

WOMEN START FUND TO AID STEERAGE WOMEN

NOTED WOMEN OF SOCIETY TAKE QUICK STEPS TO AID NEEDY TITANIC SURVIVORS

Thirty Meet at Home of Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt in Response to Call of Wife of Gen. Nelson H. Henry.

MORE THAN \$2,000 RAISED WITHIN THE FIRST HOUR

Evening World Subscribes \$1,000 to Fund--Mrs. Hewitt Chosen Honorary President of Committee.

Thirty women, who occupy high positions in New York's social life, met to-day at the home of Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt, No. 9 Lexington avenue, and organized the New York City Women's Relief Committee, which will aid the destitute steerage survivors of the Titanic. The idea of this women's relief committee was born in the mind of Mrs. Nelson H. Henry of No. 59 West Ninth street, wife of Gen. Henry, Surveyor of the Port of New York.

An hour after conceiving her scheme Mrs. Henry had received promises of co-operation from fifteen other women, and these were increased two-fold when the meeting was called to order in the drawing-room of Mrs. Hewitt's home. Mrs. Henry presided, and within fifteen minutes \$2,110 has been subscribed to the relief fund. The subscribers to the fund are:

- The Evening World..... \$1,000.00
- Mrs. Russell Sage..... 500.00
- Mrs. J. Herman Aldrich..... 250.00
- Mrs. Wilbur Fluke..... 150.00
- Mrs. Charles F. Roe..... 50.00
- Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge..... 50.00
- Mrs. Herman Aldrich..... 100.00
- Minor contributions..... 10.00

Total..... \$2,110.00

LOSE NO TIME IN PERFECTING THE ORGANIZATION.

Within a short time the women of the relief committee had perfected their organization, had named committees and had partially planned their campaign. A telegram was sent to President Taft as follows:

"The New York City Women's Relief Committee, to aid the steerage survivors of the Titanic, extends to the President of the United States their aid to supplement the work of the Government and of the Immigration authorities at the Port of New York. The women of the committee also extend to the President their sincerest sympathy in the loss of his military secretary, Major Butt."

Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt was elected honorary president of the committee, and Mrs. Nelson H. Henry will be chairman and treasurer of the Finance Committee. She will be assisted by Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, Mrs. James Herman Aldrich, Mrs. Sidney Dillon Ripley and Mrs. E. H. Harriman. Mrs. Aldrich will receive money contributions at her home, No. 150 West Fifty-ninth street.

COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FOR LIVING QUARTERS FOR WOMEN.

Mrs. Edward R. Hewitt will be chairman of the Housing Committee, which will arrange for living quarters to which the destitute steerage women and children may be taken upon their arrival in New York. She will be assisted on this committee by Miss Virginia Potter, Mrs. Richard Irvin, Mrs. Joseph Burden, Mrs. J. D. Prince, Mrs. Soffard Morgan, Mrs. Henry Ollshelmer and Miss Katherine W. Tweed. Mrs. Richard Irvin and Mrs. Joseph Burden will have as their special duties the care of the steerage children.

The Clothing Committee will be headed by Miss C. M. Stewart, who will have as her assistants Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, Mrs. Paul Dana, Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, Miss Grace Bigelow and Mrs. J. V. Olovitt. Donations of clothing, particularly underwear, shoes and stockings will be received by Mrs. Paul Dana at No. 1 Fifth avenue, Mrs. Henry F. Dimock at No. 25 East Sixtieth street, and Miss Grace Bigelow at No. 21 Gramercy Park.

A letter was received from Mrs. E. H. Harriman announcing her inability to attend the meeting and volunteering her assistance in arranging funds. Mrs. Harriman will be asked to aid the Finance Committee.

An entertainment committee to consider the advisability of giving a benefit theatrical performance for the benefit of the steerage survivors was appointed. Mrs. Henry is chairman of this committee, assisted by Mrs. Munson Morris, Mrs. J. Jordan Harriman and Miss Anne Morgan.

GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY CONTRIBUTION OF EVENING WORLD "I am pleased with the progress we are making," said Mrs. Henry. "The generous contribution of The Evening World gives me more encouragement than anything that has happened to-day. You may be sure that the \$1,000 will do a lot towards aiding us in our work of relief among the destitute steerage survivors. These are the survivors who will need prompt assistance; those of the first and second cabins have friends and means."

