

United States Senate Inquiry

Day 9

Testimony of Frederick D. Ray

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(The witness was sworn by Senator Smith.)

Senator SMITH.
What is your full name?

Mr. RAY.
Frederick D. Ray.

Senator SMITH.
Where do you live?

Mr. RAY.
No. 56 Palmer Park Avenue, Reading, Burks.

Senator SMITH.
England?

Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

Senator SMITH.
How old are you?

Mr. RAY.
Thirty-three.

Senator SMITH.
Are you a man of family?

Mr. RAY.
No, sir; married.

Senator SMITH.
What is your business?

Mr. RAY.
Steward. I was first class steward on the [*Titanic*](#).

Senator SMITH.
What were your duties?

Mr. RAY.
To wait at the tables and set the saloon generally. That is all.

Senator SMITH.
Did you perform that service on the voyage from Southampton to the place of the wreck of the *Titanic*?

Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

Senator SMITH.
Were you on duty on Sunday?

Mr. RAY.
Not after 9 o'clock, sir.

Senator SMITH.
Sunday morning or evening?

Mr. RAY.
Evening.

26 Senator SMITH.
Not after 9 o'clock?

27 Mr. RAY.
Not after 9 o'clock, sir.

28 Senator SMITH.
Up to that hour were you on duty?

29 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

30 Senator SMITH.
Where?

31 Mr. RAY.
In the [saloon](#).

32 Senator SMITH.
Just give the location of that saloon on the ship.

33 Mr. RAY.
As near to amidships as could be, I should imagine; about five decks down and between fore and aft; about amidships.

34 Senator SMITH.
In the main saloon?

35 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

36 Senator SMITH.
Did you know the [captain](#) of the *Titanic* by sight?

37 Mr. RAY.
Very well, sir.

38 Senator SMITH.
Was he in that saloon that night?

39 Mr. RAY.
I did not notice him, sir.

40 Senator SMITH.
Would you have noticed him if he had been there?

41 Mr. RAY.
It is doubtful, sir. I was waiting on the starboard side, quite close to him, but I can not remember whether he was there at dinner that night or not. I did not make any point of remembering.

42 Senator SMITH.
Was it his custom to come there?

43 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

44 Senator SMITH.
Often?

45 Mr. RAY.
To most meals.

46 Senator SMITH.
Did he dine there that night?

47 Mr. RAY.
I could not say, sir.

48 Senator SMITH.
Where was his table?

49 Mr. RAY.

In the center of the saloon; the sixth table on the forward end of the saloon; back toward the bow of the ship.

50 Senator SMITH.

Did he have a personal waiter or steward of his own?

51 Mr. RAY.

Yes, sir.

52 Senator SMITH.

Who was he?

53 Mr. RAY.

A man named Phainten [[James Paintin](#)], I think it was; I am almost sure.

54 Senator SMITH.

Did he survive?

55 Mr. RAY.

No, sir. He was last seen on the [bridge](#), standing by the captain.

56 Senator SMITH.

Did you see [Mr. Ismay](#) in the saloon that night?

57 Mr. RAY.

I did not notice him, sir. He was on the other side. I believe he had a table on the port side of the saloon, and I was waiting on the starboard side. It being a large saloon and there being a great number of people there, I would not have noticed him, because I would not go over to the other side of the saloon. I would go right up on the starboard side.

58 Senator SMITH.

Did you know him by sight?

59 Mr. RAY.

Yes, sir; very well.

60 Senator SMITH.

Did you know he was on board ship?

61 Mr. RAY.

Yes, sir; I have seen him on several occasions.

62 Senator SMITH.

I think I understood you to say you did not know whether the captain dined at his customary place that Sunday evening or not?

63 Mr. RAY.

Quite correct, sir.

64 Senator SMITH.

If you can remember, whom did you serve on that voyage from Southampton to the place of the accident, if you know any by name?

65 Mr. RAY.

Who did I serve?

66 Senator SMITH.

Yes.

67 Mr. RAY.

I waited on [Maj. Butt](#), [Mr. Moore](#), [Mr. Millet](#), [Mr. Clark](#), and [Mrs. Clark](#).

68 Senator SMITH.

Any others?

69 Mr. RAY.

That is all, sir.

70 Senator SMITH.

What time did they dine on Sunday night?

71 Mr. RAY.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Millet dined together about 7:30, and finished dinner about 8:15. Maj. Butt was not down, because he was dining in the restaurant.

