

# British Wreck Commissioner's Inquiry

## Day 16

### Testimony of Alfred Crawford

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Examined by Mr. BUTLER ASPINALL.

17829. Is your name alfred Crawford?

- Yes.

17830. And were you serving on the "Titanic" as first class bedroom steward on the 14th April of the present year?

- Yes.

17831. I believe you were on watch on that evening?

- Yes.

17832. At about 11.45 did you feel the shock?

- Yes, I did.

17833. You subsequently learned you had struck an iceberg?

- Yes.

17834. I think you got up and assisted passengers to put on their lifebelts. I do not want you to tell us the whole story. We have heard it very many times. I am just going to take you to the few main points. Later on I think you went to No. 5 boat and then eventually to No. 8 boat?

- Yes, I did.

17835. No. 8 was your proper boat?

- Yes.

17836. Did you assist to get the ladies into the boat?

- Yes.

17837. I think some ladies, one in particular at any rate you can tell us of, refused to leave her husband, did she not?

- Yes, Mrs. Straus. [Ida Straus.]

17838. And she and her husband were left behind?

- Yes.

17839. I believe you got all you could in and the boat was lowered to the water's edge?

- Yes.

17840. Now, before the boat was lowered down, did Captain Smith ask you how many crew were in the boat?

- Yes.

17841. And how many crew were in the boat?

- There were two in the boat.

17842. Besides yourself?

- No, he told me to get in then.

17843. That made three?

- Yes; and another man got in as well, Making four.

17844. Did the boat get away with four of the crew in it?

- Yes.

17845. How many passengers were in it?

- I should say about 35.

17846. What were they; were they women?

- All women.

24 17847. And before you left the ship's side did Captain Smith give you any directions with regard to a light?  
- Yes, he pointed to a light on the port side, the two masthead lights of a vessel, and told us to pull for there and land the people and return to the ship.

25 17848. Did you see those lights yourself?  
- I did.

26 17849. And what did you think they were?  
- I thought they were a vessel with two masthead lights.

27 17850. A steamer's masthead lights?  
- Yes.

28 The Commissioner:  
Is there anyone here representing the "Californian"?

29 Mr. Cooper:  
Mr. Dunlop will be here in a few minutes.

30 The Attorney-General:  
Somebody will be here, because we are calling somebody from the "Californian" today, and we have given them notice of it.

31 17851. (*Mr. Butler Aspinall - To the witness.*) I do not know whether you are a judge of distance of lights at sea, but what would you say?  
- I should say she was 5 to 7 miles away from us.

32 17852. The Captain gave the directions?  
- Yes, he pointed the ship out.

33 17853. Having got down to the water's edge did you obey that direction as well as you could?  
- We did.

34 17854. And rowed in the direction of that light?  
- Yes, we pulled all night in the direction of the steamer.

35 The Commissioner:  
Does 5 to 7 miles away agree with the information from the "Californian" as to the position she took up when she anchored?

36 Mr. Butler Aspinall:  
It is widely different, My Lord.

37 The Commissioner:  
That is what I was thinking. The distance would be about 20 miles, would it not?

38 Mr. Butler Aspinall:  
Yes; 19 was in my mind - 19 to 20.

39 The Commissioner:  
We have had the log of the "Californian."

40 Mr. Butler Aspinall:  
We have.

41 The Attorney-General:  
The point your Lordship is upon is one which wants a little clearing up. Our attention has been directed to the same point.

42 The Commissioner:  
Very well, I will not say anything more about it now.

43 17855. (*Mr. Butler Aspinall - To the witness.*) I was asking you your view of distance. It was a good night for seeing lights - a clear dark night?  
- Yes, clear and very dark.

44 17856. You say you pulled all night, but were you ever pulling at any speed?  
- I could not say the speed. We were pulling the whole night, the four of us.

45 17857. Who was steering?

- A lady was steering.

46 17858. Did these ladies behave well?  
- Yes, very well indeed.

47 17859. One lady was steering. Did any of the ladies assist at the oars?  
- They assisted the men, yes.

48 17860. They did?  
- Oh, yes.

49 17861. Pulling towards these lights, you would have your back towards them, I suppose?  
- Yes.

50 17862. Do you know what happened about those lights?  
- There was a lady at the tiller; she reported the sidelights in view.

51 17863. You say she was at the tiller?  
- Yes.

52 17864. Did she show a knowledge of steering?  
- Oh, yes.

53 17865. Do you know her name?  
- The Countess of Rothes.

54 17866. And was she making reports, as it were, from time to time to you about these lights?  
- Yes.

55 17867. And what happened in the end about these lights?  
- When daybreak came we saw another steamer coming, and we turned round and left that one; we could not seem to make it.

56 17868. What was the last you yourself saw of those two lights you told me about?  
- It seemed as if the vessel was turning round and leaving us.

57 17869. How long before it was daylight was that?  
- I could not say the exact time, but not long before daylight.

