

RESCUED WOMAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO HEROIC MEN ON TITANIC

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From the lips of the woman who was saved from the Titanic came today one of the most glowing tributes yet paid to the heroism and self-sacrifice of the brave men who gave their lives that women and children might be spared a watery grave.

Mrs William Coutts, of this city, described in graphic manner how she and her two sons, Neville and William 3 and 9 years old, respectively, were rescued through the bravery of men aboard the doomed vessel.

"My husband had sent me money to buy second-class passage for the children and myself." Said Mrs Coutts, "but I went in the steerage. I wanted to save the difference in passage money to help build up our home."

"I was asleep when the ship struck. The crash was slight that I thought little of it. I lay awake for fully fifteen minutes before I got up. I dressed myself slowly, and then went out on deck to see what the trouble was."

"Every one was hurrying, but there was no disorder. I heard some talk about lifeboats, and then I hurried back to the children. I tied life preservers on the boys and then looked around for one for myself. There was none in sight."

"I rushed out on deck with the children following me."

"Just when I had given up hope of finding my way a seaman came along and said "Hurry now; all women and children to the lifeboats."

"He took us to the side of the ship but I wanted a life preserver. Just then an American gentleman who had heard me asking for a life preserver stepped up to me. He raised his hat, and then slowly removed the life preserver he had strapped to himself."

"Take my life preserver, madam," he said. Then he reached over and put his hand on the children's heads. "If I go down, please pray for me." He said.

"There were other brave men on board the Titanic, for I saw them helping women into the lifeboats as our boat pulled away. After kissing those they helped into the boats the men

stepped back and did everything they could to load the boats quickly.”

“I was in the first boat that was picked up by the Carpathia. There were seventeen in our boat. It was frightfully cold, but neither I nor the children suffered as much as the others, because we were fully dressed.”

“When we got on board the Carpathia every one did everything possible for us. There was no discrimination, the poorest women receiving as much attention as the wealthiest.”

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