

# British Wreck Commissioner's Inquiry

## Day 2

### Testimony of Archie Jewell

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Examined by the SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

1. Is your name Archie Jewell?

- Yes.

2. And were you one of the look-outs on the "[Titanic](#)"?

- Yes, quite right.

3. On the "Titanic" did all the able seamen take their turns at the look-out or had you a special set of look-outs?

- Yes, six special look-outs.

4. You were one of the six?

- Yes.

5. Now on the night of that Sunday, the 14th April, which was your look-out - which was your watch?

- From 8 to 10.

6. And where were you - were you in the [crow's nest](#) or at the [forecastle head](#), or where?

- In the crow's-nest on watch.

7. Was there a second look-out with you in the crow's-nest?

- Yes, there were two, one at a time.

8. There were two of you together in the crow's-nest?

- Yes.

9. Who was the man who was with you?

- [Symons](#). He is back in New York.

10. And he was saved too, was he?

- Yes.

11. Then those are the two in the crow's-nest. Then are there two on the [bridge](#)?

- No.

12. Are there two forward?

- No, not in clear weather; we take two hours each.

13. Let us just get it clear. There was you and there was Symons in the crow's-nest. Were there no other look-out men on duty?

- No, not so long as the weather was clear.

14. Then on this night, during your watch from 8 to 10, was the weather clear?

- Yes.

15. Was there any moon?

- No, I never see no moon.

16. Was it starry?

- Yes.

17. Now do you remember when you were on your watch, from 8 to 10, any message coming to you about ice?

- Yes, about 9.30.

18. What was the message?

- To keep a sharp look-out for all ice, big and small.

19. How did the message come to you?

- On the telephone; we have a telephone in the crow's-nest.

25 20. That was telephoned up to the crow's-nest, and where was the telephone from?  
- From the bridge.

26 21. Then it would be the Officer on the bridge who would telephone to you?  
- Yes.

27 22. Do you happen to know who it was - which Officer it was?  
- I could not say. I think the [Second Officer](#) was on watch at the time.

28 23. Up to that time, up to the time you got that message, had you seen any ice?  
- No.

29 24. And after you got that message until you went off duty, did you keep a sharp look-out?  
- Yes, and passed the word along.

30 25. And did you see any ice?  
- No.

31 26. (*The Commissioner.*) What do you mean by "passed the word along" - to keep a sharp look-out for ice?  
- To the other look-out.

32 27. How far does the other look-out stand from you?  
- They relieve me from the nest.

33 28. (*The Solicitor-General.*) The two of you were together in the crow's-nest, and you would be relieved at 10 o'clock?  
- Yes, that is right.

34 29. And when you were relieved at 10 o'clock did you hand on this message?  
- Yes.

35 30. Who were the look-out men who relieved you at 10 o'clock?  
- [Fleet](#) and [Lee](#).

36 31. I think Fleet has given evidence in New York?  
- Yes.

37 32. So he was saved?  
- Yes; all the look-out men were saved.

38 33. And Lee was saved as well?  
- Yes.

39 34. Do you know whether Lee has given evidence in New York?  
- I do not know. He has been kept back.

40 35. (*The Commissioner.*) What age are you?  
- Twenty-three.

41 The Solicitor-General:  
There are six of them, my Lord, and we had better have the names of the other two.

42 The Commissioner:  
Yes.

43 36. (*The Solicitor-General - To the Witness.*) Just give us the names of the remaining two look-out men?  
- [Hogg](#) and [Evans](#).

44 37. And do they always work in the same pairs?  
- Yes, always.

45 38. You and Symons, Hogg and Evans, and Fleet and Lee?  
- Yes.

46 39. Then you had relieved at 8 o'clock, had you, Hogg and Evans?  
- Yes.

47 40. And you in your turn were relieved at 10 o'clock by Fleet and Lee?  
- Yes.

48 41. And up to the time you went off duty, you had not seen any ice at all?  
- Not any.