72 Senator SMITH.
Did you know with whom he was dining?

73 Mr. RAY.
No, sir.

74 Senator SMITH.
Have you since heard from anyone whether he was dining with the captain?

75 Mr. RAY.
No, sir. I heard since that he was dining with the [Widener's](#). I do not know whether it is true or not, though, sir; that is only what I heard.

76 Senator SMITH.
From whom did you hear that? Just to refresh your recollection, let me ask whether you understood from anybody that Mrs. Widener gave a dinner in the cafe that night, Sunday night, to the captain of the ship, [Mr. and Mrs. Carter](#), [Mr. and Mrs. John B. Thayer](#), [Harry Widener, jr.](#), and Maj. Butt? Was this the report that you heard?

77 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir. I think it was Mrs. Moore. I saw Mrs. Moore after I arrived here. I think it was. I heard Maj. Butt was dining with the Widener's. I did not hear it on the ship.

78 Senator SMITH.
You do not know who waited on them in the café?

79 Mr. RAY.
No, sir. No survivor. There was only one survivor, I believe, from the restaurant.

80 Senator SMITH.
Who was he?

81 Mr. RAY.
He was a scullion.

82 Senator SMITH.
He was a dishwasher, was he not?

83 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir; a dishwasher, to be more correct; and there were two lady clerks. They would probably remember. They are not here. They are survivors, but they have gone back to England.

84 Senator SMITH.
You say none of the stewards in the café survived except -

85 Mr. RAY. (*interrupting*).
No stewards; the two lady clerks and the dishwasher.

86 Senator SMITH.
How many people were employed in that cafe?

87 Mr. RAY.
I believe over 100. I do not know how many, but I think over 100.

88 Senator SMITH.
Over 100, in the cafe?

89 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

90 Senator SMITH.
How many people were in the main saloon?

91 Mr. RAY.
In the main dining saloon, sir?

92 Senator SMITH.

Yes.

93 Mr. RAY.
I heard since that there were 104.

94 Senator SMITH.
Do you know how many survived among the employees in that dining room?

95 Mr. RAY.
I heard it was just over 40, but I do not know. I can not speak with any accuracy.

96 Senator SMITH.
When did you last see Maj. Butt and the other people on whom you waited at their regular table?

97 Mr. RAY.
I saw Maj. Butt for the last time at luncheon, when he left, on Sunday. Mr. Moore and Mr. Millet I saw at dinner. Mr. Moore I saw coming from the [smoke room](#) afterwards, with other people whom I did not notice, just before going to my station. Mr. Clark I did not see

98 Senator SMITH.
Just before you were going to your station?

99 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

100 Senator SMITH.
That is, to your lifeboat?

101 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

102 Senator SMITH.
Go ahead.

103 Mr. RAY.
Mr. Clark and Mrs. Clark I did not see at all after luncheon that day.

104 Senator SMITH.
Where was your bunk located?

105 Mr. RAY.
On [E deck, No. 8 room](#).

106 Senator SMITH.
Forward or aft or amidships?

107 Mr. RAY.
It was about amidships, on the deck below the saloon.

108 Senator SMITH.
Who had the rooms around you at that time?

109 Mr. RAY.
Other stewards were forward and aft.

110 Senator SMITH.
Anyone that survived, that you now recall?

111 Mr. RAY.
Lots of them.

112 Senator SMITH.
How were you aroused from your slumber?

113 Mr. RAY.
By the impact.

114 Senator SMITH.
What kind of a shock was it, if any?

115 Mr. RAY.
A kind of a movement that went backward and forward. I thought something had gone wrong in the engine

room. I did not think of any iceberg.

116 Senator SMITH.
Did you know [Mr. Andrews](#), of the shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff, who built this vessel?

117 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir. I was at Belfast and waited on him around there on the [Olympic](#) and the *Titanic*.

118 Senator SMITH.
Do you know what deck his stateroom was on?

119 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; I do not know.

120 Senator SMITH.
Do you know where he sat generally in the main saloon?

121 Mr. RAY.
I could not be sure, sir; but I fancy it was on the port side, aft.

122 Senator SMITH.
Is that where Mr. Ismay had his table?

123 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; I do not know where Mr. Ismay sat.

124 Senator SMITH.
It was not at the captain's table?

125 Mr. RAY.
No, sir.

126 Senator SMITH.
Did you see Mr. Andrews after the boat struck?

127 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; I did not.