"I wish to thank The Evening World for its prompt response to such a worthy cause," said Mrs. Edward Ringwood Hewitt. "This contribution will greatly assist the women of the committee in carrying out their relief work."

Never before have the women of New York been so prompt in organizing for relief work as they have been in this instance. Mrs. Henry had fifteen volunteers within an hour after sending the call for assistance over the telephone last night, and at to-day's meeting thirty were present and telephone calls from at least a score of other women were received, volunteering their assistance.

Another meeting of the committee will be held to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Hewitt.

Members of the Committee of Society Women Who Will Aid Titanic's Destitute Survivors



CONGRESS TO CALL SURVIVORS TO TELL OF THE DISASTER

Senate Resolution Proposes International Regulation of Size of Liners.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—A sweeping resolution of inquiry into the Titanic disaster was presented to the Senate to-day by Senator Smith of Michigan, who asked immediate recognition.

NO TRUTH IN TALE OF WRECK SENT OUT FROM ST. JOHNS

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 17.—No details of the sinking of the White Star line steamer Titanic have been received in St. Johns. The Newfoundland Government officials, wireless operators and newspaper men have maintained a constant watch for any vessel likely to have particulars of the great tragedy.

REGULATION OF SIZE OF SHIPS IS PROPOSED

"Resolved, further, that the committee shall inquire particularly into the number of lifeboats, life rafts and life preservers and other equipment for the protection of the passengers and crew; the number of persons aboard the Titanic, whether passengers or crew and whether adequate inspections had been made of such vessel, in view of the large number of American passengers traveling over a route commonly regarded as dangerous from icebergs, and whether it is feasible for Congress to take steps looking to an international agreement to secure the protection of sea traffic, including regulation of the size of ships and designation of routes."

Peace Committee Extends Sympathy

LONDON, April 17.—A meeting of the executive committee of the British Committee for the Celebration of the Centenary of Peace, held under the presidency of Earl Grey, to-day passed the following resolution:

"This committee formed to celebrate the centenary of unbroken peace and friendship between the British Empire and the United States of America, desires to convey the expression of its profound and heartfelt sympathy to the families of those who have been lost with the Titanic. In particular it desires to express its solicitude for the safety of William T. Stead, a member of this committee, who was travelling by the vessel on a mission of peace."

The Utah Here for Repairs

The battleship Utah put in at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard yesterday for repairs. Two of her plates on the port bow were slightly dented by the collision with the tramp steamer Concord Monday in the fog. It will take two days to repair the ship.

WOMAN DESCRIBES PANIC FOLLOWING CRASH WITH BERG

DETROIT, Mich., April 17.—"The experience of hitting an iceberg in mid-ocean while you are sound asleep in your berth is not a very pleasant one," said Mrs. Charles Rush, who with her husband was to-day anxiously awaiting news of Alfred Rush, her sixteen-year-old brother-in-law. Young Rush was a passenger on the Titanic.

W. A. SPENCER WAS HEIR TO SPENCER MILLIONS

William A. Spencer of Paris, whose name does not appear on the list of the Lusitania and of the Elenora Spencer Council, Princess of Viovara. The Spencers are a family of great wealth. W. A. Spencer lived in Paris, as had his other brother, the late Charles D. Spencer.

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"I was crossing on the Empress of Ireland in 1908 when we hit an iceberg during the night while a few days out of Montreal," continued Mrs. Rush. "We all rushed on deck in our night clothes. All was confusion. The women started praying and screaming very frantically with fear. The officers finally calmed us and the men were set to work at the pumps while the women were locked below decks. Our wireless operator got in touch with other vessels soon after the accident and the other boats kept company with us."

MORGAN DID NOT GET EARLY NEWS OF TITANIC DISASTER

Positive denial that J. P. Morgan Jr. knew of the sinking of the Titanic early Monday morning and that he had personally demanded and forced the suppression of the news until after the stock market closed was made by Vice-President Franklin of the White Star Line at noon to-day.

Pope Expresses Sympathy

ROME, April 17.—Both Pope Pius and King Victor Emmanuel have expressed their deep sympathy for the victims of the Titanic disaster and have asked for the names of the survivors. Among the passengers were several American citizens who were known personally to the King and the Pope, as they were recently received by them in private audience.

LINER PICKED UP BODIES, SAYS OLYMPIC WIRELESS

Californian Probably on Way to Boston After Making Recovery in Floating Wreckage of Titanic—Capt. Haddock's Vain Race.

