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Giant Titanic Was Speeding 23 Knots an Hour

The Iceberg Was Sighted at Quarter of a Mile

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(By a Staff Reporter.)

NEW YORK, April 18.—A regular staff correspondent, Carlos Hurd, who arrived on the Carpathia to-night, furnishes the first actual details of the sinking of the Titanic.

Seventeen hundred lives were lost in the sinking of the Titanic, which struck an iceberg at 11:45 p.m. Sunday, and was at the ocean's bottom two hours and 35 minutes later.

Of the Titanic's 341 first cabin, 212 were saved; 154 of them women and children.

Of the 262 second cabin passengers 116 were saved, 102 of them women and children.

Of the third-class passengers 800 in number, 136 were saved, 83 of whom were women and children.

Of 935 officers and crew, 198, including 22 women, were rescued.

No survivors can question the courage of the crew, who records of have given their lives with a heroism which equals but could not exceed that of John Jacob Astor, Henry B. Harris, Jacques Futrelle, and others in the long list of first cabin passengers.

The band, however, the probably greatest providers only, delayed the ship's sinking. The position of the ship's wound on the starboard quarter admitted icy water, which caused the boiler to explode and the explosion broke the ship in two.

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The crash against the iceberg, which had been sighted at only a quarter of a mile, came almost simultaneously with the click of the levers operated from the bridge, which stopped the engines and closed the air-tight doors. Capt. Smith was on the bridge a moment after the collision, and, though he had only time to save his life preservers and ordered the lifeboats lowered. The first boats had more male passengers, as they were the first to reach the deck.

When the rush of frightened men and women and crying children to the lifeboats began, "wonderful first-mate" Captain Smith had not himself, another that of First Officer Murdoch, but in most cases there was no use for them.

Revolver shots heard shortly before the Titanic went down, caused many to suppose Capt. Smith had committed suicide, but members of the crew discredit these rumors.

Captain on Bridge Till Last.

Capt. Smith was last seen on the bridge just before the ship sank, though only after the decks had been washed away.

What became of the men with the life preservers? was the question asked by many since the disaster? Many of those who life preservers were seen to go down, despite the presence of dead bodies floated on the surface as the last boats moved away.

Band Played a Hymn.

Strange as it may appear, it is stated that Capt. Smith, though he had been gathered in the saloon, near the end, and played "Nearer My God to Thee."

Mrs. Isidor Strauss refused to leave her husband's side and both perished together.

Holden Cotton, Marconi operator of the Cunard ship, died in New York at his usual time Sunday night, and as a result, caught the first message of the Titanic's plight. He had been relaying messages to the Titanic on Sunday night and shortly after 11 o'clock had the Titanic send a signal back to him as he was about to take the receiver off his head the "C.Q.D." call sounded. This was forwarded with the words "We're hit something; come at once."

Cotton at once communicated with the ship's officers, and his course was at once changed in the direction of the Titanic at full speed of eighteen knots for the full distance of 60 miles intervening between the two ships.

Before Cotton could make a reply to the "C. Q. D." call the Titanic sent "We're sinking fast" and the word of the coming of the Carpathia. No further communication was had with the doomed ship.

Titanic's Speed 23 Knots.

The Titanic's speed of twenty-three knots an hour was never slackened, and she was going at that speed when she struck.

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Widow's Pathetic Message

LONDON, April 18.—The widow of Captain Smith, the commander of the Titanic, has written a pathetic message, which was posted to-day outside the White Star office. It reads:

"To my poor fellow sufferers:

"My heart overflows with grief for you all, and is laden with sorrow that you are weighed down with this terrible burden that has been thrust upon us. May God be with us and comfort us all.

"Yours in deep sympathy,

"Eleanor Smith."

WALL STREET SENT \$20,000

Cash Was Carried to Pier to Await Steamer's Arrival—Rushed on Special Trains.

Bitter Denunciations of Contradictory Reports Due to "Tapping" By Amateurs, Made at London Chamber of Commerce Meeting—Titanic Ignored

Warnings Given.

LONDON, April 18.—(Can. Press)—A committee from the New York Stock Exchange brought to the pier, shortly before the Carpathia arrived, \$30,000 in cash to be distributed among the victims of the disaster.

This money was raised by a popular subscription and brought to the pier in an oblong box.

The committee was composed of E. H. Thomas, president of the exchange; W. H. Doherty, John Chas. Holdson and J. Carlisle.

