

# SURVIVORS GRAPHIC STORIES BY BRAVE WOMEN OF CRASH AND RESCUE

### Miss Mollie Snyder, in a Log Written Immediately After the Collision, Gives a Thrilling Description of the Perils She Escaped.

### NO PANIC AMONG WOMEN MRS. THOMPSON SAYS.

### Didn't Show Any Signs of Fear When the Crash Came, and Unfalteringly Took to the Small Boats When Order Came.

Thrilling stories of the collision at sea in the fog, of the perils through which they passed, and of their rescue from danger are told by women survivors of the crash that caused the sinking of the steamship Republic.

One of the most graphic of these stories is told in the log written by Miss Mollie Snyder, of No. 48 Holland avenue, Middletown, N. Y., who was a passenger on the Republic, having started on a trip which she had long been planning.

Miss Snyder's "Log of the Collision," which she threw from the deck of the Republic to a reporter of The Evening World as the Republic's tug was alongside the liner off Sandy Hook, reads as follows:

"We sailed Friday under the most favorable conditions. The weather was perfect and the sea was calm until we ran into a fog the day before the accident. A little before 6 o'clock we were aroused by a terrible crash. Cries of help, sounds of hissing steam, the wild, disordered commands of officers and shouts of terrified seamen precipitated a scene of indescribable terror.

"All the Lights Out

"Everything was confusion. No one knew what had struck her. After the terror, the lights all went out and then we knew that the water had reached the engines and the dynamo. People rushed into the hallways and gangways, trembling and pale, clad only in their night clothes and blankets. We heard on deck that there had been a collision and then we saw the great black hull of the Italian emigrant, Florida, backing away after its terrific lunge. It was not for hours afterward that we learned that some one had been killed.

"After the first shock the women maintained their calmness with remarkable fortitude. The most of the passengers on the Republic were women. Five minutes after the crash they were as calm as if they were about to sit down to a meal.

"One hour after the collision we were transferred to the boat that had rammed us. The four hours we spent on the Florida were under conditions far from comfortable. We were crowded and huddled into corners. All this time the fog was so thick we could not see a hundred feet away. The bolts and horns were sounding. We had no wireless on the Florida and did not know where help was coming from.

"All day long we stood huddled as closely as sardines in a box on the upper deck, our eyes peering into the gloom for some answer from the outside world. Late in the day we had word from the Republic that the Baltic and

## All the Women Calm in a Time of Peril

Mrs. Thompson, a passenger of the steamship Republic, wrote a full account of her experiences immediately after she was put on board the Florida. This story, which was given to The Evening World, reads as follows:

"While we wait on this forlorn immigrant ship I will tell you of experiences which I hope will never happen again. I could not sleep during the fatal night. The fog was thick and it was so cold and dark. The fog horn blew all night and I could not sleep.

"I was beginning to rise when I heard a prolonged roar from the fog horn. Then came a long grinding crash. We jumped up, put on our wrappers and cloaks and went outside. People were standing about hugging one another and asking what had happened. It was 6:15 A. M. We got on the second deck and there a steward said we had better all dress in case anything happened.

"We went down to our rooms, feeling that some of the passengers might be hurt. Before we got to our stateroom a dozen men threw down the life preservers and said to take all of them.

"All Calm in Time of Peril

"We went up to the top deck and there found people running around in nightgowns and wrapping a man in

# TELL GRAPHIC STORIES

### Boston Woman Killed When Florida Struck Republic



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of us were wearing our life preservers. Some new blankets were given us and the first cheerful words we heard was that the great Baltic had turned around and was coming back to take us on board and tow in the Republic. We got some soup and some crusts of bread. We could not drink the soup but fed on the bread.

"The stateroom in which slept Mr. W. J. Mooney and his wife was so demolished that it was with difficulty that Mrs. Mooney was pulled out. She was wrapped up in blankets and sent off to the Florida, not knowing that her husband was instantly killed. She wandered about, asking why he did not come, and they told her he was hurt and they were taking better care of him on the Republic.