58 17870. Did you yourself ever see any sidelights?  
- Yes.

59 17871. You did?  
- Yes.

60 17872. What sidelight or sidelights of that steamer did you see?  
- There was the red and the green light.

61 17873. You saw them both?  
- Yes.

62 17874. I suppose you turned round to look?  
- Yes, I stopped rowing then.

63 17875. Did you see those sidelights on one or more occasions?  
- On the one occasion.

64 17876. (*The Commissioner.*) I do not understand that. Do you mean to say you saw both the red and the green lights at once?  
- We drifted.

65 17877. I know you did; but you say you saw them both at the same time, as I understand?  
- We were bow on.

66 Mr. Butler Aspinall:  
He might, My Lord.

67 The Commissioner:  
Of course he might; if he was in such a position as to see the vessel stem on he might see both.

68 17878. (*Mr. Butler Aspinall.*) Yes. (*To the witness.*) Do you think the vessel's head was pointing right towards you?

- Yes.
- 69 17879. How long have you been serving on the sea?  
- Since 1882.
- 70 17880. So that you have had a good deal of experience?  
- Yes.
- 71 17881. Is it your view that at the time you looked and saw the sidelights of that steamer that you were about dead ahead of her?  
- Yes.
- 72 17882. Is that your view?  
- Yes.
- 73 17883. Can you at all accurately fix the point of time when you saw those two sidelights?  
- I cannot say.
- 74 17884. You cannot help us at all?  
- No.
- 75 17885. Later on you were picked up by the "Carpathia"?  
- Yes.
- 76 17886. At daylight did you see any icebergs about you?  
- Yes.
- 77 17887. Many?  
- Six or seven, I should say, round us.
- 78 17888. Those were bergs; were they large bergs?  
- There were one or two very large ones.
- 79 17889. And was there ice as well?  
- There was no field ice there.
- 80 17890. There was not?  
- No.
- 81 17891. Only the bergs?  
- Only the bergs.
- 82 Examined by Mr. SCANLAN.
- 83 17892. Do you know at what time lifeboat No. 8 was lowered and launched?  
- After 1 o'clock, I should say.
- 84 17893. There was still some other lifeboats to be launched?  
- Yes; there was No. 10 to go.
- 85 17894. You have stated that, in addition to the crew, there were only 35 passengers?  
- Yes.
- 86 17895. What additional room do you think you had in this boat, No. 8, for passengers?  
- I should say there was room for another 20 more.
- 87 17896. The "Titanic" did not sink and disappear for, I think, about an hour after your boat was lowered?  
- No.
- 88 17897. Can you give any explanation of this boat No. 8 being lowered and launched with only 35 passengers?  
- No. The only thing is that Mr. Wilde, the Chief Officer, said there were quite enough in that boat to be safe to lower it.
- 89 17898. Was that in reference to the strength of the falls?  
- Yes.
- 90 17899. And the tackle for lowering?  
- I should say that is what he thought.
- 91 17900. (*The Commissioner*.) That is rather a leading question, and I am not satisfied about it, Mr. Scanlan. (*To the witness*.) This boat was being lowered, like the others, from the davits?

- Yes, My Lord.
- 92 17901. And being lowered a long way?  
- Yes.
- 93 17902. From the davits to the water?  
- Yes.
- 94 17903. Does it occur to you that Mr. Wilde might have thought that the load in her was quite enough?  
- Yes, I think that is about what he thought. He said there was quite enough in it to lower from the davits.
- 95 The Commissioner:  
That is what I mean, Mr. Scanlan. I do not know that it alters your point at all, but I think that the idea was that these boats slung out from the davits at that great height from the water might buckle; not that the davits themselves were insufficient, or that the falls were insufficient; they were probably strong enough; but that there was a fear that the boat might collapse and throw the whole of them into the water.
- 96 Mr. Scanlan:  
What has occurred to me is that some explanation is needed of the despatch of these boats with such a small number.
- 97 The Commissioner:  
You are quite right.
- 98 Mr. Scanlan:  
Considering that the boat accommodation was insufficient.
- 99 The Commissioner:  
What occurred to me was that you were putting the blame on the davits and the falls, and I do not think myself, at present, that the davits and the falls had anything to do with it, but it was the fear of the boat buckling and throwing the people out.
- 100 17904. (*Mr. Scanlan.*) I quite agree, My Lord. (*To the witness.*) The davits were quite new?  
- Yes.
- 101 17905. And all the equipment of this lifeboat?  
- Yes.
- 102 17906. The falls were perfectly new?  
- Yes, I think so.
- 103 17907. Was any difficulty experienced in lowering No. 8?  
- None whatever.
- 104 17908. No. 8 was on the port side?  
- Yes.
- 105 17909. And you had been assisting at the lowering of some other boats?  
- No. 5.
- 106 17910. When No. 5 was lowered, can you say what its complement of passengers was?  
- I could not say; the boat looked very full.
- 107 The Commissioner:  
You may ask him; I do not know that he saw No. 5 lowered.
- 108 17911. (*Mr. Scanlan - To the witness.*) Did you?  
- Yes. I saw No. 4 and No. 5 lowered to the water.
- 109 17912. No. 5 and No. 4?  
- No, not No. 4.
- 110 17913. (*The Commissioner.*) And No. 5, you say was full?  
- Yes.
- 111 17914. (*Mr. Scanlan.*) Had it considerably more passengers in it than you had in No. 8?  
- I could not say about that. The boat was crowded and looked very full. I was standing alongside of her.
- 112 17915. And there was no difficulty in lowering No. 5?  
- None whatever.