- 49 42. Just tell us, supposing that something is seen ahead and you want to send the warning, how is it done from the crow's-nest?  
- Strike the bell three times.
- 50 43. And is that a bell hanging in the crow's-nest?  
- Yes, a big bell.
- 51 44. Then you can telephone from the crow's-nest to the bridge?  
- Yes.
- 52 45. And do the look-out men use the telephone to the bridge from time to time?  
- Yes.
- 53 46. Now, supposing that during your watch, the 8 to 10 watch, there had been any ice and you had seen it, what would you have done; would you ring the bell and then telephone?  
- Yes, to tell them what it was.
- 54 47. However, nothing of that sort happened while you were on duty?  
- Nothing at all.
- 55 48. (*The Solicitor-General.*) My Lord, we have picked out this Witness because he begins the story, but of course he can also speak to a few matters after the casualty, and perhaps it is as well to take them now. (*To the Witness.*) When you went off duty at 10 o'clock and went below, did you go to bed-turn in?  
- Yes, I went to bed.
- 56 49. And what was the next thing you knew?  
- The [boatswain](#) came below and called all hands on deck. I heard the crash first; that woke me up.
- 57 50. You were woke up were you by the crash?  
- Yes.
- 58 51. What did you do then?  
- Ran on deck to see what it was.
- 59 52. What did you see?  
- I saw some ice on the well deck on the starboard side.
- 60 53. You mean the [fore well deck](#), I expect?  
- Yes.
- 61 54. Did others turn out at the same time with you?  
- Yes.
- 62 55. And saw it too?  
- Yes.
- 63 56. What did you do then?  
- Went down and put on some clothes. We all went below. They did not think there was any harm.
- 64 57. Do you mean you turned in again?  
- No, we did not turn in.
- 65 58. Then you spoke about the boatswain coming. How long after was that?  
- Not long. I cannot say exactly the time. He came and called all hands on deck. I could not tell you exactly the time; it was not long.
- 66 59. Then, when the boatswain came and called all hands on deck, did you go on deck with the others?  
- Yes, all hands went on the deck.
- 67 60. Had you got a station?  
- Yes, at my own boat.
- 68 61. Which was your boat?  
- [Number 7](#).
- 69 62. (*The Commissioner.*) Were the engines revolving at this time?
- 70 63. (*The Solicitor-General.*) I will ask him, my Lord. We have evidence to show that they were not; that they were stopped at once. (*To the Witness.*) Did you notice whether the engines had stopped?  
- The ship was stopped when I looked over the side.

- 71 64. Now I was just going to ask you about your boat station. Which was your boat?  
- Number 7.
- 72 65. How do they number them on the "Titanic"; how do the numbers run?  
- Well, all odd numbers on the starboard side; even numbers on the port.
- 73 66. And your boat was No. 7, you say?  
- Yes.
- 74 67. One on the starboard side?  
- Yes.
- 75 68. Then just take the odd numbers; do they run forward aft?  
- Yes.
- 76 69. The fourth boat on the starboard side. Now how did you know that that was your boat?  
- We had got a boat list right in front of our forecastle.
- 77 70. Had you taken part in any boat drill before the accident?  
- We always have a drill leaving port.
- 78 71. Then did you take part in one?  
- Yes, always.
- 79 72. (*The Commissioner*.) Where was that?  
- At Southampton.
- 80 73. (*The Solicitor-General*.) And had No. 7 been your boat at that drill?  
- No; there were only two boats lowered away.
- 81 74. (*The Commissioner*.) Only two boats lowered for that drill?  
- Yes.
- 82 75. And is that the practice?  
- Yes, it is the practice.
- 83 76. What I mean is, you have travelled on these liners before, I suppose?  
- Yes.
- 84 77. Is it the practice when you have your boat drill to have it with two boats only?  
- That is all I have seen.
- 85 78. That has been your experience?  
- Yes.
- 86 79. (*The Solicitor-General*.) You say only two boats would be lowered at the drill. What I want to know is whether your boat drill included everybody going to their boat stations?  
- Yes, all hands are on the boat deck.
- 87 80. Just one thing more about that. There are two boats, are there not, that are kept swung out as emergency boats?  
- Yes.
- 88 81. And the rest of the wooden boats, the lifeboats would be swung in - kept in?  
- Well, they are not swung quite really in; they are just on the edge of the rails.
- 89 82. How do you know whether it was the emergency boats that were swung out that were used for the practice on which boat it was?  
- Oh, no, it was the lifeboats.
- 90 83. Two of the lifeboats?  
- Yes.
- 91 84. Now we can see which your boat is - because the model shows us the starboard side?  
- Yes, *this* is the one (*Pointing to the model*.) - there was one on the other side here and a fourth one on the starboard side.
- 92 85. That would be No. 7?  
- Yes.
- 93 86. Then there are [No. 5](#) and [No. 3](#), and [No. 1](#) is just behind the emergency boat, is it not?

- No, *that* is No. 1 (*Pointing to the model.*)

94 The Commissioner:  
The emergency boat is No. 1.

95 Sir Robert Finlay:  
Yes.

96 88. (*The Solicitor-General.*) You say that when you were ordered up on deck and there was the muster, you went to No. 7?  
- Yes.

97 89. Just tell us what was done with boat No. 7?  
- We all cleared away the boats. The orders were for all hands to clear the boats, and we all went and cleared the boats. I helped to clear away No. 7, cleared away the falls, and got them all ready and the First Officer, [Murdoch](#), told us to lower away the boats to the level of the rail.

98 90. That was Mr. Murdoch you say?  
- Yes, he was in charge of us.

99 91. And he gave the order to lower the boat to the level of the rail?  
- Yes.

