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1,200 ESTIMATED LOSS---RULE OF SEA ENFORCED AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN ALMOST SOLE SURVIVORS OF DISASTER

Titanic Struck the Iceberg During Night and Passengers, Scantily Clad, Were Almost Frozen.

DIMENSIONS OF TITANIC

Following are the dimensions and other data regarding the vessel: 45,320 tons gross register; 52,310 tons displacement; length over all, 359 feet 6 inches; breadth over all, 92 feet 6 inches; breadth over bow deck, 94 feet; height from bottom of keel to boat deck, 97 feet 4 inches; height from bottom of keel to top of captain's house, 105 feet 7 inches; height of funnels above casing, 72 feet; height of funnels over bow deck 81 feet 6 inches; distance from top of funnel to keel, 175 feet; number of steel decks, 11; number of watertight bulkheads, 15.

Special to This Paper.

The appalling magnitude of the wreck of the giant liner Titanic has been but little mitigated by ocean highways today. The rescuing steamer, Carpathia, has 868 survivors aboard, according to news received at noon. This increases list of rescued by 200. Except for this favorable detail, the news is insignificant, compared with the tremendous reckoning that the Titanic is at the bottom of the Atlantic and that the wreck of the world's greatest steamer took with her about 1,350 victims to death.

Many clung desperately this morning to the belief that the steamers Virginian and Parisian, of the Allen Line, picked up survivors in addition to those aboard the Carpathia, but this was dispelled about noon, when both reported to the contrary. The Carpathia is coming slowly to New York. All hope for details of tragedy and its effects are centered in this ship, which will be in direct communication with Sable Island tonight, Nantucket Thursday, reaching New York Friday.

London, Paris and New York are grief-stricken and overwhelmed by the news of disaster. Friends and relatives are waiting, hour after hour, for news, which more often than not means bereavement and sorrow.

The greater number of the survivors are women and children. No word of John Jacob Astor or Isidor Strauss.

All hope that any passengers or crew of Titanic, other than those on Carpathia, are alive, was abandoned this afternoon. This means approximately 1,350 souls lost in this, the greatest of all tragedies of the sea.

DESIGNER SAYS SIDE WAS TORN OUT.

London, April 16.—Alexander Carlisle, the designer of both the Titanic and Olympic in an interview today, said: "I never thought there was such a thing as an unsinkable ship. When the news first came that the Titanic was sinking by the head, I thought it likely that she would reach port. The fact that she sank within four hours after the impact with the ice indicates that her side was torn out."

The apparent fact that the Titanic's boats were not sufficient in number to accommodate the ship's personnel, is causing comment here, although the papers are chary of discussing the subject. The law does not provide the number of boats the largest ships shall carry. It only applies to those vessels displacing up to 10,000 tons, as it was passed before the present big ships had been designed or built.

World's Greatest Steamer Tragedy

By Associated Press.

New York, April 16.—The pinnacles of fact concerning the world's greatest steamship disaster, the sinking of the great White Star Liner Titanic off the New Foundland banks, stood out prominently early today.

Sifted from the wireless reports the revised estimate of the loss of life is 1,234 souls, \$10,000,000 steamship, with cargo and jewels, worth perhaps ten million more, are a total loss.

No Mention of Col. Astor.

There is no mention among the survivors of Col. John Jacob Astor. His bride, nee Miss Force, is saved. Major Archibald Butt, President Taft's aid, is still unaccounted for as are many others of national importance.

The Cunarder Carpathia has aboard 566 survivors, total accounted for. They should arrive Friday. The rescued passengers drifted among the sea of ice before being picked up. There is hope that other vessels rescued more passengers.

The Collision.

The collision occurred when most were in bed, the shock sending many to the decks scantily clothed, when they took their places in the life boats, not having had time to return to their state rooms for additional clothes. The air was biting cold and passengers huddled close together for warmth.

Capt. Smith, commander of the Titanic, probably went down with his vessel. That he and the crew enforced rigidly the unwritten law of seas, women and children first, was plainly indicated by the preponderance of women among the partial lists of survivors by wireless. All night the offices of the company here was besieged by relatives of passengers, where wealth and poverty rubbed elbows, many leaving scene apparently without hope.

None On Board.

New York, April 16.—Wireless messages from the steamers Virginian and Parisian received this morning say they have no survivors of the Titanic on board. The officials of the company have little news to impart.

Wireless operators worked throughout the night trying to get information from the scene, but were handicapped by the thunderstorm which finally silenced wireless communication. Gradually the names of the rescued began to come through and these were posted at the offices of the company.

Scanned List For Relatives.

There were some who scanned list and turned away with faces showing hopes realized, but many who came were disappointed and grief-stricken. A squad of police and extra force

of clerks were called to care for the inquiries.

President Taft telegraphed the company for information of Archie Butt, and was promised immediate reply if anything was learned.

Vincent Astor, son of Colonel Astor, remained up throughout the night trying to learn of the fate of his father. Word came that the step-mother and maid were aboard the Carpathia.

The members of the Guggenheim and Strauss families had representatives at the offices in anticipation of receipt of definite word concerning Isadore Strauss and Benjamin Guggenheim, who were among the prominent passengers. These names were not in the survivor's list received this morning.

Long distance calls from Philadelphia throughout the night inquiring for many society folks from that city aboard Titanic. Mrs. George Widener's name was posted as rescued, but husband and sons' name did not appear.

Those Saved Nearly All Women and Children.

For the rest the scene as the Carpathia came up was one of desolation. All that remained of the \$10,000,000 floating palace, on which nearly 1,400 passengers have been voyaging luxuriously, was a hulk of steel and iron.

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