

Saved by Mrs. Astor from Death in Ocean

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Ernest Person, Titanic Passenger, Arrives at Indiana Harbor And Relates Rescue

Struggled in the Water

Declares Widow of Millionaire New Yorker Begged Crew to Drag Him Into Lifeboat

How he was saved after floating around in the ocean hanging to a thin plank for over an hour after the Titanic sank, by Mrs. John Jacob Astor, was told to-day by Ernest Person, 26 years old, a Swede, who arrived in Indiana Harbor, from New York. Person came with his brother-in-law William Stron[sic], whose wife and daughter, Thelma, 3 years old, went down with the ship. Stron went to New York in an effort to find his child among the unidentified little ones who were rescued.

"A woman stood up and pleaded with the seamen. I afterward learned that this woman was Mrs. John Jacob Astor. After a time the sailors consented, but the men on the overturned boat were first taken off. Then I climbed on the deserted craft and was later taken into the safer one.

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