

"I didn't see anyone flash any money," he said. "I hear that some millionaire is said to have attempted to get himself, wife and their servants in a boat, and that he wrote big checks to the crew, but I did not see anything like that."

This is Vice President Franklin's story of what happened in the New York offices of the White Star:

"About twenty minutes to two Monday morning I was awakened by a reporter on the telephone who told me they had just heard the Titanic had sent out calls for assistance:

"The press association repeated what the reporter told me. I asked them if they couldn't hold back the news until it was confirmed. They told me it already had gone out.

"I sent a Marconigram to the captain of the Olympic asking him to get into communication with the Titanic. I then told all our people to report to the office.

"I then received the report that the Titanic had been struck by an iceberg and was sinking by the head. It was a press dispatch.

"But we had no authentic information.

"At 3 a. m. we sent another wireless to the Olympic, again urging it to get into communication with the Titanic.

"At 6 a. m. we sent another message to the Olympic. At that time we had absolutely no message from the Titanic.

"About 1 o'clock we got an-

other message from Captain Haddock that the Carpathia was in attendance and had picked up twenty of the Titanic's boats filled with passengers.

"We told the public these were mere rumors.

"About 3 p. m. Monday, we sent a message to the Olympic ordering it to relay messages from the Carpathia.

"About 6:27 p. m. we received the following message:

"Carpathia reached Titanic's position at daybreak. Boats and wreckage only of Titanic. About 675 souls saved. Carpathia returning to New York."

"It was signed Haddock, Captain of the Olympic.

"I telephoned to the directors, including J. Pierpont Morgan, and then gave the news to the reporters."

Franklin denied any censorship of the wireless.

He said that he knew nothing of the lifesaving devices on the Titanic, except that they were up to the standard for ocean liners.

When pressed for the reasons for getting Titanic's officers and crew out of the country, Franklin declared that it was because sailors were so "difficult to control."

He did not say if this also was the reason for the desire of Mr. Ismay, managing director, to get out of the country.

"Titanic was racing for America to make a trip that would startle the world," says dispatches. As usual, the dare-devil-try costs lives of the innocent.