- 113 17916. Did you think, yourself, there would have been any difficulty in lowering No. 8 if it had been filled to its utmost capacity with passengers?  
- I could not say.
- 114 The Commissioner:  
I think, Mr. Scanlan, there was one boat lowered with 70 in it?
- 115 Mr. Scanlan:  
Yes.
- 116 The Commissioner:  
And it did not buckle.
- 117 17917. (*Mr. Scanlan.*) That is so, My Lord, and there is considerable evidence on that point. (*To the witness.*) You did not see any difficulty yourself in regard to lowering this boat?  
- No, I was in the boat; I could not see any difficulty in going down in the boat.
- 118 17918. It did not suggest itself to you as a difficult matter to lower one of these boats filled with the full complement of passengers?  
- No.
- 119 17919. Did you know amongst other members of the crew that you had insufficient boats to take off all the people?  
- No, I could not say that.
- 120 17920. When No. 8 was being lowered were there many passengers on the boat deck on the port side?  
- There were a few, and Mr. Wilde told them to go along to No. 10 and get into that.
- 121 17921. Do you mean a few women passengers?  
- Yes.
- 122 17922. And those women passengers were sent along to another boat?  
- Yes, No. 10.
- 123 17923. (*The Commissioner.*) I do not like an expression of that kind. When you say "a few," give me a notion of how many?  
- I should say about 20 or 30 probably, My Lord.
- 124 17924. (*Mr. Scanlan.*) And were there many men passengers on the deck near at hand at that time?  
- Yes.
- 125 17925. So that if those who were responsible for ordering the lowering of No. 8 desired a full complement of passengers for it, they had the passengers there on deck ready to come in?  
- Yes.
- 126 17926. Was there any other Officer superintending the lowering of No. 8?  
- I did not notice.
- 127 17927. Except Mr. Wilde?  
- Only the Captain, he came there; he came there and lowered the forward falls - he assisted in doing so.
- 128 17928. (*The Attorney-General.*) Which boat was this?  
- No. 8.
- 129 17929. (*The Commissioner.*) As I understand, you crossed over from the starboard side to the port side?  
- Yes, I went to my proper boat.
- 130 17930. (*Mr. Scanlan.*) Then you have stated that the crew you had for the boat consisted of two and yourself?  
- Four altogether.
- 131 17931. There were three in addition to you?  
- Yes.
- 132 17932. Who were the other three?  
- Two were sailors and one worked in the kitchen, and myself.
- 133 17933. Two sailors and a kitchen hand?  
- Yes.

- 134 17934-40. Was that crew sufficient to manage this boat in the sea?  
- Yes, I think it was. [There were no questions 17935-40.]
- 135 17941. Did not you have to get the assistance of some of your passengers?  
- It was not really necessary to have their assistance; they helped, to keep themselves warm.
- 136 17942. You did get their assistance in any case?  
- Yes, they volunteered.
- 137 17943. Did they give you assistance in the lowering?  
- No.
- 138 17944. In keeping the boat off the side?  
- No.
- 139 17945. Had you any difficulty there whatever?  
- No.
- 140 17946. (*The Commissioner.*) There was a list to port, was there not?  
- Yes.
- 141 The Commissioner:  
They would not want to keep off the side; the list would keep them off.
- 142 17947. (*Mr. Scanlan.*) Yes. (*To the witness.*) But you needed someone to steer, did you not?  
- The Countess of Rothes volunteered to steer.
- 143 17948. If she had not been steering, you would have required someone permanently?  
- Yes.
- 144 The Commissioner:  
Never mind. You are going too far. If she was not there and if he was not there, does not help me.
- 145 17949. (*Mr. Scanlan - To the witness.*) Did you consider it necessary for the rowing of the boat to have four men, two on each side, at the oars, in addition to the services of one person at the tiller?  
- If we had had more it would have been better for us, naturally.
- 146 Mr. Scanlan:  
It would have been better.
- 147 The Attorney-General:  
"Better for us," he said.
- 148 17950. (*The Commissioner - To the witness.*) Can you tell me now what better would have happened than that you were saved, if you had had more? You were saved?  
- Yes.
- 149 17951. Then what better would have happened to you if you had had three or four more; you would have kept out three or four more passengers, but what better would have happened to you than did happen?  
- We might have pulled quicker to this vessel - that is all I thought.
- 150 17952. Do you mean you could have pulled this distance to this vessel?  
- We thought so when we left the ship, Sir.
- 151 17953. (*Mr. Scanlan.*) I want your opinion on this point, as a man of some experience. Would four men in ordinary circumstances be sufficient to row a big boat like No. 8?
- 152 The Commissioner:  
I know what the answer to that would be; the answer is, No.
- 153 17954. (*Mr. Scanlan - To the witness.*) It would have been insufficient?  
- It would not be sufficient.
- 154 The Commissioner:  
But it happened to be sufficient on this night.
- 155 17955. (*Mr. Scanlan.*) In specially calm weather, My Lord. (*To the witness.*) In ordinary circumstances how many men do you think would be sufficient to row a boat like this?  
- I cannot say; I am not on deck, and I cannot say.
- 156 17956. You have not had much experience of rowing yourself?

