice President Franklin, of the International Mercantile Marine Company, by Mrs. W. A. Bastido, wife of Dr. W. A. Bastido, of 57 West Fifty-eighth street, and was thankfully accepted by Mr. Franklin.

SENATE WILL HOLD ISMAY TO SECURE TRUTH ON TITANIC

Committee Takes Sergeant-at-Arms to New
York to Make Arrests, If Necessary, to
Obtain Testimony.

Armed with subpoenas which practically enable the United States Government to place every officer of the Titanic, of the White Star Steamship Company, on the steamship Carpathia under arrest, a subcommittee of the Commerce Committee of the Senate will leave Washington for New York city this afternoon.

J. Bruce Ismay and the officers whom the Government means to interrogate will be held by force, if necessary, and they will be compelled to tell everything they know about the sinking of the giant steamship Titanic.

In order that the subcommittee may be in a position to enforce its demands, it is taking the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate along with the party. Police officers will also be on hand to see to it that the authority of the committee and of the United States is recognized.

CAUSE FOR SENATE'S ACTION.

This extraordinary action by the President and the subcommittee of the Senate was taken as the result of a report that the White Star officials of the Titanic who were saved, which includes Mr. Ismay, had planned to return at once to England, fearing the wrath of the people and the probe of the Senate investigators.

The President was informed that a steamship in the White Star service is being held in readiness to sail the moment the Carpathia arrives with the officers of the Titanic. In addition to taking along the subpoenas for Mr. Ismay and the officers of the Titanic, the subcommittee has

sent a notice to the headquarters of the White Star Company that the United States expects the company to hold these men for the investigators. Will Use Revenue Cutter. The President ordered the Secretary of the Treasury to aid the investigating committee in reaching and boarding the Carpathia. A revenue cutter will be used for transporting the Senators and customs officers will accompany them to see they are permitted to board the vessel. The President and the subcommittee of the Senate evidently have very little hope that the White Star officials will hope that the White Star officials will

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Report Says Boats Were Being Loaded When Great Steamer Went
Down, and That Many Were Drawn Beneath the Surface.
Carpathia Hampered By Heavy Winds and Fogs, and
Is Proceeding Slowly to New York.

BRANT ROCK, Mass., April 18.—That some of the lifeboats being used to rescue passengers of the Titanic went down with the the liner was the thrilling story told by a wireless dispatch sent from the Carpathia today and intercepted at the station here.

This message indicated that three officers of the White Star liner were communicating to their office in New York city the details of the disaster.

The message stated that the passengers were being taken off when the great boat went down. Some of the boats, trapped in the suction caused by the sinking of the liner, were overwhelmed and dragged to the bottom of the Atlantic, making it impossible to succor even all of those who might have been accommodated by the lifeboats on the vessel.

The message read:

"Passengers were being removed when the Titanic sank.

"Many lifeboats went down with the wrecked steamer. It was impossible to remove all of those on board in time. There was no other ship in sight."

To this message, which was sent from the Carpathia shortly before noon, was added this additional information about that vessel:

"Heavy wind and fogs. Proceeding slowly."

NEW YORK, April 18.—Vice President P. A. S. Franklin, of the White Star line, announced this afternoon that the Carpathia, carrying the survivors of the ill-fated Titanic, would dock between 10 and 11 o'clock tonight. According to the latest information received at the White Star offices, he figured the Carpathia should reach Sandy Hook about 8 o'clock.

Asked whether he had received messages from President Ismay, who is aboard the Carpathia, he replied such as had come were all of a personal nature.