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BY ROY W. HOWARD. General News Manager, United Press Associations.

ON BOARD THE STEAMSHIP OLYMPIC, east bound, by wireless to Cape Race, and land lines to New York, April 17.—The bodies of some, at least, of the victims of the lost Titanic will be brought, probably to Boston, on the Leyland liner Californian. Wireless advices reaching us from the scene of the disaster say that some have already been recovered. They will be tenderly cared for, and we understand here that they will be taken to port as soon as the Californian resumes her interrupted voyage, just when we do not know.

The Olympic is proceeding. She could do nothing. The realization of the tragedy, followed by the knowledge that the younger sister of the Olympic went to the bottom while this great vessel was rushing to her aid at top speed and hoping against hope that she would get there on time, has stunned all on board. OLYMPIC IN GLOOM CONTINUES ON TRIP.

The captain's seat in the dining saloon, his cabin, everything about the Olympic is a reminder of Capt. Smith, first commander of the Olympic, who lost his life on the bridge of the sister ship. There is little talking among the passengers. In hushed whispers passengers and sailors all discuss the tragedy which is brought so lately home to every one here.

Since the word was received that the Titanic had struck a berg the apprehension has been very great. As soon as Capt. Haddock received the first wireless word of the disaster he turned the Olympic's prow toward the scene and sent her ahead at full speed. There was hope that we might arrive in time. That hope was shattered when we got into wireless reach of the Carpathia and the full news of the tragedy was received.

The word of the tragedy shocked and appalled every one. The Olympic's orchestra was hushed. The instruments were put into their cases and will not be heard again on this voyage at least. The helplessness of all was apparent. This was best shown by the heavy contribution made to the fund for the sailors and their dependents which was immediately raised. After remaining almost stationary most of Tuesday evening wireless messages excitedly the list of survivors from the Carpathia. Capt. Haddock was ordered to proceed on his voyage. Not until then was the use of the wireless permitted for any other purpose.

The above message received from Roy W. Howard, general news manager of the United Press at the New York office, this morning cleared up some of the missing details of the great ocean tragedy of the wrecked Titanic.

It shows plainly that Capt. Haddock must have been certain from the moment he received the first appeal for aid that the emergency was great. It will also lessen the fears of many of the near relatives of the victims of the tragedy that the bodies had been left until the vessels that left Halifax to-day

BILLS TO END GAMBLING IN FUTURES ARE FAVORED

Despite Opposition From Boards of Trade, Congress Committee Will Report Measures.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Despite opposition by various boards of trade, the House Committee on Agriculture to-day voted to make favorable reports on bills designed to end gambling in futures on cotton and grain.

These measures were reported, one by Representative Beall of Texas, Democrat, dealing with cotton, and the other by Representative Lever of South Carolina, Democrat, relating to corn, wheat and oats.

ANOTHER LINER STRIKES ICEBERG; ALL ABOARD SAVED

Accident, With Bow Smashed by Collision in Baltic Sea, Reaches Shoal Water.

FLENSBURG, Prussia, April 17.—The steamer Occident crashed into an iceberg in the Baltic Sea off Riga. Her entire bow was shattered but her captain managed to run her into shoal water before she began to sink and all passengers and crew were safely taken off.

LORD PIERCE Criticized. LONDON, April 17.—The electrical control of the outboards installed in the Titanic is coming in for much criticism. It is stated here that they are a poor idea of Lord Pierce who insisted on introducing them in ships built at Belfast despite the condemnation of many well known constructors who pin their faith to hydraulic power as being far more reliable.

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WITH 200 COFFINS, STEAMER GOES IN SEARCH OF BODIES

Cable Ship Leaves Halifax Under Charter of the White Star Line.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 17.—With two hundred coffins stacked on her forward deck, the cable ship Mackay-Bennett left this afternoon to explore the scene of the foundering of the Titanic and pick up bodies. She is under charter of the White Star line.

When this death ship passed out of the harbor thousands of citizens lined the docks, making a silent demonstration of sympathetic interest. The British flag at the Citadel was dropped to half mast.

In addition to her crew of eighty men, the Mackay-Bennett carried an undertaker and a staff of embalmers.

If any bodies are found they will be brought here. It is believed the ship will not return before ten days. She carries a wireless outfit, and news of the finding of bodies that can be identified will be flashed to the White Star

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