128 Senator SMITH.
You were aroused by this impact?

129 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

130 Senator SMITH.
What did you do?

131 Mr. RAY.
Woke up everybody in the room. I sat up in my bunk and waited -

132 Senator SMITH. (*interposing*)
Was this a large room?

133 Mr. RAY.
Twenty-eight slept in the room, sir.

134 Senator SMITH.
Stewards?

135 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir; mostly saloon stewards.

136 Senator SMITH.
When this impact came, you roused yourself?

137 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

138 Senator SMITH.
And woke up everybody in the room?

139 Mr. RAY.

They were all awakened by the impact.

140 Senator SMITH.
All were awakened?

141 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

142 Senator SMITH.
Did they all get up?

143 Mr. RAY.
No, sir.

144 Senator SMITH.
Did you get up?

145 Mr. RAY.
No, sir.

146 Senator SMITH.
Did you go back to sleep?

147 Mr. RAY.
I was going off to sleep again when they came in and told us to get to the lifeboats.

148 Senator SMITH.
Who told you that?

149 Mr. RAY.
First the saloon steward and then [Mr. Dodd](#), the second steward.

150 Senator SMITH.
To get to the lifeboats?

151 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

152 Senator SMITH.
How long was that after the impact?

153 Mr. RAY.
As near as I could make out, it was about 20 minutes. It was around about 12 o'clock.

154 Senator SMITH.
Did you all get out then?

155 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

156 Senator SMITH.
Where did you go?

157 Mr. RAY.
I dressed myself and put on my lifebelt, and went along the working alleyway to the back stairway, waited to take my turn with about 20 others, and we went straight on up to [C deck](#). I saw the second steward up there and he asked me to get a lifebelt. I went through five staterooms and saw nobody there in either of them. I found a lifebelt in the fifth stateroom and took it to him, and proceeded on up to the boat deck, to [No. 9](#) boat, which was my boat, allotted to me.

158 Senator SMITH.
Did you find it there when you got on the [boat deck](#)?

159 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

160 Senator SMITH.
Uncovered?

161 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir; just being swung out.

162 Senator SMITH.
Whom did you find there at the boat?

163 Mr. RAY.
Sailors and about a dozen other men.

164 Senator SMITH.
How many sailors?

165 Mr. RAY.
About two sailors at each one at the winding arrangement to wind the boat up.

166 Senator SMITH.
And about a dozen other men?

167 Mr. RAY.
About a dozen other men; Yes, sir.

168 Senator SMITH.
Who were the men?

169 Mr. RAY.
The crew in general and one or two passengers.

170 Senator SMITH.
Did you know any of the passengers that you saw there?

171 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; I did not take any notice.

172 Senator SMITH.
Did you see any women there?

173 Mr. RAY.
I did not at that time, sir.

174 Senator SMITH.
You did not?

175 Mr. RAY.
No, sir.

176 Senator SMITH.
What officer stood at lifeboat No. 9, if any?

177 Mr. RAY.
There was an officer there, but I do know what rank he took. He did not survive, so I do not know him. I did not know any of them, in fact only [Mr. Murdoch](#).

178 Senator SMITH.
It was not Mr. Murdoch?

179 Mr. RAY.
They were new officers to me, and I did not have time to find out what rank he was.

180 Senator SMITH.
But you know it was not Mr. Murdoch?

181 Mr. RAY.
I know it was not Mr. Murdoch.

182 Senator SMITH.
He was the officer of the watch that night?

183 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

184 Senator SMITH.
When you got to lifeboat No. 9 and saw those 8 or 10 men standing around it and one or two passengers and no women, what took place?

185 Mr. RAY.

I went to the rail and looked over and saw the first boat leaving the ship on the starboard side. By that time I was feeling rather cold, so I went down below again, to my [bedroom](#), the same way that I came up.