Henry assigned to their use the little custom house on the pier.

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

The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. had a special train waiting at their station at 34th street, and a number of taxicabs to carry survivors desiring to go to the hospital to the steamer.

J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., put in an appearance as the boat was about to dock. Representatives of the Widener and Thayer families of Philadelphia were also early arrivals, having chartered a special train over the Pennsylvania Railroad. There were other stand persons in the sheds at 8:45 o'clock, many of whom were weeping.

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BUXTON DEFENDS BOARD OF TRADE

Contention Never Made That Steamers Should Carry Lifeboats to Accommodate All Passengers.

LONDON, April 18.—(C.A.P.)—Mr. Buxton, president of the board of trade, was apologetic when explaining to the house of commons the inadequacy of the board of trade regulations in regard to ship safety. He said that the board had appointed last year to consider the necessary revisions of the regulations, but the increased provision of boats recommended by the committee was not considered adequate so the matter was referred back for further consideration. He continued:

"It is impossible to understand that, up to the present, it has never been suggested by a responsible expert authority that, even with the largest steamship which was equipped with watertight compartments, should necessarily carry lifeboats adequate to accommodate all on board."

The present disaster, however, has created a new situation, which will need to be most carefully considered, not in a panic, but in the interests of the information which the enquiry will disclose."

Titanic Relief Fund

The committee of the Toronto Ad Club in charge of the fund being raised by that organization for the families of the victims of the Titanic disaster, announced yesterday that Mr. L. K. Liggett, who started the fund at the beginning of the month, had contributed ten per cent of the receipts at his stores on Saturday as a further contribution to the cause. It is understood that the Toronto Ad Club will furnish cashiers for the work.

The Toronto Ad Club has been praised greatly for the splendid movement which was inaugurated at its meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Liggett said he would be very glad to start the fund with \$100, which he did, the members of the club adding over \$300 during the next ten days.

Believing that the newspapers of the city would open their columns for subscriptions to such a fund, the Toronto Ad Club has agreed to act as a clearing house for the newspapers.

Efforts, it is understood, are now being made towards formulating a plan by which this can be carried out. Of course, any contribution to the fund will be welcome indeed. The club, however, feels that Mr. Liggett in his remarks had struck a popular chord and that it was "up to" the club as in line with its policy of working for Toronto, to do what it could to further the success of the fund.

There is to be no campaign among all classes for additions to this fund.

The chamber of commerce passed a resolution conveying to the chamber of commerce of New York and to the people of the United States their deep sympathy in connection with the great loss of life in the great disaster to the Titanic, by which the people of both countries have been thrown into mourning."

Captain Smith Shot Himself.

BULLETIN—NEW YORK, April 18.—Captain Smith shot himself on the bridge; the chief engineer likewise committed suicide, and three Italians were shot to death in the struggle for the lifeboats.

The passenger who first told of the captain's end said that two attempts were necessary before he was successful in ending his life.

Brother officers wrested a revolver from his hands in the library, but he broke away, rushed to the bridge, and shot himself thru the mouth.

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Wireless Operator Helpless Dynamos Lasted 4 Minutes

Captain of Carpathia Says Lights on Titanic Went Out Immediately After Impact—200 Sleeping Sailors Drowned in Berths—Col. John Jacob Astor Rescued, and Mrs. Astor is Dangerously Ill—Press Boats Hover Close to Carpathia on Heavy Sea.

HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass., April 18 (By Wireless).—Capt. Rostrom of the Carpathia says:

"I know for sure that there were no lives saved except those I have on board. I have not the body of Col. John Jacob Astor on board. Mrs. Astor is very sick—dangerously ill. More than 100 are sick in hospital. When the collision occurred about 200 sailors, sleeping in the bow of the Titanic, were drowned like rats. After the impact the lights on the Titanic went out in four minutes. The dynamos lasted about the same time, which caused the wireless operator to abandon his calls for help. As his storage batteries were only capable of carrying from 50 to 100 miles, the wireless operator was rendered helpless."

White Star officials say at 2:45 p.m.:

"The Carpathia will arrive off Sandy Hook about 8 o'clock and should dock about 9 a.m."

The Western Union announced that it will transmit free from the Cunard Line Pier on the arrival of the Carpathia, all land line messages from the Carpathia to survivors of the Titanic.

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