100 92. And, of course, up to that time the boat would be empty?  
- Yes.

101 93. Then, when she was lowered down level with the rail, what were the orders then?  
- "Women and children in the boat."

102 94. Had any seamen been put into the boat?  
- Not then. We were all standing by that belonged to the boat.

103 95. (*The Commissioner.*) How many men man one of these boats?  
- There are two sailors told off for each boat, so many firemen, and so many stewards. I do not know how many firemen; I have never seen their list.

104 96. (*The Solicitor-General.*) Two seamen and a certain number of the firemen, and a certain number of the stewards?  
- Yes.

105 97. Did you count as one of the two seamen for this boat?  
- Yes.

106 98. Who was the other?  
- [Weller](#).

107 99. You say Mr. Murdoch said "women and children first," and what was done?  
- Well, we put all the women in that was there, and children. Up to that time there was not many people; we could not get them up; they were rather afraid to go into the boat; they did not think there was anything wrong.

108 100. Were there men passengers there too?  
- Yes, we had some men passengers.

109 101. Did any of them get into your boat?  
- Yes. I do not know how many. There was three or four there. Three or four Frenchmen there - I do not know whether they got into the boat.

110 102. I only just want to know; did any men passengers get into No. 7?  
- Yes.

111 103. Three or four?  
- Yes.

112 104. Was there excitement?  
- No, Sir, none at all; very quiet.

113 105. And how many people got into No. 7 before she was lowered?  
- I could not say; it looked pretty full; there was not much room to work in her.

- 114 106. But you do not know the number?  
- No, I could not say the number at all.
- 115 107. You were one of the seamen told off for her. Did you get into her?  
- Yes, there were three seamen into that boat.
- 116 108. Where was the third?  
- I never see no fireman or no stewards up there at that time; it was about the first boat to be lowered.
- 117 109. Number seven was?  
- Yes.
- 118 110. And how is it done on a big liner like this: when you lower the boat from the rail down to the water, is it done from the boat or from the deck?  
- From the deck.
- 119 111. So that the people in the boat would not do the lowering away?  
- No, just keep the boat off the ship's side.
- 120 112. Did she get down to the water safely?  
- Yes.
- 121 113. Were there oars in the boat?  
- Yes.
- 122 114. A proper number?  
- Yes.
- 123 115. Was she provisioned?  
- I never saw any biscuits or nothing; I do not know whether there was any; I do not know that there was anybody looking for any.
- 124 116. Had she got any light?  
- No.
- 125 117. (*The Commissioner.*) Is a lifeboat usually provided with a light?  
- I think so, Sir; I do not know about every one.
- 126 118. And where is the light kept?  
- In the after-locker; the locker in the afterend of the boat.
- 127 119. Did anyone take it out and light it?  
- No; there was none there. We had a look to see if we could find a light, and there was none there.
- 128 120. Whose business was it to look after the light?  
- Well, I think the men in Southampton came on board ship to look after all that, to see that the boats were all looked after.
- 129 121. (*The Solicitor-General.*) Who was in charge of the boat?  
- [Hogg](#).
- 130 122. That is the look-out man you spoke of, is it?  
- That is right.
- 131 123. There was Hogg and yourself and Weller?  
- Yes.
- 132 124. Were those the only three members of the crew in the boat?  
- That is all.
- 133 125. When you got down to the water, had you got any of these men passengers in them?  
- Yes.
- 134 126. They stayed in?  
- Yes.
- 135 127. You say you thought about four?  
- Well, I should say about that; I could not say the exact number.
- 136 128. Then the rest of them would be women and children?  
- Yes.

- 137 129. Were there any children?  
- We had one I think, that was all; the rest were women.
- 138 130. And you said, you did not know how many there were altogether, but I want to know was the boat full or not?  
- Well, she might have held a few more, Sir.
- 139 131. You say Mr. Murdoch was giving orders about lowering the boat; did he give orders to launch her down to the water?  
- To lower her right down to the water.
- 140 132. And what were the orders about - what was she to do?  
- He told us to stand by the gangway.
- 141 133. I do not quite know what you mean by that. What is the gangway you are referring to?  
- The doors that open in the ship's side. Just about *here* (*Pointing to model.*) - the door is open continually.
- 142 134. Amidships?  
- Yes.
- 143 135. Where the gangway would be if she were in port, I suppose?  
- Yes, that is right.
- 144 136. (*The Commissioner.*) Just go to the model again and show me whereabouts on that model the waterline was, and where the gangway was, so that I may know where the boat was.  
- (*Pointing to the model.*) There is one door *there*, and there is the waterline right along *here*. There are several gangway doors in the side; there is one about there somewhere, and one about there.
- 145 The Solicitor-General:  
The actual line of the sea.
- 146 137. (*The Commissioner.*) You see the port holes, do not you?  
- Yes.
- 147 138. Now where was the waterline outside the vessel?  
- It was straight along here, I should say.
- 148 139. Now, where was this gangway you speak of?  
- *There.*
- 149 140. And you were told to remain in the water below that gangway?  
- Yes.
- 150 141. (*The Solicitor-General.*) Those were your orders. How far off from the ship did you keep?  
- We kept right alongside.
- 151 142. Was the sea smooth?  
- Yes, very smooth.
- 152 143. Just tell us what happened after that?  
- Well, we see all the other boats lowered away and pull away from the ship. Then we saw the ship settling away, and we had to pull away clear.
- 153 144. Let us just see if we can get clear about these other boats, if we can. Did you keep on the starboard side?  
- Yes.
- 154 145. You said, I think, that you thought your boat, No. 7, was one of the first to be lowered?  
- Yes.
- 155 146. Just think. Did you see any boat lowered into the water before you got into the water?  
- No.
- 156 147. You think you were the first to get into the water?  
- I know we were the first on our side.
- 157 148. I am talking of the starboard side; and you were the first to get into the water on the starboard side?  
- Yes.
- 158 149. So that there would be seven others, I think, on that starboard side?