- Well, I have done a bit.

157 17957. Was the kitchenhand an experienced man at all?  
- Yes.

158 17958. He was?  
- Yes.

159 17959. And the two sailors?  
- Yes.

160 17960. Was any order given to you to keep within hail of the "Titanic"?  
- No, we were told to make for the steamer and return to the ship.

161 17961. And return to the "Titanic"?  
- Yes, and return to the "Titanic."

162 17962. (*The Commissioner.*) What were you told to do, to make for the light?  
- To make for the light, land the passengers, and return to the ship.

163 17963. Who gave you that order?  
- Captain Smith.

164 17964. The gentleman who gave you that order must, I suppose, have thought that the lights that were visible were close to? Did Captain Smith say to you, "Make for those lights"?  
- He did.

165 17965. "Put your passengers on board that ship with those lights and then come back here"?  
- Yes, My Lord.

166 The Commissioner:  
Then I presume - I do not know - that he must have thought those lights were close to. I do not at present think he is right about that. He may very well have been told to keep away, to go out a bit and be ready to go back.

167 17966. (*Mr. Scanlan.*) I will ask him to give the exact order he got, My Lord. (*To the witness.*) Will you tell my Lord exactly what the Captain said to you as to what you were to do when your boat was lowered; what order did you get?  
- He pointed in the direction of the two lights, and said: "Pull for that vessel; land your people and return to the ship." Those were Captain Smith's words.

168 17967. And did you think you would go to that ship and land your passengers, and go back to the "Titanic" and pick up more?  
- We did at the time.

169 17968. (*The Commissioner.*) This was about 1 o'clock in the morning?  
- About 1, yes.

170 Examined by Mr. HARBINSON.

171 17969. In what direction were the lights that you saw?  
- On the port side.

172 17970. Before the boat was launched, did you see the lights?  
- No, not till Captain Smith pointed them out.

173 17971. It was he who directed your attention to them?  
- Yes.

174 17972. After the boat was launched that you were in, did you see any rockets sent up?  
- Yes, from the "Titanic." I also saw the morse code being used.

175 17973. About how many rockets did you see sent up?  
- I should say I saw about a dozen go up; probably more.

176 17974. A dozen rockets from the "Titanic"?  
- Yes, they kept going up.

177 17975. And you could see those quite distinctly?  
- Yes.



178 17976. And should those lights have been seen by the steamer towards which you were pulling?  
- Yes.

179 17977. Those rockets should have been seen?  
- Yes, I think they ought to have been seen.

180 The Commissioner:  
Well, we know they were, Mr. Harbinson.

181 17978. (*Mr. Harbinson.*) Yes, My Lord. (*To the witness.*) Seen distinctly?  
- Yes, I should think they ought to have been at the height they were sent up from the "Titanic."

182 17979. Now, can you tell me about how long after the impact with the iceberg was it that you knew that the  
"Titanic" was doomed?  
- Well, I should say about 20 minutes.

183 17980. Did you get any instructions from Captain Smith or any of the Officers as to what you should do  
then?  
- The order came down below to see the passengers out, and get the lifebelts on and put them on the boat  
deck.

184 17981. I think you told us you were one of the first class bedroom stewards?  
- Yes.

185 17982. Did you see any of the stewards of the second or third class carry out the order which had been  
given?  
- No.

186 17983. And you know nothing about what took place there?  
- No.

187 17984. So far as you were concerned, you attended to the first class?  
- Yes.

188 17985. Did you know before you left the "Titanic" that the "Carpathia" was coming to the assistance of the  
"Titanic"?  
- No.

189 17986. You had not been told anything about it?  
- No.

190 17987. When you saw the lights of this steamer on your port side, do you know how the  
"Titanic" was then heading?  
- I could not say what course.

191 17988. Not the course, but was she heading for New York or heading for Europe?  
- She was heading for New York.

192 17989. (The Commissioner.) How do you know that?  
- She seemed to be going the way we were going.