"One lady had a pair of corsets hanging outside of her coat for some occasion. One woman was carefully covered over with a bunch of violets.

## Coolness of Women Gave Courage to Men Aboard

Robert Frederikson, an exporter, who lives at No. 324 Union avenue, the Bronx, was bound for Egypt on the Republic.

"I was awakened by the terrible crash," he said, "and stumbled out of my bunk in the pitch darkness, scared almost to death. For a moment I thought I was in an earthquake, but I felt the ship rolling and lurching and I heard screams and howls around me and realized that I was not on land, but out at sea, six-hundred knots where I stepped out into a pool of water and began wallowing around and feeling for my clothes. I had on only a suit of pajamas and it was freezing cold. I knew where I had put my waistcoat and I got a match from my pocket and by its light I was able to get my trousers, shirt, shoes and a small handbag. Then I felt my way out of my cabin into the saloon. There everything was confusion and I pushed my way through men and women all, like myself, bent on getting on deck to find out what was the matter.

"Discipline Never Petter.

"When the passengers were transferred to the Florida the English sailors from the Republic manned the boats, but when we made the second transfer to the Baltic, the Italians from the Florida and the men from the Baltic helped with the job. I will say that I never saw better discipline and a more impressive display of coolness and bravery than all these crews showed.

## Evening World Reporters on Tug Getting Interviews from the Baltic



Reporters on Tug Dalgelline Taking to Passengers on the Baltic

## Women Show Marvellous Bravery in Face of Peril.

Henry Savage Landon, the African explorer, a passenger on the Baltic, and who has an appointment with President Roosevelt at Washington, was emphatic in his praise of the pluck and bravery of the American women aboard the Republic.

"Never in my life," said the explorer, "have I seen such splendid nerve exhibited by human beings as that displayed by the American women after the terrible ordeal through which the passengers of the Republic were forced to go.

"Transferred from one sinking ship to another and finally to the decks of the

## Woman Writer Is Saved After Falling in Water

"It was a mighty fine sensation when I felt that strong Italian hand seize me by the hair when I came up the second time," said Mrs. Alice Morse Earle, the author, who fell from the dory as she was being transferred from the Florida to the Baltic.

"I had about given up hope, and in the brief time that I fancied was allowed me before I became unconscious I was trying to resign myself to my fate. I cannot swim, and I knew I could never save myself, but I felt myself rising through those horrible green

## Tells How Her Berth Was Wrecked by Crash

Mrs. F. McCready and her daughter, Miss Grace McCready, of Chicago, were in stateroom No. 28, one of the "to" to receive the brunt of the collision. They escaped without a scratch by what Mrs. McCready referred reverently to as an act of divine Providence.

"It was only the will of God that saved our lives," she declared to an Evening World reporter, "for we were thrown from our berths and piled with wreckage. A great piece of iron became wedged over us but did not touch us, and we managed to crawl out un-

## Women and Children Taken From Ship First

James Cookcroft, president of the Edward Crompton Law Book Publishing Company, said that he was thrown from his berth. He was not especially alarmed until the lights went out. He had in his berth two electric storage pocket lamps. He was looking around the stateroom with one of these when water began to run in under the door. Then he roused his wife and joined the other passengers on deck. Mrs. Cookcroft said to an Evening World reporter:

"There was one thing that they insisted on. All the women and children, no matter whether they were cabin pas-

## This Was Her Third Disaster on the Sea

Miss Agnes Shackelford, of No. 62 West End avenue, this city, said of her experience on the Republic:

## Prince of Cooch-Bihar Had Red Neckties for All Men

It seemed remarkable that many of the men passengers from the Republic, few of whom had hats, some trousers and nearly all lacking some important article of polite costume, were flaunting red neckties as they marched down the gangplank of the Baltic. The explanation of this furnished one of the few amusing incidents of the catastrophe.

## Prince of Cooch-Bihar Had Red Neckties for All Men

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