- Yes.
- 159 150. Did you see each of them launched?  
- No; I could not see afterwards very well from where I was.
- 160 151. Why not?  
- We were all messing about with the other boats being lowered, and looking out for our own boat. We were not taking any notice of the others.
- 161 152. But you saw some of the others lowered, at any rate?  
- I saw them all after they were launched.
- 162 153. You cannot tell us, I suppose, about the order of the others being lowered?  
- No, I can say nothing about that.
- 163 154. Can you give us any idea of about how long it was from the time when your boat got to the water before the other boats got to the water - the last of the others on the starboard side?  
- I could not say, they were not long; they were all down by the time we pulled away from the ship. We kept alongside and kept to our orders.
- 164 155. Then you told us you pulled away; you thought the ship was settling down?  
- Yes.
- 165 156. Can you give me any sort of idea how long it was from the time you pulled away to the time when the ship disappeared?  
- Well, about one and a half hours I expect. I had got no time; that is just a rough guess.
- 166 157. Did you see signs of the "Titanic" settling down when you left her side?  
- Well, very little. I did not notice anything in the boats alongside the ship.
- 167 158. And you pulled away from her side because you saw these other boats were pulling away?  
- Yes.
- 168 159. And how far off did you go?  
- We only just went a little way at first, just kept so that we could speak to them on board the ship in case we were wanted.
- 169 160. Did anybody speak to you from the deck?  
- No.
- 170 161. That would be some little distance off. Give me an idea how far off it would be?  
- About 20 yards or something like that, and we stopped there.
- 171 162. And when you were in that position, some 20 yards from the ship, so that you could be hailed from the deck, did you see any signs of her settling down then?  
- Yes, you could notice her going away by the head.
- 172 163. Was that gradual or sudden?  
- No, very slow.
- 173 164. This was when you were about 20 yards off?  
- Yes.
- 174 165. Were the other boats on the starboard side about the same distance off, or further off?  
- Further off.
- 175 166. Do you mean you think you were the nearest?  
- At that time.
- 176 167. Then when was it that you made a move again?  
- The forecastle head was getting close down to the water then.
- 177 168. And what did you do then with your boat?  
- Pulled away clear.
- 178 169. Now can you give me any idea about how long that was before she disappeared?  
- I could not say that; not more than about half-an-hour I should say.
- 179 170. And how far from the ship did you pull away then?  
- Oh, a long way. We met with the Third Officer, and he moored his boat alongside of ours all night.



180 171. What is the Third Officer's name?  
- [Mr. Pitman](#).

181 172. And you met Pitman in his boat?  
- Yes.

182 173. And he moored his boat alongside of yours?  
- Yes, alongside of ours all night.

183 174. Lashed together, I think?  
- Yes.

184 175. Just tell us shortly what you yourself saw then. What did you see that happened to the "Titanic" before she went down and as she went down?  
- We stopped there and watched her gradually sink away. We could see the people about on the deck before the lights went out. As she went away by the head so the lights went out, and we heard some explosions as she was going down. But all the lights went out and we could only see a black object in front of us.

185 176. Was it light enough to see if her stern was up in the air?  
- Yes. I saw the stern straight up in the air.

186 177. At that time were the lights still burning or had they gone out?  
- No. As the stern stood up in the air so all the lights went out.

187 178. Can you tell us at all how long you think the stern was like that?  
- Not more than a few moments.

188 179. And then when the stern sank did she sink slowly or all at once?  
- She went down pretty fast.

189 180. Now you say you heard some explosions?  
- Yes.

190 181. Did you hear more than one?  
- Yes; I heard two or three.