193 17990. That is another matter altogether. If she had swung round, you know, then she was  
not heading for New York?  
- I cannot say whether she had swung round or not.

194 17991. (Mr. Dunlop.) Did you notice whether the "Titanic" had swung round?  
- I did not.

195 17992. If the "Titanic" had swung round, do you think you would have noticed it?  
- No, I do not think so.

196 17993. Was the vessel you saw apparently heading the same way as the "Titanic" was  
heading?  
- It seemed to be coming this way, towards the "Titanic."

197 17994. Was she to the southward of you, or to the northward of you?  
- I could not say.

198 The Commissioner:  
He does not know these things; a steward does not know these things.

199 17995. (Mr. Dunlop.) What lights on her did you see - one masthead or two masthead lights?  
 - Two masthead lights.

200 17996. How far do you estimate they were from you when you saw them first?  
 - Between five and seven miles I should say, at the most.

201 17997. Did they appear to remain stationary, or go away, or come nearer to you?  
 - They seemed to be stationary.

202 17998. Did you see her Morse signalling at all?  
 - No.

203 17999. If she had been Morse signalling you would have noticed that, would you?  
 - I should think so.

204 18000. At what time was it you first saw her?  
 - Just after one, when the Captain pointed it out.

205 18001. And how long had you her under observation?  
 - Nearly all the night.

206 18002. What happened to her afterwards; did she come nearer to you, or did she disappear?  
 - I could not say. We saw the "Carpathia" coming up, and we turned round and made for that one.

207 18003. (The Commissioner.) Your interest in the "Californian," if it was the "Californian," ceased as soon as you saw the "Carpathia"?  
 - Yes, My Lord.

208 The Commissioner:  
 Very naturally.

209 18004. (Mr. Dunlop.) When you saw the "Carpathia," was the other vessel in sight?  
 - No, I did not notice her.

210 18005. When did you lose sight of this other vessel?  
 - Just as it got daylight.

211 18006. Was she so far away that you were not able at daylight to see the ship herself?  
 - We never looked for her after that.

212 18007. Did you lose sight of her before you saw the "Carpathia"?  
 - I do not remember.

213 18008. At what stage did you begin to lose sight of this vessel whose lights you say you had seen?  
 - Only when we saw the "Carpathia" coming, that is all.

214 The Commissioner:  
 Can you give me the position of the "Carpathia" at the time she received the position of the "Titanic," Mr. Attorney?

215 The Attorney-General:  
 I do not know that I can at the moment. We shall be able to tell you, but I do not think we can now.

216 The Commissioner:  
 Was she to the southward or the northward?

217 Sir Robert Finlay:  
 I think those on the "Carpathia" thought she was to the northward.

218 The Commissioner:  
 Who thought so?

219 Sir Robert Finlay:  
 A Witness from the "Carpathia."

220 The Attorney-General:

We have not had a Witness from the "Carpathia."

221 Sir Robert Finlay:  
I mean the "Californian."

222 The Attorney-General:  
My Lord's question was directed to the "Carpathia," not the position of the "Californian."

223 The Commissioner:  
No, the "Carpathia."

224 The Attorney-General:  
My friend, Sir Robert Finlay, understood it was with reference to the "Californian."

225 The Commissioner:  
No; I was thinking of the questions which had been put to the witness which were questions about the "Carpathia." I want to know if anyone can tell me where the "Carpathia" was at the time she received the position of the "Titanic"?

226 The Attorney-General:  
The only possibility of answering the question today would be by seeing what was said in the American evidence. We have no evidence at present; we shall call some.

227 The Commissioner:  
Very well.

228 The Attorney-General:  
You shall have the information later.

229 18009. (Mr. Dunlop - To the witness.) How long before you saw the "Carpathia" was it that you last remember seeing the other steamer?  
- I could not say how long.

230 18010. Did the other steamer at any time appear to be steaming towards you?  
- No, she seemed to be stationary there.

231 18011. At no time steaming towards you?  
- No.

232 18012. Did you see any other vessel besides the "Carpathia" after the "Carpathia" came in sight?  
- After we were picked up the "Californian" came on the scene.

233 18013. Did you see the "Mount Temple"?  
- No.

234 18014. Did you see any sidelight of this vessel?  
- Yes.

235 18015. Which sidelight?  
- I saw both lights.

236 The Commissioner:  
He said he saw both, you know.

237 18016. (Mr. Dunlop.) You saw two masthead lights and two sidelights?  
- Yes.

238 18017. While she was lying apparently stationary?  
- Yes; we drifted.

239 Examined by Mr. LEWIS.

240 18018. Can you say what class of passengers they were in the boat?  
- I think they were nearly all first class; I would not be sure.

241 18019. There were no women left when you left the ship?  
- Yes.

242 The Commissioner:  
Yes, there was one lady, Mrs. Straus. [Mrs. Ida Straus.]

243 18020. (Mr. Lewis.) There was no other lady there?

