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TITANIC REJECTED AID

MRS. ASTOR HELPS BAIL LIFE BOAT

KNEE DEEP IN THE ICY WATER

Millionaire's Bride Helps Keep Small Craft From Foundering

No One Realized Danger Until the Last Moment, Says Wreck Survivor

NEW YORK, April 20.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor was still in a highly nervous condition today, suffering from the shock of her experience on the Titanic.

Mrs. Astor's story of her experience, as repeated by the physician, is as follows:

"We had already retired when the jar of the collision came. We thought little of it, but Mr. Astor was interested and said he would go on deck and see what was the matter. I called my maid and put on a light dress, planning to follow him in a moment or two.

GO ON DECK TOGETHER.

"Pretty soon Mr. Astor came back and said he did not think that it was anything serious. The ship had grazed some drift ice, he said. We did not know then that it was a giant berg. He was very calm and so I was not alarmed. We put on ordinary light clothes and went on deck together.

"Everything was extremely quiet. No one was excited, least of all Mr. Astor and myself. We walked around and people began to pour up on deck. The excitement began to grow, but the ship seemed all right. Then the order was passed around to get out the boats, but nobody wanted to get into them and the first ones lowered were only partly filled.

TWO BOATS LEFT.

"The situation did not begin to get grave until most of the boats were gone and there were only two left.

"Mr. Astor put me and my maid and nurse into one of the boats and stood calmly as the boat was being sent away. Before the boat was lowered he sent for some heavy wraps and furs for us. The boat pulled away from the Titanic and began almost immediately to ship water until it was up to my knees. I occupied my time bailing.

"Before the arrival of the Carpathia we picked up six men, two of whom died immediately after being put aboard."

1 KILLED, 4 HURT IN CRASH

Automobile Turns Turtle; W. F. Jones, Berkeley Man, Dies of Injuries

Machine Hits Fence Near Mountain View, Following Joy Ride

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—William F. Jones of the firm of Jones & Pettibone

CAPTAIN OF TITANIC A HERO

Went Down With Child, Which He Sought to Save, in His Arms

Smith Failed to Reach the Nearest Lifeboat; Two Children Perish

NEW YORK, April 20.—Taking refuge on the bridge of the ill-fated Titanic,

STEAMER NEAR SINKING SHIP IS REFUSED DETAILS OF WRECK

CAPTAIN E. J. SMITH, master of the Titanic, and the huge liner that carried to sepulture in the ocean a vast ship's company.



"You're a Fool," Is Reply Given to German Lloyd Wireless Operator Who Answers S.O.S. Sent From Craft in Distress

Line of Travel Across Atlantic Moved Farther South as Result of Disaster in Which 1635 Persons Lost Their Lives; Heroic Tales Are Repeated

"BRUTALLY UNFAIR," IS CRY OF ISMAY

NEW YORK, April 20.—Appearing before the Senate Titanic investigating committee in a wheel chair Harold Bride, assistant wireless operator of the ill-fated ship who was disabled in the rescue, testified today that although the North German Lloyd liner Frankfurt was twenty miles nearer the Titanic than the Carpathia, no effort was made to give her news of the Titanic's sinking condition.

Bride testified that Phillips, the chief wireless operator, told the Frankfurt wireless man he was a fool and had better keep out. The Frankfurt, he said, was first to answer the Titanic's signals of distress. The reason no details were given the German ship, Bride said, was that they believed her operator could not understand.

Bride also testified to having received warnings of icebergs in the vicinity and to have delivered them to his superior officers, one to Captain Smith himself.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Nearly a week has passed since the Titanic, the greatest marine achievement in the history of the world, sank in mid-ocean. Much of her story still is untold and many a day will pass before the world will fully comprehend the significance of the disaster.

The number of dead probably never will be exactly determined, inasmuch as the passenger list went down with the vessel. The number of survivors is fixed at 705 by the report of Captain Rostron of the Carpathia. The White Star line officials believe the death list totaled approximately 1635.

Tribute to Bravery of Men

The narratives gathered piecemeal from the liner's survivors pay a tribute without precedent to the bravery of the men of these modern days, a bravery of impulse, unstudied, unassuming and instinctive alike in steerage passenger, stoker and millionaire.

By common consent the churches of the world will set aside their pulpits tomorrow for reverent ceremonies and for mourning for the lost.

