

# WOMEN CALM AS CARPATHIA SAVES THEM FROM SEA

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NEW YORK, April 19.—Women survivors of the Titanic were calm and apparently unafraid when the Carpathia reached the wreck scene. Some of the lifeboats were being rowed by women when Captain Rostron, who had kept an all-night vigil on the bridge, first sighted them splashing about among the icebergs.

Mrs. C. F. Crane of Fort Sheridan, Ill., a passenger on the Carpathia, today gave a graphic account of the Carpathia's thrilling race with death. She said news of the disaster had become known to the Cunarder's passengers and that scores of men and women were lined along the deck watching for the first sight of the crippled Titanic.

"With the aid of glasses," Mrs. Crane continued, "we soon sighted the lifeboats. The first to come into view was 'manned' by women. Passengers and seamen aboard the Carpathia were stunned. 'She has sunk,' said an officer of the ship, who stood near me. And then I realized for the first time that many lives had been lost.

## Women Remarkably Calm.

"As the Carpathia slowed up the women at the oars of the first boat did not seem to be the least bit excited. It was a remarkable thing, the calmness of the women. Some were thinly clad, while others were dressed in evening gowns. Other boats came into view. It seemed as they were coming from behind icebergs. And the women in the boats were too dazed to realize their situation. Some of the boats were only half filled, and the men who had been rowing were completely exhausted. When all the boats had been picked up and there were no others in sight, the first outburst of

Mrs. Lena Rogers of Boston was saved from the Titanic in a boat which carried fifty-five women passengers. Crowded to more than its capacity, the boat was in danger of being swamped, when Fourth Officer Louve, who had it in charge, succeeded in transferring some of his passengers to one of the other boats.

## Revolver Holds Back Men.

"As we left the Titanic," she said, "several men were on the point of jumping into our boat, already overcrowded. They were stopped by Officer Louve, drawing a revolver. After taking us out of range of the Titanic's suction, he transferred us to other boats that had not been completely filled and went back after more from the sinking ship. Too much praise cannot be given the officer's work."

Mrs. J. J. Brown of Denver, Colo., told of helping her own boat by taking a hand at the oars. There was no one else in the boat who could help the three inexperienced sailor boys in the boat.

"The most trying moment," said Mrs. Brown, "was at the instant the boats were being sent away. After we were once away we seemed too dazed to realize what had happened until the Carpathia picked us up."