186 Senator SMITH.
What did you do then?

187 Mr. RAY.
I got my overcoat on. I went along E deck. There was nobody in No. 3 when I left.

188 Senator SMITH.
No. 3 room?

189 Mr. RAY.
No. 3 room, where I slept. I went along E deck and [forward](#), and the forward part of E deck was under water. I could just manage to get through the doorway into the main stairway. I went across to the other side of the ship where the passengers' cabins were; saw nobody there. I looked to see where the water was and it was corresponding on that side of the ship to the port side. I walked leisurely up to the main stairway, passed two or three people on the way, saw the two pursers in the [purser's office](#) and the clerks busy at the safe taking things out and putting them in bags, and just then [Mr. Rothschild](#) left his stateroom and I waited for him -

190 Senator SMITH.
Did you know him?

191 Mr. RAY.
Yes; I had waited on him on the *Olympic*.

192 Senator SMITH.
Let us fix the place. You were still on E deck?

193 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

194 Senator SMITH.
And at his stateroom?

195 Mr. RAY.
I did not say that I was in any stateroom then -

196 Senator SMITH.
I thought you saw Mr. Rothschild?

197 Mr. RAY.
I had come through D deck and then C deck and I saw Mr. Rothschild.

198 Senator SMITH.
All right; go ahead.

199 Mr. RAY.
I spoke to him and asked him where his wife was. He said she had gone off in a boat. I said, "This seems rather serious." He said, "I do not think there is any occasion for it." So we walked leisurely up the stairs until I got to A deck and went through the door. I went out there onto the open deck and along to No. 9 boat. It was just being filled with women and children. I assisted. I saw that lowered away. Then I went along to No. 11 boat, and saw that loaded with women and children and then that was lowered away. Then I went to No. 13 boat. I saw that about half filled with women and children. They said, "A few of you men get in here." There were about nine to a dozen men there, passengers and crew. I saw Mr. Washington Dodge there, asking where his wife and child were. He said they had gone away in one of the boats. He was standing well back from the boat, and I said, "You had better get in here, then." I got behind him and pushed him and I followed. After I got in there was a rather big woman came along, and we helped her in the boat. She was crying all the time and saying, "Don't put me in the boat; I don't want to go in the boat; I have never been in an open boat in my life. Don't let me stay in." I said, "You have got to go, and you may as well keep quiet."

200 After that there was a small child rolled in a blanket thrown into the boat to me, and I

201 caught it. The woman that brought it along got into the boat afterwards. We left about
 three or four men on the deck, at the rail, and they went along to 15 boat.
 The boat was lowered away until we got nearly to the water, when two or three of us
 noticed a very large discharge of water coming from the ship's side, which I thought was
 the pumps working. The hole was about 2 feet wide and about a foot deep, a solid mass of
 water coming out from the hole. I realized that if the boat was lowered down straight away
 the boat would be swamped and we should all be thrown into the water. We shouted for
 the boat to be stopped from being lowered, and they responded promptly and stopped
 lowering the boat.
 202 We got oars and pushed it off from the side of the ship. It seemed impossible to lower the
 boat without being swamped; we pushed it out from the side of the ship and the next I
 knew we were in the water free from this discharge. I do not think there were any sailors
 or quartermasters in the boat, because they apparently did not know how to get free from
 the tackle. They called for knives to cut the boat loose, and somebody gave them a knife
 and they cut the boat loose. In the meantime we were drifting a little aft and boat No. 15
 was being lowered immediately upon us, about 2 feet over our heads, and we all shouted
 again, and they again replied very promptly and stopped lowering boat No. 15.
 203 We pushed out from the side of the ship. Nobody seemed to take command of the boat, so
 we elected a fireman to take charge. He ordered us to put out the oars and pull straight
 away from the ship. We pulled all night with short intervals for rest. I inquired if the ladies
 were all warm, and they said they were quite warm and they had a blanket to spare. There
 seemed to be very little excitement in the boat. They were all quite calm and collected.
 204 Senator SMITH.
 Did you return to the scene of the sinking of the vessel at all after you left the boat's side?
 205 Mr. RAY.
 No. I was not in charge of the boat, I was only pulling an oar. I objected to pulling away
 from the ship at all.
 206 Senator SMITH.
 You objected?
 207 Mr. RAY.
 Yes. I wanted to stand by the ship, but, of course, my voice was not much against the
 others. We had six oars in the boat, and several times I refused to row, but eventually gave
 in and pulled with the others.
 208 Senator SMITH.
 How many people were in your boat, No. 13?
 209 Mr. RAY.
 I did not count them. It was impossible to count them, either then or in the morning.
 210 Senator SMITH.
 You never did count them?
 211 Mr. RAY.
 No; I never did.
 212 Senator SMITH.
 What was the proportion of men to women?
 213 Mr. RAY.
 I should imagine there, were about two-thirds women and one-third men.
 214 Senator SMITH.
 Did you know who the men were, or any of them?
 215 Mr. RAY.
 I know several of them: yes, sir.
 216 Senator SMITH.