191 182. Were the explosions close together or at intervals?  
- Close after one another.

192 183. And how near was that to the disappearance - to the end?  
- Not long.

193 184. Was it before you saw the stern up in the air?  
- No, just as the stern went up in the air.

194 185. Were the lights burning when you heard the explosion?  
- Some on the afterend.

195 186. Did you hear any noise apart from the explosion? Some people have spoken of the noise of the machinery?  
- I never heard nothing.

196 187. It is suggested that the heavy machinery fell. Now just come back to your boat for a minute. Did your boat pick up anybody out of the sea?  
- No, not one.

197 188. So that you landed the same number of people into the "Carpathia" as got into the boat at the rail level?  
- Well, we took two or three out of Mr. Pitman's boat.

198 189. That is the Third Officer?  
- Yes.

199 190. Because you had got more room than he had, I suppose?  
- Yes, to make it more even.

200 191. Did he remain in command of your boat the whole time till you got to the "Carpathia"?  
- Yes.

201 192. And how many of you were rowing?

- Me and Hogg was doing most of the work; the rest were trying to pull. I was pulling from the time I went in the boat to the time we got alongside the "Carpathia."

202 193. What time did you get alongside the "Carpathia"?

- It must have been somewhere about 7 or 8 in the morning or getting on that way.

203 194. (The Commissioner.) What time was it?

- 7 or 8 in the morning.

204 195. (The Solicitor-General.) I will just ask you this: Had you seen any ice after the accident and before your boat was launched?

- No.

205 The Commissioner:  
He saw a little, as I understand, on the deck.

206 196. (The Solicitor-General.) I meant really in the water. (To the Witness.) Did you see any icebergs when you were in your boat?

- When it became daylight.

207 197. (The Commissioner.) What time did it become daylight?

- That I could not say; there was nobody had any time.

208 198. Would it be about half-past five?

- I should say it would be about that time.

209 199. When it became daylight you saw some icebergs, do you say?

- Yes.

210 200. (The Solicitor-General.) Did you see many of them?

- Yes, a lot, all around us.

211 201. Except for drifting, how far were you from where the boat sank?

- We could not tell. We were drifting along with the wreckage. We could not tell where the boat went down; when it came daylight we had no idea; we had been drifting all night.

212 202. And had the wreckage been drifting with you alongside?

- Yes, I expect so.

213 Examined by Sir ROBERT FINLAY.

214 203. You say that when you looked over the side the ship was stopped?

- Yes.

215 204. Can you tell us when it was that you looked over the side?

- Just after the accident, just after she struck; I rushed right up from below. I got out of my bed and went on deck.

216 205. Only one other question. Did you try to find any people to pick up?

- Yes. There were only two to do any pulling; we could not get the boat about.

217 206. You did your best?

- Yes; we done our very best.

218 Mr. Scanlan:  
With your Lordship's permission, I propose to ask some questions.

219 Examined by Mr. SCANLAN.

220 207. While you were on the look-out, were you given glasses?

- No, we never had any glasses.

221 208. Had any glasses been supplied from the commencement of the voyage?

- No.

222 209. When you have been on other liners, has it been usual to provide the look-out man with glasses?

- Well, we had them in the "Oceanic." I was on the look-out once there.

223 210. Is the "Oceanic" the only other large liner you have been on?

- Yes.

224 211. So far as you know it is the practice to supply glasses?

- I can say nothing about that, because I could not say.

225 212. Did you ask for them?

- Yes.

226 213. Whom did you ask?

- My mate went and asked. I do not know who he asked - I did not ask.

227 214. (Chairman.) You did not ask?

- No, I did not ask.

228 215. (Mr. Scanlan.) You did not ask yourself?

- No.

229 216. Do you derive much help from the glasses when you are on the look-out?

- Yes, they are very useful.

230 217. I think you said there was no look-out man forward?

- [No answer.]

231 218. (The Commissioner.) Will you tell me this: How often have you used glasses?

- Well, we had them on the "Oceanic"; we used them there all the time.

232 219. How often have you used them in your life?

- Well, I have used several glasses, not on the look-out.

233 220. But I am talking of on the look-out. How often in your life have you used glasses on the look-out?

- Only on the "Oceanic."

234 221. How often did you use them there?

- Oh! very often.

235 222. Did you see anyone else using them?

- Yes, my mate.

236 223. How many had you?

- Only one pair.

237 224. And where were they kept?

- In a little bag on a little box in the crow's-nest.

238 225. Was there a box or bag on the "Titanic" for these glasses?

- There was a box there.

239 226. But nothing in it?

- No, nothing in it.

240 227. (Mr. Scanlan.) Did you look in the box on the occasion of your first watch to find out if there were glasses there?

- Yes.

241 228. So that you are quite certain that from the commencement of the voyage you were not supplied with glasses?

- Yes, we never had any glasses.