- There were several other ladies there. They were taken to No. 10 boat.

244 18021. Did the other ladies refuse to go into the boat?

- I only heard Mrs. Straus refuse.

245 18022. There were a number of men left, you said. Did any of them try to get into the boat?

- No.

246 18023. Were you there all the time the boat was being prepared to be lowered?

- Yes.

247 18024. But you have no recollection of any man or any men trying to get into the boat?

- No.

248 18025. Or being refused. After you left, and you found you could not approach the lights, was any suggestion made that you should return to the ship?

- During the pull across one sailor offered to return to the ship, but all the ladies said, "Why not obey the Captain's orders?"

249 18026. (The Commissioner.) And you were the Captain?

- No, Captain Smith - "Obey the Captain's orders."

250 18027. (Mr. Lewis.) Captain Smith said you were to make for the ship, land your passengers, and return?

- Yes.

251 18028. And the ladies objected?

- Yes.

252 18029. Did the men agree with the suggestion?

- Yes, I think so.

253 18030. And it was because the men objected you did not return?

- Yes.

254 The Commissioner:  
No, that is not right at all. It was not because the ladies objected. The ladies did object.

255 18031. (Mr. Lewis.) I will put it in another way. (To the witness.) I understood you to say a suggestion was made in the boat that you should return, seeing you could not approach the light?

- Yes.

256 18032. I understand you to say every man in the boat agreed with that suggestion?

- I did not understand you.

257 The Commissioner:  
I did not understand him to say that.

258 The Witness:  
No.

259 18033. (Mr. Lewis.) They did not agree?

- Oh, no.

260 18034. Did they express any opinion upon it?

- No, none of the crew spoke.

261 The Commissioner:  
Are you asking all these questions at random, or have you some instructions upon which you ask them?

262 Mr. Lewis:  
I have evidence that a suggestion was made in the boat that they should return to the ship.

263 The Commissioner:  
I asked you, do you ask these questions at random or have you some instructions upon which you put them?

264 Mr. Lewis:

I have evidence from a Witness, who will give evidence later, I understand, that a suggestion was made in the boat that they should return to the ship.

265 The Commissioner:  
Are those instructions in writing?

266 Mr. Lewis:  
Yes, My Lord.

267 The Commissioner:  
Let me look at them, and I will ask a few questions of the witness. (The document was handed to the Commissioner.)

268 18035. (To the witness.) Do you remember a man, an A.B. named Jones - T. or J. Jones?  
- Yes. [Thomas William Jones.]

269 18036. Do you remember him?  
- Yes.

270 18037. Was he sent for some lamps?  
- Not to my knowledge. The lamp-trimmer put the lamp in the boat before we lowered.

271 18038. Was Jones's boat No. 8?  
- Yes, My Lord.

272 18039. Was he one of the men in your boat?  
- Yes, My Lord.

273 18040. Do you remember Captain Smith asking him if the plug was in his boat?  
- No, I do not remember that.

274 18041. Did Jones put the plug in himself?  
- I could not say. I stood on the deck and Jones was in the boat.

275 18042. Do you remember a man trying to get in and being prevented?  
- No, I never saw that.

276 18043. Do you remember a child being brought and put into the boat?  
- No, we had no child in the boat.

277 18044. Did you hear Captain Smith turn round and say, "Any more women or children for this boat. We have plenty of time if the women will get in there"?  
- No, I never heard that.

278 18045. Then you did not hear him shout three times, "Any more women or children for the boat?"?  
- Not for that boat, no.

279 18046. I am talking of that boat. Did you hear him shout that for any boat?  
- No.

280 18047. Then it is right to say that this man Jones suggested going back to the "Titanic"?  
- He did.

281 18048. And that the ladies said, "You must carry out Captain Smith's orders"?  
- Yes.

282 The Attorney-General:  
Your Lordship says "the ladies" said that; there is some question about that. Perhaps your Lordship would ask him what he means.

283 The Commissioner:  
I am putting it from this statement. The statement here is - I suppose it is proposed to call this man at some time - "Most of the ladies objected."

284 The Attorney-General:  
That, if your Lordship will permit me, is rather different. I have documents before me. It may be necessary to go into this matter more fully. When your Lordship said "the ladies" suggested going back it would include Lady Rothes.

285 The Commissioner:

I was inaccurate. I ought to have said "most of the ladies."

286 The Attorney-General:  
Perhaps the witness might tell us with regard to it, because Lady Rothes is rather concerned about that.

287 18049. (The Commissioner - To the witness.) Did the lady who was steering object to go back?  
- I did not hear her; I was in the forward part of the boat.

288 18050. You saw the ship go down?  
- Yes.

289 18051. Did you hear the cries of the people as the ship went down?  
- We heard a little, but we were a long distance away.

