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INVESTIGATION OF DISASTER ALREADY IS IN PROGRESS

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NEW YORK, April 19.—Titanic figures now believed to be correct, but subject to possible change are: Lost, first class 120, second class 195, third class 550, officers and crew 730, died later 6, total 1601; saved—first class, 210, second class 125, third class 200, officers and crew 210, total 745.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The senate Titanic investigation committee opened its inquiry at Hotel Waldorf today. Ismay was the first witness and expressed his grief. He outlined the ship's construction, declared he welcomed the fullest investigation and promised all his aid. He denied attempting to break speed records or

that he had consulted with Captain Smith regarding the ship's movements. He said he entered the fourth boat. He saw no jostling for seats. He said all the boats were properly manned.

After summoning J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star, to appear today, Chairman Smith said: "We will not fail to give the public all the facts. We will not use clubs on the witnesses, but will get at the truth."

After denying that he had sent personal wireless messages after Operation Phillips had flashed a distress call, Ismay said: "I heard the captain loudly give the order to lower the boats. Then I left the bridge. The order was given that women and children should be first. There were about 45 in my boat."

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Asked if he saw passengers on the Titanic just before it sank, he replied that he did, but did not recognize them. He said all the female passengers he saw were in the life boats. "It did not carry rafts," he said, "as the company discontinued their use recently. The boats were of the collapsible wooden type. I don't know what happened to the life boats. I did not look at the Titanic after we left, therefore do not know if there was a panic. I never saw the captain after asking him if all the women were cared for."

"I stood beside the last boat as it was lowered," Ismay said, "and it was not even half filled. I asked the captain: 'Are there more women?' but was not answered. At that time there were no male passengers around, either. Just before the boat was lowered I stepped in."

Concluding Ismay's examination, Senator Smith flatly asked: "Were all the women and children saved?" Ismay replied, "I am afraid not."

Smith asked: "What proportion?" Ismay said: "I do not know." He heatedly denied reports that he had censored wireless messages of the Carpathia.

Rostron testified that the survivors were easily managed, despite their pitiable plight.

Captain Rostron of the Carpathia followed Ismay. He recounted the receipt of the Titanic's distress calls. He said he immediately started at full speed for the scene, preparing the life boats and making room for refugees en route. He said: "I may be criticised for running the ship at top speed through an ice-laden sea, but I believe the course justified me."

caused a sensation on the deck, he said, when he picked up the boats. One was rowed by three women, another contained but one officer. One of the sailors said the Titanic was following the safest course for this time of year, evidently not attempting a short cut.

Will Resume Her Voyage

NEW YORK, April 19.—The Carpathia, ambulance of the sea, lies at dock, preparing to resume its interrupted voyage. The exhausted crew and officers have been ordered to rest preparatory to clearing. The final lot of survivors was removed from the vessel this morning.

Seven Babies Are Saved

Seven infants, survivors of the Titanic, are in foundling asylums, unidentified. There are no identification marks on the clothing. Four are ill as a result of exposure and one apparently has the measles. Asylum officials say already there are many applications to adopt these babies.

May Have Been Major Butt

Survivors from the last boat picked up by the Carpathia, that a man of enormous stature, bleeding at the ears and mouth, was pulled out of the water into the life boat, but died as he was being rescued, and was thrown overboard to make room for a live person. Survivors say they believe the man was Major Butt, although none were personally acquainted with him.

Weakened Stock Market

The Titanic disaster caused a stagnation in the stock market unequalled for many weeks. Dealing was so light it had no significance. The movement was altogether perfunctory. The close was dull and steady.

Futrelle's Death

Jacques Futrelle, short story writer, died like a hero. His wife said: "Four times I rushed to him and demanded that he leave. Finally he pushed me away and said: 'For God's sake, go. It's your last chance.' I was forced away and never saw him again."

Saved a Boy

Survivors say Astor found a sick boy with a steamer rug about his shoulders, unable to gain the life boats. He seized a woman's hat lying on the deck, placed it on the boy's head and cried to the sailors, "You can't leave this girl," and threw the boy into the boat.

Floored a Passenger

Assistant Wireless Operator Bride of the Titanic confirmed the reports that he floored a passenger who attempted to steal a life preserver from the shoulders of Wireless Operator Phillips. Phillips was lost but Bride was rescued.