242 229. Tell me this: Is it usual on liners to have a look-out man stationed forward of the crow's-nest?

- Well, it is not all big liners that have lookout men.

243 230. (The Commissioner.) How many liners have you been on?

- Only the "Titanic" and the "Oceanic."

244 231. Have you ever been working on any other liners?

- No, only sailing ships.

245 232. Then your knowledge is confined to these two vessels?

- That is right.

246 233. How many voyages have you made on the "Oceanic"?

- Seven or eight.

247 234. And half a one on this?

- Yes.

248 235. (Mr. Scanlan.) Was the "Titanic" provided with a flashlight?

- What do you mean?

249 236. Was there any electric light - any searchlight?

- I never saw any. I could not say that.

250 237. (The Commissioner.) Was there one on the "Oceanic"?

- I never saw any. I do not think so.

251 238. (Mr. Scanlan.) At the time you were taken on board the "Carpathia," was your boat full?

- Well, nearly full.

252 239. Could you even then have accommodated a few more?

- Very few.

253 240. You stated in answer to the Solicitor-General, that when your watch was finished, your watch finishing, I think at 10, you passed on to the two men who succeeded you the information you had got?

- Yes, that was my orders from the bridge.

254 241. That ice was ahead?

- Yes.

255 The Solicitor-General:  
His orders were to keep a sharp look out for ice.

256 242. (Mr. Scanlan.) You had a warning about ice?

- Yes, and I passed the word along.

257 243. Is it usual for a man on the look-out - is it part of his duty to pass the word along in these circumstances?

- Yes.

258 244. Now, did the two watchmen whom you and your mate replace, give you any word?

- No, they had had no message then.

259 245. So that the first message of ice was not communicated until half-past time?

- No, it could not have been.

260 246. Now, with regard to the boat drill, did you personally take part in it at Southampton?

- Yes.

261 247. What boat did you go to when the order was given for boat drill?

- Well, there was only two got ready, and so many told off for each.

262 248. Were you assisting in lowering one of the two lifeboats that were actually let down into the water at Southampton?

- Yes, the two forward ones.

263 249. How many assisted at each boat?

- Nine sailors and a quartermaster and an Officer.

264 250. How many?

- About eleven, I think.

265 251. Eleven seamen?

- Yes, something like that; a quartermaster, an Officer, and seven or eight seamen.

266 252. Did any firemen assist in the lowering of the boats at the trial?

- At Southampton?

267 253. Yes.

- No.

268 254. Did any stewards assist at the lowering of the boats?

- No, only sailors.

269 255. You have told us that in the list which was set up in the fore-castle you were assigned to this boat, No. 7. Who were the others set down for this boat?

- Weller. I know Weller was there; who else I could not say.

270 256. At this boat which you assisted in lowering in Southampton, you say eleven seamen were engaged in the lowering?

- Not in the lowering; two men would lower away the boat.

271 257. How were the eleven engaged?

- They were the crew of the boat.

272 258. What was the crew of the boat's work?

- To pull and practice - pulling round the harbour and back.

273 259. How many were engaged in pulling her round the harbour?

- I suppose there were six or seven pulling.

274 260. And were these six or seven able seamen?

- Yes.

275 261. What I want to make clear is, amongst the six or seven you had not any firemen?

- No.

276 262. Or stewards?

- No, all able seamen.

277 263. Now, so far as the firemen and stewards were concerned, did they at Southampton or anywhere else get any practice or any training either in lowering boats or rowing them?

- I never saw them.

278 264. (The Commissioner.) You saw none?

- No.

279 265. (Mr. Scanlan.) Can you tell the Court how many firemen were expected to assist you as part of the crew of No. 7?

- No, I could not say; I never saw their list. Their list is down in a different place from mine.

280 266. Is the list which is exhibited in your cabin merely a list of the deckhands?

- Of the deckhands.

281 267. And on that list is it the case that there was no other name except yours and Weller's?

- I think there was a quartermaster; I am not sure. We only go and look for our own name when we are on a job like that.

282 268. Then a third man came on?

- Yes.

283 269. Hogg?

- Yes.

284 270. Are you quite sure that Hogg's name was not on this list?

- I am not sure.

285 271. So that you do not know whether No. 7 was Hogg's boat or whether he belonged to some other?

- I could not say that.

286 272. Is it not a usual thing when there is boat practice to call to the boat deck all the men who are expected in an emergency to go with that boat?

- Yes. Once on the trip. Once going out and once coming home - twice on the trip.

287 273. Had this been done on this trip?

- No; it is generally done on the Sunday, but it was not done on that day. There was a strong wind.

288 274. (The Commissioner.) This was the first Sunday you were out?

- Yes.

289 275. Had it been done on that day?

- No. It was blowing hard that day; there was a strong wind that day; that was the reason why it was not done.