290 The Commissioner:  
Thank you, Mr. Lewis; this quite accords with what you were suggesting.

291 Mr. Lewis:  
I am obliged to your Lordship; I have no further question, My Lord. I should like to ask whether I have to submit documents in future to your Lordship or whether I am entitled to ask the witnesses questions.

292 The Commissioner:  
You are quite entitled to ask the questions.

293 Mr. Lewis:  
Thank you, My Lord.

294 Examined by Mr. HOLMES.

295 18052. You have not told us what distance you rowed in the direction of these lights?  
- I should say between 3 and 4 miles; by the time the morning came we were furthest away from the "Carpathia."

296 18053. Did they ever appear to get any nearer?  
- No.

297 18054. Do you think the other boat was moving?  
- I thought probably she might have been drifting.

298 18055. You thought they were drifting?  
- The other ship was drifting.

299 18056. In the same direction as yourselves?  
- No, it seemed as if she was drifting away from us.

300 18057. Well, that would be in the same direction?  
- Yes.

301 Examined by Sir ROBERT FINLAY.

302 18058. How far off were you from the "Titanic" when you heard the cries?  
- I should say a mile and a half.

303 18059. You had been obeying the orders to row in the direction of these lights?  
- Yes, of the other vessel.

304 18060. You say that you saw at some time both the sidelights of that other vessel?  
- Yes, we were right bow on to it; I could see both the lights.

305 18061. For how long was it that you were able to see both the sidelights of that other vessel?  
- I did not see them long.

306 18062. Only a short time?  
- Only a short time, that was all.

307 18063. After that, did you see one sidelight?  
- I did not look any more; I had my back to it, and was pulling all the time.

308 18064. You mean you only looked round for a short while?

- Yes.

309 18065. So that what was happening after that or before that you cannot tell us at all?

- No.

310 The Commissioner:  
I am told that with four men, a boat of this size, carrying about 35 passengers in such a sea as we know there was, would not move along quicker than about two and a-half to three miles an hour.

311 Sir Robert Finlay:  
They must have gone very slowly.

312 The Attorney-General:  
Perhaps that is rather more than they did; that is a little more than they did with four men rowing. I should have thought they would have done a little less than that. I certainly do not suggest they would have done more. I should have expected rather less.

313 18066. (Sir Robert Finlay - To the witness.) According to the best of your judgment how far off were these lights when the Captain said "Row there and come back"?

- Between five and seven miles, I should say.

314 18067. You say at that time two masthead lights?

- Yes.

315 18068. Nothing else?

- Nothing else.

316 18069. At that time, in your judgment, were the masthead lights stationary or moving?

- They seemed stationary.

317 18070. What deck were you on when the collision took place?

- On B deck, forward.

318 18071. Did you see to getting the passengers cleared out of that part of the ship?

- Every one.

319 18072. Every one?

- Yes.

320 18073. Did you do anything in the way of closing doors?

- I closed all the doors up.

321 18074. What doors do you mean?

- The cabin doors - the state -room doors.

322 18075. After the people were cleared out?

- Yes.

323 18076. You said, besides that lady who refused to leave, there were some other ladies on deck?

- Yes, there were several ladies round the boat.

324 18077. What became of them?

- They went in No. 10 boat, I believe.

325 The Attorney-General:  
Not Mrs. Straus.

326 18078. (Sir Robert Finlay.) I said the other ladies. (To the witness.) Mrs. Straus refused to go at all?

- She refused to go without her husband.

327 18079. And she remained?

- Yes.

328 18080. And the other ladies went in boat No. 10?

- I believe so.

329 18081. (The Commissioner.) You did not see them go?

- No, Sir.



330 18082. You were already in the sea in No. 8?  
 - Yes.

331 18083. (Sir Robert Finlay.) How do you know they went in No. 10?  
 - The Chief Officer told them to go along to No. 10 boat and get in there.

332 18084. You heard him give that order?  
 - Yes.

333 Re-examined by the ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

334 18085. I want you to help us upon this if you can. Did you see the "Carpathia" lights, or did you see her in daylight first?  
 - I saw her lights coming round.

335 18086. You say you saw her lights?  
 - Yes.

336 18087. Do you remember what lights?  
 - I saw a big ship lit up, and we turned round and went back to her.

337 18088. You turned round and went back to her; but what I want to know is, where was she? I want to get at that if I can from what you saw of her lights. Do you remember?  
 - She was coming over that way and we were going this way (Demonstrating.)

338 18089. You mean you were coming this way and she was coming that way?  
 - Yes.

339 The Commissioner:  
 It does not help me for this Witness to say, "She was coming that way and we were going this way."

340 The Attorney-General:  
 It helps us to fix the position; we cannot do more than that at present. We can follow what he means having followed out where the "Carpathia" was to some extent. We make her a little to the s.E.

