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AWFUL TRAGEDY OF THE SEA

White Star Liner "Titanic," largest in the World, carrying 2300 Passengers, founders off Newfoundland Coast.

OVER 1300 LIVES LOST.

Survivors transferred to Steamer "Carpathia" on way to New York. Mostly Women and Children Saved. Astor and Guggenheim Among the Many Multi-millionaires on Board.

Sister Ship "Olympic" tells the Story of the Tragedy.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The following statement was given out at the White Star offices to-night:

"At 2.20 a.m. Titanic foundered. Carpathia proceeding to New York with passengers."

Vice-President Franklin positively refused to give out the full text of the message which he received from Captain Haddock of the Olympic reporting the sinking of the Titanic. This attitude led to the belief that the message intimated a loss of life which the Company desired to confirm before spreading alarm.

Mr. Franklin said that Captain Haddock's message was very brief, and neglected to say that all the crew had been saved. It said that the Carpathia had six or seven hundred of the Titanic's passengers on board, including all of the first cabin, and that the vessel should reach New York Friday morning. No informa-

tion had been received from the Virginian or Parisian at the White Star Line offices, although it was said "to be known" that many of the Titanic passengers were on board these vessels.

Vice-President Franklin said that he had cancelled arrangements for the special trains which they had planned to send to Halifax to bring the rescued passengers to this city by rail, as it was believed that the boats which had the Titanic's passengers on board would steam direct for New York.

Vice-President Franklin at 8.40 o'clock to-night conceded that there had been "a horrible loss of life" in the Titanic disaster. He said that he had no information to disprove the Associated Press despatch from Cape Race to the effect that only 675 of the passengers and crew had been rescued. He said that the monetary loss could not be estimated to-night, although he intimated that it would run into the millions. "We can replace the money," he added, "but not the lives." "It is horrible," Mr. Franklin continued.

"As far as we know it has been rumored from Halifax that three steamers have passengers on board, namely, the Virginian, the Carpathia and Parisian.

Now we have heard from Captain Haddock that the Titanic sank at 2.20 this morning. We have also learned from him that the Carpathia had 675 survivors on board. It is very difficult to learn if the Virginian and the Parisian have any survivors on board. We have asked Captain Haddock and our agent at Halifax."

Mr. George Hannah, Passenger Agent of the Allan Line, discussing the disaster late to-night, expressed his belief that the Virginian arrived too late to be of any assistance.

"In all probability the Titanic sank before any of the boats reached her. The 675 passengers on board the Carpathia were probably picked up from the Titanic's life-boats. I imagine it will be found that the Titanic sank before any boat reached her. The Carpathia got to the scene of disaster first and picked up survivors. Later she was joined by the Parisian and Virginian, and the three boats would cruise around looking for survivors who might be clinging to wreckage. As soon as they make careful search they will proceed to their respective destinations. The Carpathia goes to New York with the survivors, while the Parisian is heading for Halifax. We have no knowledge of any survivors being on board either of our boats, and will probably not know for another 24 or 30 hours. They may have a stray survivor on board, but I think it would be found that they are practically all on the Carpathia."

GEORGE WRIGHT ON TITANIC.

So far as could be learned the only Halifax passenger believed to be aboard the Titanic was George Wright, whose name appears in the cable passenger list. Mr. Wright has been in Europe for several months, and it is feared that he was on the steamer.

Montreal, April 15.—The terrible loss of life on the Titanic was admitted late tonight by Mr. James Thom, Canadian manager of the White Star Line. Mr. Thom admitted to your correspondent that upwards of 1,500 perished when the boat took her fatal plunge at two o'clock this morning. Just who were saved and who went down is not known. "I suppose the women and children were taken off first, and as only 675 were rescued it looks as if all the men went down. It is a terrible disaster, and we are prostrated as a result," said Mr. Thom.

PROMINENT MONTREAL CITIZENS.

A dozen of Montreal's most prominent citizens have probably met a watery grave.

Mr. Charles M. Hays, President of the Grand Trunk Pacific, was a passenger, together with his wife, daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Davidson. Mr. Hays left

here about six weeks ago on his semi-annual trip to consult the directors of the Grand Trunk. He is one of the best known men in Canada, having brought the Grand Trunk from a state of bankruptcy to present prosperous condition. His wide experience on both American and Canadian roads makes him one of the most widely known men on the continent.

His son-in-law, Mr. Thornton Davidson, is one of the youngest and best known stock brokers in Montreal.

Mr. H. Markland Molson is a director of Molson's Bank and an ex-Alderman and prominent financier.