Will you give their names?

217 Mr. RAY.
I can give the name of one of them; Wright, steward. Another was Mr. Washington Dodge, first class passenger.

218 Senator SMITH.
Anyone else?

219 Mr. RAY.
I am afraid I do not know anybody else.

220 Senator SMITH.
Do you know the names of any of the women?

221 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; I do not. They were mostly second and third class women.

222 Senator SMITH.
Waitresses or stewardesses?

223 Mr. RAY.
There were no waitresses or stewardesses on our boat at all, sir. There were two or three children: one very young baby, 7 months old.

224 Senator SMITH.
Did all these people in lifeboat No. 13 reach the [Carpathia](#) alive?

225 Mr. RAY.
Quite safely, sir. It was about the best boat there, I imagine, from what I heard.

226 Senator SMITH.
Was lifeboat No. 13 a full-sized lifeboat?

227 Mr. RAY.
Full-sized; yes, sir.

228 Senator SMITH.
Did you have a lamp in it?

229 Mr. RAY.
We did not look for it, sir. Well, we looked for it, but it may have been in a locker; and owing to the crowded condition of the boat, we could not make a thorough search.

230 Senator SMITH.
You did not find any?

231 Mr. RAY.
No, sir.

232 Senator SMITH.
You saw No. 9., and, as I understood you, No. 11 and No. 13 boats loaded?

233 Mr. RAY.
I did, sir.

234 Senator SMITH.
And assisted in loading them?

235 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

236 Senator SMITH.
During that time, while you were loading those boats, did you see any of the people whom you especially waited on at your table in the dining room?

237 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; I did not.

238 Senator SMITH.
At no time?

239 Mr. RAY.

Not at that time, sir.
240 Senator SMITH.
Did you see them at all?
241 Mr. RAY.
I saw Mr. Moore coming from the smoking room, as I stated. That was the only one.
242 Senator SMITH.
But you did not see any of these people you have named at the lifeboats?
243 Mr. RAY.
No, sir.
244 Senator SMITH.
I wish you would tell the committee how far out from the side of the boat deck these three
lifeboats that you helped to fill hung on the davits.
245 Mr. RAY.
We did not lower them from the boat deck, sir.
246 Senator SMITH.
Where did you lower them from?
247 Mr. RAY.
"A" deck.
248 Senator SMITH.
They were lowered to the next deck?
249 Mr. RAY.
They were lowered to the next deck down.
250 Senator SMITH.
And loaded there?
251 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.
252 Senator SMITH.
Were there people on the upper or boat deck at that time?
253 Mr. RAY.
I heard so, afterwards.
254 Senator SMITH.
You say you went to No.9, which was your boat?
255 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.
256 Senator SMITH.
Was it then suspended at the boat deck, or at A deck?
257 Mr. RAY.
At A deck, sir.
258 Senator SMITH.
Do you know of any other lifeboats that were lowered to A deck and filled from A deck?
259 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir; No. 15, sir.
260 Senator SMITH.
That lowering of these four lifeboats on the starboard side to A deck suspended them by
their gear how far below the upper deck?
261 Mr. RAY.
Four or five feet, sir - about 5 feet, I imagine - from the boat deck.
262 Senator SMITH.
In that position was it not a little difficult to get into the lifeboats?
263 Mr. RAY.

That was from the boat deck. They loaded them at A deck. You could get off A deck straight into the boat, without any difficulty. I saw no difficulty whatever in loading the passengers into the boat.

264 Senator SMITH.
That is, at A deck the lifeboats were out away from the deck about 2 1/2 or 3 feet?

265 Mr. RAY.
They certainly were not.

266 Senator SMITH.
I mean at the boat deck.

267 Mr. RAY.
At the boat deck they were lower than the boat deck. I say there were about 4 feet from the boat deck - that is, lower than the boat deck, not out from the boat deck. They hung straight down, and they were dropped to A deck, and the people got over the rail and got straight into them without any difficulty whatever.

