

DR. DODGE'S WIFE TELLS STORY OF TITANIC WRECK

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Reaches Home with Husband and Son after Terrible Experience at Sea.

Seated in the library of her home on Washington street, amid a profusion of flowers sent by friends to express their welcome home, Mrs. Washington Dodge again told the story of her experiences on the night the ill-fated Titanic went down.

TOOK SECOND BOAT.

"It happened this way. There seems to have been an order issued that all women should congregate on the port side of the vessel. The vessel was injured on the starboard side, and even when I left the ship there was a slight list to starboard. We did not hear this order. I was in my stateroom, had retired again after the accident when the doctor came saying he had met our steward and had been told to get into a life preserver. I slipped on my fur coat over my night robe and preserver, put on my shoes without stockings; I did not stop to button them.

BOATS HALF FILLED.

"I supposed all the women were congregated on the port side because it would naturally be the highest side, and the safest because [it would be] the last to go down. We had no idea then that there would not be enough boats to go around. In fact, the first boats were only half filled.

CRYING OF THE DOOMED.

"The most terrible part of the experience was that awful crying after the ship went down. We were a mile away, but we heard it-oh, how we heard it. It seemed to last about an hour, although it may have been only a sort time, for some say a man could not have lived in that water over fifteen minutes. At last it died down.

WOMEN HYSTERICAL.

"After the crying died down, two or three of the women became hysterical-about what I don't know; they were missing none of their people. I was trying to keep baby from realization of what was happening, but when these women shrieked he would begin crying and asking, 'Where's papa?'

ON THE CARPATHIA.

"The most pathetic thing was the scene on board the Carpathia during the rescue. As each boat drew up the survivors would peer over, straining to see the face of someone they had left behind. They were the young brides - everybody on board, of course, had known they were brides, and they had watched them laughing and promenading with their husbands.

KINDNESS OF PASSENGERS

"Too much cannot be said of the kindness of the Carpathia's passengers. They gave up staterooms, they took the very clothing off their bodies for us. I left the Carpathia wearing garments given me by a woman whose name I do not know and will never know."

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