290 276. (The Commissioner.) A strong wind on what day?  
 - On the Sunday.

291 277. What Sunday?  
 - On the day of the accident; a strong breeze blowing all that day.

292 278. I thought the sea was quite smooth?  
 - So it was when the accident happened.

293 279. Then the wind had gone down?  
 - Yes, it had gone down as the sun set.

294 280. (Mr. Scanlan.) What time did the wind abate on the Sunday?  
 - It went down as the sun began to go away.

295 281. And you say that that was the reason you had no boat practice. Who told you so?  
 - Well, that is the only thing we knew.

296 (After a short Adjournment.)

297 Mr. Quilliam:  
 Will your Lordship allow me to make an application on behalf of the National Union of Stewards. They had over 200 members on board the "Titanic," and they have over 15,000 stewards, members of their union, in the British Isles, and they are greatly concerned that they should be represented here, as there are many points which they wish to bring out which concern the stewards on these boats?

298 The Commissioner:  
 Very well. Be moderate in the questions which you ask.

299 282. (Mr. Scanlan.) I have a few more questions, my Lord. (To the Witness.) I understand there were three of you seamen in the lifeboat No. 7?  
 - Yes, Sir.

300 283. Besides you three was there any fireman?  
 - No.

301 284. Had you any assistance in the manning of that boat besides the three of you?  
 - There were two gentlemen there who helped as well as they could.

302 285. They were passengers who by chance knew something about handling a boat, and they gave you assistance?  
 - They did not know much about it, Sir.

303 286. To handle a lifeboat in a rough sea, in an ordinary sea, how many men would you require?  
 - We would want six at the least, Sir.

304 287. Six trained men?  
 - Oh, yes, we would want six men who understand the boat.

305 288. And you had only three?  
 - That is all, Sir.

306 The Commissioner:  
 It was similar on this occasion.

307 Mr. Scanlan:  
 Yes, Sir, it was similar on this occasion.

308 289. (The Commissioner.) I suppose when you did get on board this lifeboat, in point of fact the men you had with you were able to manage it?  
 - There were only three.

309 290. Was it swamped?  
 - No, Sir, it was not swamped.

310 291. (Mr. Scanlan.) I think you said you were tired out when you were picked up?  
 - I was myself.

311 292. (The Commissioner.) What do you say?

- He asked me if I was tired when I was picked up, and I said I was.

312 293. You were on the boat for something like eight hours, were you not?

- About seven hours.

313 294. Had you anything to eat?

- No.

314 295. Had you anything to drink?

- No, I had nothing, Sir.

315 296. (Mr. Scanlan.) When you speak of six men being required do you mean seamen, or would that allow for some of the men being stokers?

- It does not matter who it is, so long as they understand how to handle a boat.

316 297. Now to your knowledge, had any of the men in the ship's complement knowledge of manning boats except the seamen, the A.B.'s, and the deckhands?

317 The Commissioner:  
But, Mr. Scanlan, you must be a little reasonable. Did he know all the other men? He cannot answer that question.

318 298. (Mr. Scanlan.) Very well, my Lord. (To the Witness.) Did you know in point of fact of your own knowledge how many seamen were on board?

- No.

319 The Commissioner:  
It is no use asking him that question, because if he said he did I should not believe him.

320 299. (Mr. Scanlan.) Were the collapsible boats tested at all?

- I could not tell you that, Sir.

321 300. You did not see it?

- No.

322 301. From what part of the ship did the passengers come who were on your boat?

- I would have a hard job to say; they were on deck when I got there.

323 302. Did you have instructions not to allow men on board?

- Yes.

324 303. (The Commissioner.) Men as distinguished from women?

325 Mr. Scanlan:  
Yes, male passengers.

326 The Witness:  
Yes.

327 304. Had the lifeboat a compass?

- No, Sir, not on board.

328 305. Should a lifeboat have a compass?

- I do not think it is much use in an open sea like that. A compass is no good to anyone, it is all right if you see the land and know where you are.

329 The Commissioner:  
Would you ask him the question, do lifeboats carry compasses as a Rule?

330 306. (Mr. Scanlan.) Yes, my Lord. (To the Witness.) Do lifeboats as a Rule carry compasses?

- There is one on board for every boat.

331 307. Where is it kept on board?

- I do not know where it is kept on the big ship - on the "Titanic."

332 308. Whose duty is it to put on board the lifeboats all that is required in the way of provisions and appliances?

- That is done in port; I could not say.

333 309. Is it done in port before the commencement of the voyage?

- Yes.



334 The Commissioner:  
Do they put water on board before the commencement of the voyage?

335 310. (Mr. Scanlan.) Do they put water in the boat?  
- Yes, there is water in every boat.

336 311. (The Commissioner.) And how often is it changed; ever?  
- I could not say.