268 Senator SMITH.
Lamp trimmer Hemming says that the boat he assisted in loading was out about 2 1/2 to 3 feet.

269 Mr. RAY.
I did not experience it, sir.

270 Senator SMITH.
You did not experience anything of that kind?

271 Mr. RAY.
No, sir.

272 Senator SMITH.
The boats, when lowered to A deck, were accessible without jumping into them?

273 Mr. RAY.
They certainly were, sir.

274 Senator SMITH.
Did anyone who attempted to get into them fall?

275 Mr. RAY.
No, sir. We had no accidents whatever. I saw no accident whatever.

276 Senator SMITH.
You spoke of the little baby being thrown to you.

277 Mr. RAY.
It was just thrown about 2 or 3 feet to me, and I caught it, unrolled the blankets, and found that it was a little baby.

278 Senator SMITH.
Did the boat hang against the rail at A deck?

279 Mr. RAY.
It was not touching the rail, sir; but it was quite close enough to get in without any exertion at all.

280 Senator SMITH.
That is, within a few inches, or feet?

281 Mr. RAY.
It may have been that distance (indicating about a foot).

282 Senator SMITH.
A foot?

283 Mr. RAY.
It may have been a foot. There was not any difficulty in getting into the boat, anyway.

284 Senator SMITH.

Did you see any male passengers, or men of the crew, ordered out, or thrown out, of these lifeboats on the starboard side?

285 Mr. RAY.
None whatever, sir; I seen no occasion for it. Everybody was very orderly, and there was no occasion to throw any body about.

286 Senator SMITH.
Did you see Mr. Ismay in either of these boats?

287 Mr. RAY.
No, sir: I did not.

288 Senator SMITH.
How many boats had gone from the starboard side when you reached No. 9?

289 Mr. RAY.
I could not swear to that, but I fancied they had all gone forward. Nos. 15, 11, 9 and 13 were the last four to leave the ship. They had all left excepting those numbers.

290 Senator SMITH.
I do not remember whether I asked you - if not, I will now - how many of the crew were in your boat, No. 13?

291 Mr. RAY.
As far as I can remember, sir, there were about four or five firemen, one baker, and three stewards. The remainder were second and first class passengers and third class passengers.

292 Senator SMITH.
Do you know who they were?

293 Mr. RAY.
I only know Mr. Washington Dodge.

294 Senator SMITH.
You do not know who the others were?

295 Mr. RAY.
He was the only passenger that I knew by name.

296 Senator SMITH.
There were nine of the crew?

297 Mr. RAY.
About nine, sir.

298 Senator SMITH.
And one male passenger. Were there any more male passengers?

299 Mr. RAY.
Only second and third class; no more first class male passengers that I saw or first class female passengers.

300 Senator SMITH.
I would like to know how many first class male passengers there were.

301 Mr. RAY.
I could not say, sir. There was one Japanese. I remember a Japanese, very well, being there. I have no idea, because I could not discriminate second from third class passengers.

302 Senator SMITH.
Was there any crowd on A deck while you were loading those boats?

303 Mr. RAY.
None whatever, sir. I do not mean to say no crowd. There were people waiting to get into the boat, and when the boat was filled and ready to be lowered away we left about four men on the deck, and they went along to No. 15, and got in there quite easily.

304 Senator SMITH.
Was there any rule of your company with which you were familiar requiring lifeboats to

be loaded from the upper or boat deck?

305 Mr. RAY.
I know of none, sir.

306 Senator SMITH.
Was the station list; or boat list, posted on the upper deck?

307 Mr. RAY.
In the first class pantry.

308 Senator SMITH.
I would like to know, if it is possible for you to tell me, how many you had in lifeboat No. 13, altogether?

309 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; I have no idea. There may have been 50, there may have been 60, or there may have been less.

310 Senator SMITH.
It was full?

311 Mr. RAY.
It was full. There was not room to pull the oars. We could not work the boat with any sense of satisfaction.

312 Senator SMITH.
Who attended the tiller on lifeboat No. 13?

313 Mr. RAY.
A fireman, I understood.

314 Senator SMITH.
You are sure one woman did not attend the tiller?

315 Mr. RAY.
Quite sure, sir; positive. No woman touched the tiller, sir, through the night, and no woman touched an oar through the night. A woman offered to take my oar, but I said I was good for another few hours.

316 Senator SMITH.
Have you any idea, yourself, or can you give any explanation, as to how those boats on the starboard side - Nos. 9, 11, 13, and 15 - happened to be loaded at A deck?

317 Mr. RAY.
Only from what I heard afterwards.-

318 Senator SMITH.
I do not ask for any gossip about it, and I do not want to press you on the matter; but if you do know I would like to know.

