

Survivors of Titanic Arrive in New York.

New York, April 18.—How the White Star liner Titanic, the largest ship afloat, sank off the Grand Banks of New Foundland on Monday morning last, carrying to their death 1,601 of the 2,340 persons aboard, was told to the world in all its awful details for the first time to-night with the arrival in New York of the Cunard liner Carpathia, bearing the exhausted survivors of the catastrophe. Of the great facts that stand out from the chaotic account of the tragedy, these are the most salient:

The death list has been increased rather than decreased. Six persons died after being rescued.

The list of prominent persons lost stands as previously reported.

Practically every woman and child, with the exception of those women who refused to leave their husbands, were saved. Among those lost was Mrs. Isadore Straus.

The survivors on the life-boats saw the lights on the stricken vessel glimmer to the last, heard her band playing and saw the doomed hundreds on her deck and heard their groans and cries when the vessel sank.

Scenes at the Pier.

New York, April 18.—In a drizzling rain, two hundred and fifty policemen gathered early to-night at the Cunard line piers at West Fourteenth Street and North River, preparatory to handling the crowds. Inspector McClusky was in charge of the squad, and ropes, dotted with green lights, were stretched for seventy-five yards in front of the piers to hold back the throngs. No one without a special permit was allowed beyond these ropes. As early as 8 o'clock automobiles, in which veiled women and silent men were seated, began arriving and by 8:30 a small crowd had already entered the great steel and concrete structure which covers the piers.

A small hotel across the way had been converted into headquarters for the newspapers and press associations and a meeting place for those who had been bereaved or had relatives aboard the Carpathia. Although there was no rule for silence, every one talked in whispers. In this assemblage there were those who hoped against hope that some dear one was alive, although the list of survivors had failed to show their names.

A committee from the New York Stock Exchange, headed by E. H. Thomas, president, came to the pier shortly before the Carpathia arrived, bringing \$20,000 in cash to be distributed among those most in need of assistance.

This money was raised on the Exchange by popular subscription and brought to the pier in an oblong box. Surveyor Henry assigned to the use of the committee the little Customs House on the pier.

Several Red Cross nurses and a dozen physicians arrived upon the pier and two ambulances from St. Vincent's Hospital stood outside.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company had a special train waiting at their station at Thirty-fourth Street and a number of taxicabs to convey survivors desiring to go to Philadelphia to their friends.

At ten minutes past nine there was an agonized wailing while the boat was being slowly warped into her berth.

When the ship docked at 9:30 the gang-plank was quickly lowered and the doctors and nurses went aboard.

How the Big Ship Sank.

New York, April 18.—How the Titanic sank is told by Charles F. Hurd, a staff correspondent of The Evening World, who was a passenger on the Carpathia, and who to-night furnished that newspaper with his account.

He gives the number of lives lost as 1,700. He praises highly the courage of the crew, hundreds of whom gave their lives with a heroism which equalled, but could not exceed, the account says, that of John Jacob Astor, Henry B. Harris, Jacques Futrelle, Major Butt, and others in the long list of first cabin passengers.

It was the explosion of the boilers, according to Mr. Hurd's account, which finally finished the Titanic's career. The bulkhead system, though probably working, prevailed only to delay the ship's sinking. The position of the ship's wound, on the starboard quarter, admitted icy water, according to Hurd's story, which caused the boilers to explode and these explosions broke the ship in two.

Played "Nearer, My God," to Thee.

The ship's string band gathered in the saloon near the end, then the narrative says, and played "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The account continues:

"The crash against the iceberg which had been sighted at only a quarter mile distance, came almost simultaneously with the click of the levers operated from the bridge which stopped the engines and closed the water-tight doors. Captain Smith was on the bridge a moment later, summoned all on board to put on life preservers and ordered the life-boats lowered.

"The first boats had more male passengers as the men were the first to reach the deck. When the rush of frightened men and women and crying children to the decks began, the 'women first' rule was rigidly enforced.

"Officers drew revolvers, but in most cases there was no use for them. Revolver shots heard shortly before the Titanic went down caused many ropes adjusted to their waists. The little children and babies were hoisted to the deck in bags. Some of the boats were crowded, a few were not half full. This I could not understand. Some people were in full evening dress, others were in their night clothes and were wrapped in blankets etc. Those, with immigrants in all sorts of shapes, were hurried into the saloon on the Carpathia, indiscriminately, for breakfast. They had been in the open boats four and five hours in the most biting air I ever experienced. There were husbands without wives, wives without husbands, parents without children and children with parents. No sobs—scarcely a word spoken. They seemed to be stunned.

"Immediately after breakfast divine service was held in the saloon. One woman died in the life-boat, three others died soon after reaching our deck—their bodies were buried in the sea at 5 o'clock that afternoon. None of the rescued had any clothing, except what they had on, and a relief committee was formed and our passengers contributed enough for their immediate needs. I was told by survivors that when the Titanic's life-boats pushed away from the steamer, she was brilliantly lifted, the band was playing and the captain was standing on the bridge giving directions. The bow was well submerged, (Continued on page 15.)

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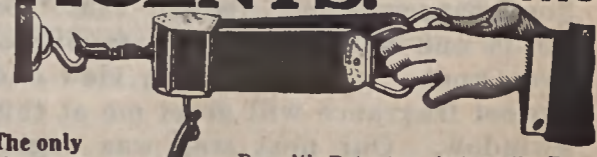
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