Walter Clark Lost

LOS ANGELES, April 19.—J. Ross Clark, vice-president of the Salt Lake railroad, received a second telegram today from ex-Senator Clark of New York, stating that Mrs. Walter Clark of Los Angeles, survivor of the Titanic, is resting at the Knickerbocker Hotel, New York. No word has been received from Walter Clark. The family still hopes he was rescued by another steamer, but this is believed improbable.

To Offer Prayer

BERKELEY, April 19.—Club women here have projected a movement to have every church service in California stopped five minutes for silent prayer for the Titanic victims.

Flag at Half Mast

LOS ANGELES, April 19.—Mayor Alexander has ordered the city hall flag at half mast for three days in respect for the Titanic victims.

Saw Others Sink

Col. Archibald Gracie, United States army, a Titanic survivor, told the following: "I luckily swam to a collapsible boat, resembling a raft. Two men propelled it with pieces of wood. There were no oars. We pulled so many from the water that we feared to take more, because the boat would swamp. We were compelled to refuse help to a dozen strugglers, calling to them: 'Hold to what you have. One more would sink us.' Two of them replied, 'Good-bye, then. Good luck and God bless you.' The entire sea seemed filled with groaning, weeping and shrieking humans."

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EARLIER DISPATCHES

Carpathia Reaches Port

NEW YORK, April 19.—Hundreds of picked police restrained the crowds as the Carpathia swung toward her berth. Many undertakers were grouped on the pier under orders. Relatives were grouped inside the pier and remained silent. As the Carpathia swung up the bay a steady rain and lightning flashes added to the melodrama. Wild reports were circulated when the Carpathia refused to speak to the newspaper tugs. The United Press boat was closest in line.

First Survivors Ashore

The first passengers ashore from the Carpathia landed at 9:35. Three women were the first landed. They did not wait for the boat to stop, but climbed down the ladders while it was still in motion.

When the first survivors appeared an immense throng doffed their hats, and there was no sound throughout, the women being silently escorted to waiting automobiles. A dozen New York society women opened their homes, offering to care for a hundred steerage passengers each.

Two women, apparently violently insane, were carried from the steamer. Scores of women are in a state of coma.

After the first three women landed came a lone woman, who cried, "Helen, Helen," repeatedly. Then followed

several women, and the people on the dock surged forward, while bedlam reigned, breaking the first calm. The police were compelled to fight the people back.

The men and women were clad in fantastic garbs, furnished aboard the Carpathia. One woman wore an opera hat and a skirt full of rents. She was immediately surrounded by fashionably dressed women, who offered her fur coats and clothing.

C. H. Stengel of New York, one of the first off the Carpathia, declared the collision with the iceberg was the result of criminal carelessness. The Titanic was steaming at 22 knots an hour and the impact was terrific, huge blocks of ice falling to the deck and killing many. The stern rose and the people ran about shrieking. The boats were lowered and the sailors tore wives from their husbands and threw them into the boats, which were lowered like lightning.

Stengel says: "Fifteen hundred men jumped into the sea when the vessel started to sink. I don't know their fate. I seized a boat gunwale after jumping and was dragged aboard." Colonel Astor kissed his bride good-bye. Standing on the first cabin deck, he whipped his hand to his head in military salute and was standing thus when lost to sight. It was a great inspiration to hundreds. Ismay left in one of the first boats. He sat in a boat while the women were hurled in. There was shooting, but I do not know much about it."

E. Z. Taylor of Philadelphia, a Titanic survivor, said: "I don't know what happened."

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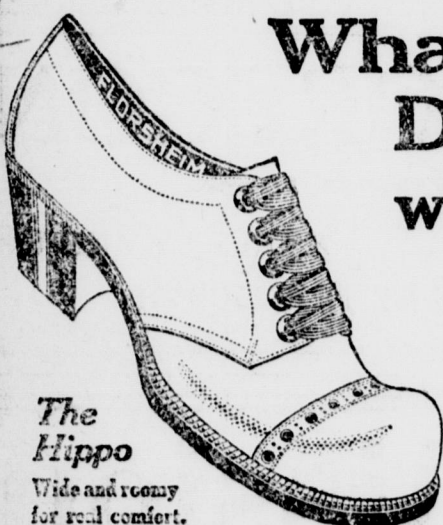
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