Mr. H. J. Allison, wife and children were also on board. Mr. Allison is a member of the firm of Johnston. Other prominent Montrealeers were mentioned.

Boston, April 15.—A wireless message picked up late tonight, relayed from the Olympic, says:—

"The Carpathia is on her way to New York, with 866 passengers from the steamer Titanic aboard. They are mostly women and children," the message said, and it concluded: "Grave fears are felt for the safety of the balance of the passengers and the crew."

MULTI-MILLIONAIRES ABOARD

Untold wealth was represented among the passengers on the Titanic, there being on board at least six men each of whose fortunes might be reckoned in tens of millions of dollars. The wealthiest of the list is Colonel John Jacob Astor, head of the famous house whose name he bears, and who is reputed to be worth \$150,000,000. He is connected with most of the large corporations of the country and for years has had direct control of the vast estate left by his father, the late William Astor.

JOHN JACOB ASTOR WAS RETURNING WITH BRIDE.

Mr. Astor was returning on the Titanic from a tour of Egypt with his bride, who was Miss Madeline Force, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Force. Benj. Guggenheim, probably next in financial importance is the fifth of the seven sons of Meyer Guggenheim, who founded the American Smelting and Refining company, the great mining corporation, and is a director of many corporations, including the International Steam Pump company, of which he is also president. His fortune is estimated at \$95,000,000.

He was another passenger, as was Mr. Leopold Weisy, sculptor.

THOUGHT STEAMER WAS UNSINKABLE

New York, April 15.—Mr. Franklin, the President of the White Star Co., said that there was a sufficient number of life boats to take all the passengers from the Titanic. He said that he was confident today when he made the statement that the Titanic was unsinkable, that the steamer was safe, and that there would be no loss of life.

The position in which the Titanic sank, in Lat. 41.16 N. and Lon. 50.14 W. is about 600 miles southeast of Halifax and just outside the southern edge of the great ice circle.

An earlier bulletin is as follows:—

Montreal, April 14.—The Allan Line officials received a wireless message tonight from Captain Gambell of the steamer Virginian saying that the White Star liner Titanic had struck an iceberg and was requested assistance. The Virginian is now on the way to the Titanic.

The Allan liner Virginian, Capt. Gambell, sailed from Halifax for Liverpool at 9.20 on Saturday night, and had on board in the vicinity of two hundred passengers. She would therefore have ample accommodation for at least the passengers of the Titanic, if it became necessary to transfer them from the damaged steamer.

The Titanic, which is the new White Star liner, and a sister ship of the Olympic, is now on her maiden voyage, having sailed from South-

ampton with 350 first-class passengers. She has accommodation for 3000 passengers altogether, but it is not known how many she has in the second and third cabins on this trip. The Titanic has a gross tonnage of 66,000 tons, and a registered tonnage of 46,000 tons.

When leaving Southampton last week she narrowly escaped a serious collision with the steamer New York. The suction of her triple screws drew the New York away from the pier, breaking seven hawsers and causing the New York to swing out into the stream, so that a collision was very narrowly averted.

1,302 MISSING

New York, April 17.—Only a faint hope remains tonight that any of the 1,302 passengers and crew who have been missing since the giant Titanic sank have been picked up by trans-Atlantic liners. The 868 survivors rescued from life boats by the Cunarder Carpathia, now on her way to this city, are the only known saved.

The brief and meagre wireless messages that came to hand today extinguished the hope that some of the ill-fated passengers may have been picked up at sea by the steamships Virginian and Parisian of the Allan Line. Both of these steamers sent word that they had no passengers of the Titanic on board.

326 ACCOUNTED FOR.

Of the 868 persons rescued by the Carpathia, the names of 326 passengers had been received by wireless up to half-past four o'clock.

The Carpathia evidently was out of wireless range toward noon, after that efforts to reach her with wireless communications were futile, and a score or more of messages from the Cunard Company and other sources were unanswered.

Captain Rostron in his last wireless report to the Cunard Company stated that the Carpathia was proceeding slowly through a field of ice to this port.

MILLIONAIRES ARE MISSING

Col. John Jacob Astor is believed to be among those drowned. His wife and her maid are safe on the Carpathia. Isador Strauss, the millionaire merchant, Benjamin Guggenheim, the copper magnate and president of the International Pump Company; Edgar J. Meyer, vice president of the Braden Copper Co., and W.T. Stead, the famous London journalist, are still unaccounted for and their names are not found among the survivors.

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The Royal Bank of Canada

INCORPORATED 1869.

CAPITAL - - - \$6,200,000
RESERVE FUNDS - - - \$7,200,000
TOTAL ASSETS - - - \$110,000,000

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