319 Mr. RAY.
I do not know. Had I not gone down below - had I remained on the boat deck I should not have been on A deck; but when I came out of the door and saw they were loading boats on A deck I remained on A deck and helped to load them with passengers.

320 Senator SMITH.
Do you know any of the passengers or crew other than those you have mentioned in these four lifeboats, Nos. 9, 11, 13, and 15?

321 Mr. RAY.
No, sir. I do not remember.

322 Senator SMITH.
Do you know who had charge of these boats after they were lowered?

323 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; I do not.

324 Senator SMITH.

You never saw any of the persons who sat at your table after the accident occurred except Mr. Moore?

325 Mr. RAY.
Quite correct, sir.

326 Senator SMITH.
To whom you have already referred?

327 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

328 Senator SMITH.
I think that is all.

329 Senator FLETCHER.
Was No.15 lowered immediately after No.13?

330 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir; lowered nearly on top of us.

331 Senator FLETCHER.
How many persons did No.15 contain?

332 Mr. RAY.
So far as I could see in the dark, it was full.

333 Senator FLETCHER.
Could you tell what proportion of them were male and what proportion female?

334 Mr. RAY.
I could not discriminate male from female, sir. When our boat was lowered away they shouted out, "Is there any women or children to go?" and somebody said, "No."

335 Senator SMITH.
Did you see any passengers or hear any passengers on the boat deck at that time?

336 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; we did not hear any thing up there.

337 Senator FLETCHER.
Do you know whether these lifeboats swung away from the rail on the boat deck?

338 Mr. RAY.
They swung straight down.

339 Senator FLETCHER.
I understand; but when they were suspended at the boat deck, what was the distance out from the rail?

340 Mr. RAY.
It would be so they could walk straight into them.

341 Senator FLETCHER.
From the boat deck?

342 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

343 Senator FLETCHER.
The same as below?

344 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

345 Senator FLETCHER.
How long was it after No. 15 reached the water, before the [Titanic](#) went down?

346 Mr. RAY.
I could not say. We had pulled away from the ship. The man at the tiller kept on urging us to pull and get out of the suction of the ship.

347 Senator FLETCHER.

How far away had you gotten?

348 Mr. RAY.
We had got about three-quarters of a mile, I suppose, to a mile so far as I could judge.

349 Senator FLETCHER.
Did you see the lights of the Titanic?

350 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

351 Senator FLETCHER.
Had you gotten as far as three-quarters of a mile before the lights went out on the Titanic?

352 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir; we were about a mile off when the lights went out.

353 Senator FLETCHER.
Those were the last boats lowered on the starboard side, were they?

354 Mr. RAY.
Yes, sir.

355 Senator FLETCHER.
Do you know anything about any being lowered on the port side?

356 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; I do not.

357 Senator FLETCHER.
You do not know whether the boats had been lowered on the port side when No. 15 was lowered on the starboard side?

358 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; I do not.

359 Senator FLETCHER.
Who was directing the loading of the boats on the starboard side?

360 Mr. RAY.
I could not see in the dark. I do not know who was acting in directing the loading of them. I believe there was an officer there, but I could not say.

361 Senator FLETCHER.
Was there any one officer who seemed to have charge of it?

362 Mr. RAY.
If he had charge of it - if he had charge when No. 13 was lowered - he must have been on the boat deck. I did not see any officer on the A deck when it was lowered. There were women and children came up and simply were put in the boat, and got in afterwards, and she was lowered away.

363 Senator FLETCHER.
Who superintended the work of loading the boats - your boat for instance?

364 Mr. RAY.
Nobody superintended the lowering of our boat, sir; that I know of.

365 Senator FLETCHER.
Was there not any officer superior to you in charge of that boat?

366 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; not that I know of.

367 Senator FLETCHER.
Did you see the collapsible boats?

368 Mr. RAY.
No sir; not that I know of; I did not see any collapsible boats.

369 Senator FLETCHER.
In the morning?

370 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; only one that was turned upside down in the morning.
371 Senator FLETCHER.
Where was that; how far away from the wreck?
372 Mr. RAY.
They were floating away. I saw that later on in the morning after I got on the Carpathia.
373 Senator FLETCHER.
There was nobody in that boat then?
374 Mr. RAY.
No, sir; they had been taken off.
375 Senator FLETCHER.
That is all.
376 Senator SMITH.
You may be excused.
377 (Witness excused.)