

MRS. WOOLCOTT TELLS HER STORY

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the big liner went down. They watched the lights go out deck by deck, heard the band play "Nearer My God to Thee," as those still on the wreck went nearer to eternity, and saw helpless men and women still on the deck of the great Leviathan of the sea as the two broken parts took their last plunge. Their feelings were beyond describing, as out there on the calm, smooth ocean they waited for the help that was surely coming and thought of the hapless ones that had given up their lives because there were not boats enough for all.

The life boats were equipped with water and biscuits. The one Mrs. Woolcott was in held six men two of them sailors. They were on the water from 12:30 to 6:30. At 3:30 they saw the Carpathia approaching. "No one can tell the joy there was in our hearts," Mrs. Woolcott said. "When three hours later we were taken up her side on a ladder. The passengers were immediately taken to the purser and given a hot meal and asked for any messages they wished to send to their friends. It was a great relief to have the friends who had learned of the accident know that they were safe. They were treated well on the Carpathia, all the men, even to the sailors, giving up their berth to the saved women. Some of them had to sleep on straw mattresses, but that was nothing, as they could hear the charm of the churning engines propelling them to the friends so anxiously awaiting them. A hundred or more were confined to the hospitals. Many ludicrous costumes were designed out of material that came the handiest, and passengers of the Carpathia with an oversupply were very generous. "One of the things that kept up the spirits of the passengers," Mrs. Woolcott declared, was the amusement they got out of laughing at

the queer clothes worn by the survivors. No one saved anything to speak of, many being taken in to the life boats in night attire, the wonder being that some of them lived through the dreadful experience, the exposure in the open boats being severe even to those dressed for it. Mrs. Woolcott was better prepared than many of the others.

In closing Mrs. Woolcott very feelingly thanked those who had given her such a hearty reception.

Mrs. Woolcott has a pleasing and charming personality and was perfectly composed and natural during her recital of the terrible ocean tragedy which she said seemed too horrible to repeat. Her pronounced English dialect added interest to her story and she exhibited the long woolen coat which protected her from the bitter cold during the long hours adrift in the boat.

At the conclusion of her remarks she thanked the Cottage Grove people heartily for the interest they had taken in herself and husband and said she was most grateful for this kindly welcome and hearty reception.

At the close of her story she was presented with a beautiful silver purse well filled, by Mrs. Waterhouse on behalf of the citizens of Cottage Grove. The program closed with a vocal solo by Mrs. Waterhouse who said she usually sang to her audience, but on this occasion would sing to the guest of the evening. While the great audience filed along and personally greeted Mr. and Mrs. Woolcott, Prof. Waterhouse presided at the organ. Mr. Woolcott also thanked the audience for the kindly welcome extended to himself and bride.

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ones who received any consideration at his hands. He spoke of the partisan and unfair criticism of his administration by the opposition party papers, but declared it made no difference to him as he was not a candidate for any office.

He said, in defense of his recent wholesale discharge of prison officials, that if a merchant found he was running behind in his business he began curtailing expenses by dispensing with some of his clerks, and he was simply applying the same rule to this state institution, "but," he continued, "separate an old politician from his job and you invariably hear something drop." He said other state institutions were greatly in need of a housecleaning and he intimated that more surprises were in store for the public.

He related many personal experiences with criminals and how his policy had made men out of

a number of young offenders and declared that he was engaged in the business of making men instead of throwing hardened criminals upon society. "Every man rich or poor must make himself useful and learn some trade or occupation in the penitentiary under my administration," declared the Governor. He favors state ownership and operation of the prison light plant and said that since the stove foundry was being removed from that institution many smaller industries would be inaugurated to furnish work and needed supplies for this and other state institutions.

The Governor was given close attention regardless of the unusually warm evening and was tendered a hearty reception at the close of his address. He remained in this city until 10 o'clock Monday morning when he went to Eugene.

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