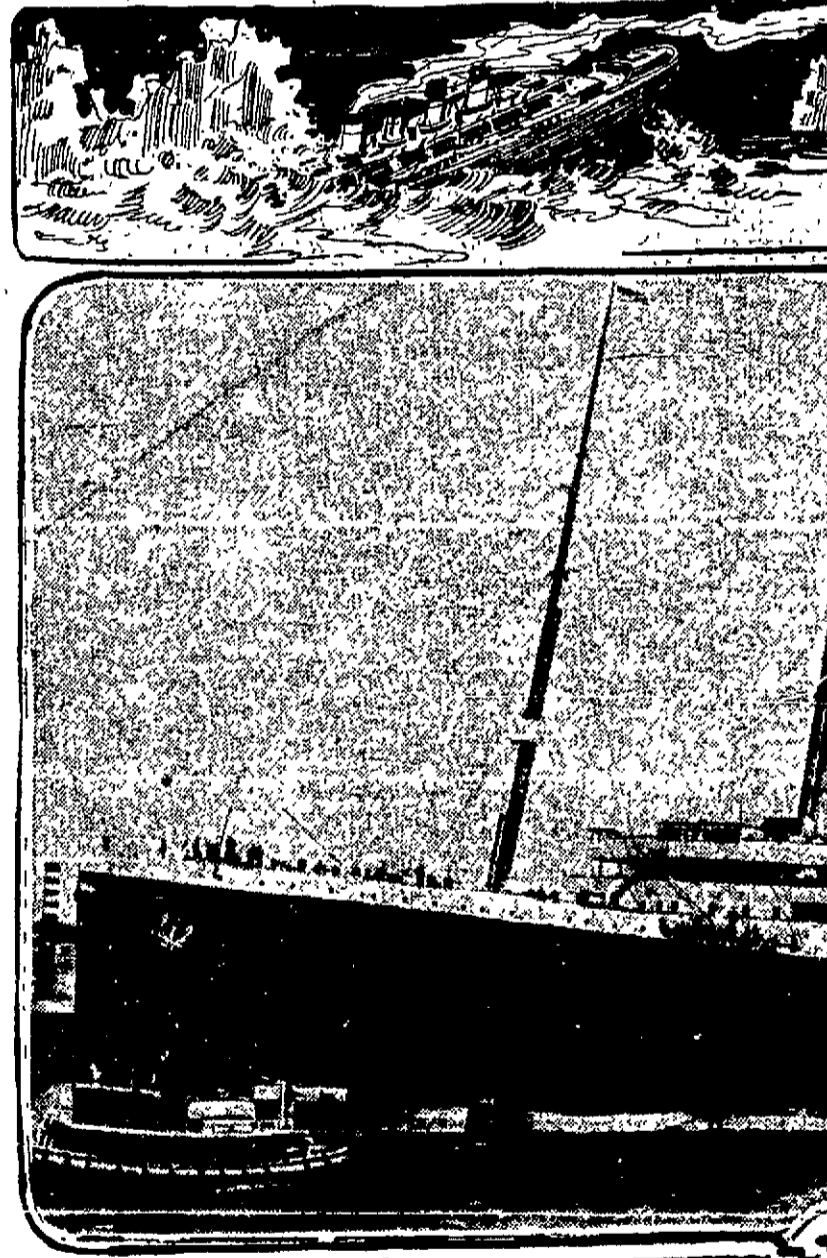
As to the needs of the living, ample provision is rapidly being made. The relief funds being gathered in New York and London already total far into the thousands. Most of the steerage passengers who reached New York distracted and penniless have already come to realize the generosity and hospitality of America. Clad, fed and housed, they will be given ample time to recover from the shock of their experience and will start their life in the new world with ample funds.

Thorough Investigation

The most complete story of the Titanic's fate yet obtained is being rapidly gathered in New York by members of the Senate investigating committee.

The committee has already listened to the testimony of J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star line; Captain Rostron of the Carpathia; Charles W. Lightoller, second officer of the Titanic, and others.

The witnesses called for today's session included H. J. Pittman, third officer of the Titanic; J. G. Roxhall, fourth officer; G. Lowe, also in an official position on the Titanic, and fifteen of the crew. The committee has the assistance of George Uhler, chief



screw, commission merchants of this city, was instantly killed, George L. Burr of the firm of Malcolm Jacobs & Burr, produce dealers, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured, and three women, who positively refused to give their names, were badly hurt in an accident which occurred at 5 o'clock this morning on the county road in the outskirts of Mountain View, near the junction. The machine, driven by Burr and containing Jones and the three women, was going at a rapid clip.

It is supposed that the turn in the road was not noticed as the car plunged straight on ahead, smashed through a fence on a slight embankment and turned completely over, pinning the occupants underneath.

Jones was caught beneath the car in such a manner that his life was crushed

two little children remained by the side of Captain Smith until that portion of the big ship had been swept by water. Survivors of the crew, who went down with the Titanic, but were saved by clinging to an overturned lifeboat, told today of their gallant commander's efforts to save the life of one of the children. He died a sailor's death and the little girl who had entrusted her life to his care died with him.

"He held the little girl under one arm," said James McGinn, a fireman, "as he jumped into the sea and endeavored to reach the nearest lifeboat. I took the other child into my arms as I was swept from the bridge deck. When I was plunged into the cold water I was compelled to release my hold on the child and I am satisfied that the same thing happened to Captain Smith.

"I had gone to the bridge deck to as-

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SON OF GOVERNOR JOHNSON TO WED MISS AMY BOWLES Engagement of Young Attorney and Oakland Belle Is Announced

Local society was a-buzz today when the news was made known of the engagement of Miss Amy Bowles of this city and Hiram Johnson Jr., son of Governor Johnson.

The engagement is of widespread interest because of the social prominence of both young people.

Miss Bowles is a bay city belle who has taken a prominent part in local society and the family home of the Bowles, "The Pines," on Union and McAdams streets, in the Claremont district, has been a rendezvous for numerous social functions. Miss Bowles made her debut about two years ago and is extremely popular among the older as well as the younger set, for her genuine character and lovable personality.

are members of the exclusive society of the bay cities, and Mrs. Bowles is much beloved among local matrons. Her graciousness as a hostess and her social and philanthropic activities, are well known.

With Mrs. Frank Havens, Miss Bowles has made several trips East and has been much entertained by the former. Her hosts of friends here will vie with one another to entertain this latest addition to the list of brides-to-be.

The wedding date has not been set, but it is understood that it will take place shortly, probably during the next month or two. Johnson is a graduate of the University of California and belongs to the Chi Phi fraternity. In whose activities he was prominent. He is at present practicing law in San Francisco. After the marriage the young couple will live in Oakland.

Troubled Over Titanic News, Finds Death in Sea

SANTA MONICA, April 20.—The body of Mrs. M. U. Southler, said to have been a wealthy woman of St. Louis, Mo., was found in the ocean here today. She had

jumped to her death some time last night. According to friends, Mrs. Southler was much affected by the accounts of the Titanic disaster and it is believed that her mind gave way.

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