337 312. But have you known it ever changed?  
- I have never seen it.

338 313. And what food do they put on board?  
- A box of biscuits.

339 314. Is the box of biscuits kept on board the lifeboats while they are swung on the deck as  
we see them in this model? Has every lifeboat a box of biscuits?  
- I think so, Sir.

340 315. Or is a box of biscuits put on board when the lifeboat is being lowered into the water?  
- I do not know; I have never seen any on board; I could not say.

341 316. Have you ever seen any on board any lifeboat?  
- No, Sir.

342 317. (Mr. Scanlan.) There were not any of these things in yours - neither water nor  
biscuits?  
- Yes, there was water; but as to biscuits, I cannot say. I do not think anyone looked.

343 318. (Mr. Lewis.) There is one question I should like to ask first with regard to the speed.  
Could you say what speed you were going at?  
- No.

344 The Commissioner:  
He does not know anything of that kind.

345 319. (Mr. Lewis.) I am merely asking the Witness whether he noticed any appreciable  
difference in the speed on the Sunday, the day of the accident, and on the Saturday; could  
you say?  
- I could not say anything about that.

346 320. You did not see any difference?  
- No.

347 321. With regard to glasses, did you make any personal application to anyone?  
- My mate did, Sir.

348 The Commissioner:  
He says his mate told him that he did.

349 The Witness:  
Yes.

350 322. (Mr. Lewis.) Which one?  
- Symons.

351 323. Could you tell how long the boat you were in took to prepare and lower?  
- Half-an-hour at the most, I should think.

352 324. Half-an-hour at the most?  
- Yes, we were all in a hurry; I could hardly judge the time.

353 325. Have you a knowledge of the ship itself, of the different parts; the first class, the  
second class, and the third class quarters?  
- No, I could not say much about that, because I was not over the ship much.

354 326. You could not express an opinion whether it was difficult for the third class  
passengers to reach the deck where the boat was?  
- There were some, so I heard.

355 327. You could not say how difficult it would be to reach it?



- No.

356 Mr. Searle:  
I do not know if any of us are allowed to put any questions.

357 The Commissioner:  
What do you mean by "any of us"? I do not know whom you represent.

358 Mr. Searle:  
I understood we had to get permission from you.

359 The Commissioner:  
Who are you?

360 Mr. Searle:  
I represent persons who are some of the deceased passengers' relatives, relatives of waiters and different persons.

361 The Commissioner:  
What is it you want to ask?

362 Mr. Searle:  
One or two questions.

363 The Commissioner:  
Will you tell me what it is?

364 Mr. Searle:  
I should have liked to have asked him how he got to know that the ship had absolutely stopped.

365 The Witness:  
That is a very foolish thing to ask. Any man looking over the side could tell whether the ship was going ahead or stopped.

366 The Commissioner:  
Who is it you represent? I do not know.

367 Mr. Searle:  
I can give you their names.

368 The Commissioner:  
But who are they?

369 Mr. Searle:  
Those who have lost relatives, Sir, fathers and husbands.

370 The Commissioner:  
Have you made any application previously?

371 Mr. Searle:  
Not to you, my Lord. I have only come this morning. I have only just come in.

372 The Commissioner:  
I cannot listen to people who have only just come in. I must have some sort of limit to these questions. Will you tell me what it is you want to ask the man?

373 Mr. Searle:  
I wanted to ask him how long it was after he came up from below that the ship struck. (To the Witness.) You said when you came up from below the ship had stopped?

374 The Commissioner:  
The engines had stopped.

375 Mr. Searle:  
That is another thing. He said the ship had stopped.

376 The Witness:  
The ship had stopped.

377 Mr. Quillium:  
May I ask a question, my Lord.

378 The Commissioner:  
What do you want to ask?

379 Mr. Quillium:  
Had they any practice with regard to the collapsible boats?

380 The Commissioner:  
Oh, yes, that is right enough; you may ask him that.

381 328. (Mr. Quillium.) Did you have any practice with regard to the collapsible boat or boats  
before the "Titanic" sailed?  
- Not the collapsible boats.

382 329. Have you ever had any practice on any liner with regard to collapsible boats?  
- No.

383 The Commissioner:  
He has only been on two, you know.

384 330. (Mr. Quillium.) Now with regard to the food on the lifeboats - during the boats drills  
did the stewards bring the biscuits to the boat?  
- I never saw it done.

385 Re-examined by the ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

386 331. When you were in the boats did you see any steamer?  
- Not before the "Carpathia."

387 The Commissioner:  
Is there any other question that you want to ask, Sir Robert?

388 Sir Robert Finlay:  
No, my Lord.

389 The Commissioner:  
Thank you, Jewell; and if you will allow me to say so, I think you have given your  
evidence very well indeed.

390 The Witness:  
Thank you, Sir.

391 (The Witness withdrew.)