341 The Commissioner:  
 South and east.

342 18090. (The Attorney-General.) Yes, almost exactly S.E.; but we will work it out later, and your Lordship will see from the evidence of the captain of the "Carpathia" it will be made clear. That is calculating it according to the evidence already given in America. He did not give his position, but he did give a position at one time, and said how many miles he steamed after it, and from that we work out she would have been to the s.E. (To the witness.) At any rate, in the way you were heading in your boat the "Carpathia" was astern of you?  
 - No, she was on the quarter.

343 18091. That is quite right; she was on your quarter?  
 - Yes.

344 18092. And then you turned round and went to her?  
 - Yes.

345 That is sufficiently near. There was one question your Lordship put to the witness. I think it is the first time we have heard of the order from Captain Smith to which he deposed. He said something to the effect - I am not giving his exact words - that the orders of Captain Smith were that they were to row the boat to the light, that is, to the ship of which he had seen the lights, and to put the women on board and then come back, no doubt with the object of fetching more. It is right to say with regard to this Witness that there are two other Witnesses who were in this boat who deposed to the same thing. We have not got them.

346 The Commissioner:  
 The proof that Mr. Lewis has of Jones says the same thing.



347 The Attorney-General:  
Jones has been examined in America, and I have his evidence before me; but I am speaking of something apart from Jones.

348 The Commissioner:  
What occurs to me - I do not know whether it is right - as to what the Captain probably meant is this. This is one o'clock in the morning, and my opinion is the Captain knew that she was a doomed ship at that time, and what he meant was: "Go to the light, put your passengers off, and come back to this place."

349 The Attorney-General:  
Yes, quite.

350 The Commissioner:  
It is different from saying "Come back to this ship."

351 The Attorney-General:  
Yes.

352 The Commissioner:  
Perhaps he would not say it in words, but it would mean to come back to pick people up.

353 The Attorney-General:  
According to one lady who has given evidence in America, what he said was: "Put these women in safety and come back for others."

354 Sir Robert Finlay:  
Of course, it is possible the Captain might have thought that ship would make for them.

355 The Attorney-General:  
Yes.

356 The Commissioner:  
Of course, it is, and very natural, and that may, to a large extent, explain it.

357 (The Witness withdrew.)

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#### 360 Testimony of Alfred Crawford

361 Source : <http://www.titanicinquiry.org/USInq/AmInq01Indxa.php>

362 (*The witness was duly sworn by the chairman.*)

363 Senator SMITH.  
What is your full name?

364 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Alfred Crawford.

365 Senator SMITH.  
And where do you reside?

366 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
In Southampton.

367 Senator SMITH.  
England?

368 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
England; yes, sir.

369 Senator SMITH.  
How old are you?

370 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Forty-one.

371 Senator SMITH.  
What is your business or occupation?

372 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Bedroom steward.

373 Senator SMITH.  
How long have you been engaged in that employment?

374 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I have been going to sea since 1881, sir.

375 Senator SMITH.  
How long have you been employed on the White Star Line?

376 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I have been on the White Star Line six years.

377 Senator SMITH.  
What boats have you served on?

378 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
On the [Adriatic](#), the [Olympic](#), and the [Titanic](#).

379 Senator SMITH.  
Always in the same capacity?

380 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

381 Senator SMITH.  
What are your duties?

382 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Attending to all the passengers requirements, cleaning their rooms and everything, sir.

383 Senator SMITH.  
In any particular part of the ship?

384 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; in one certain part. I was on B deck, right forward.

385 Senator SMITH.  
That is where?

386 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
In the fore part of the ship; in the bow part.

387 Senator SMITH.  
That is on the second from the boat deck?

388 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
The second from the boat deck; yes, sir.

389 Senator SMITH.  
Forward?

390 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

391 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know any of the passengers in your part of this ship?

392 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I know three ladies, Mrs. Rogers [[Elisabeth Robert](#)], Miss Rogers [[Georgette Madill](#)], and her niece [[Elizabeth Allen](#)]; also Mr. Stewart [[Albert Stewart](#)], that I had in my section, and there was a Mr. And Mrs. Bishop [[Dickinson](#) and [Helen](#) Bishop].

393 Senator SMITH.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop?

394 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

395 Senator SMITH.  
Do you remember Mr. Bishop's initials?

396 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No; I do not know what were his initials.

397 Senator SMITH.  
Were those all?

398 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
They were a newly married couple.

399 Senator SMITH.  
The Bishops?

400 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes.

401 Senator SMITH.  
He was a man about your age?

402 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No; he was a man about 24, sir.

403 Senator SMITH.  
A young man.

404 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
A young man.; yes, sir.

405 Senator SMITH.  
Were these all passengers in your section?

406 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
All I had in my section. There were some other passengers up there.

407 Senator SMITH.  
Do you remember them?

408 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I do not remember their names, sir.

409 Senator SMITH.  
Did you know Mr. and Mrs. Straus? [[Isidor](#) and [Ida](#) Straus]

410 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I stood at the boat where they refused to get in.

411 Senator SMITH.  
Did Mrs. Straus get into the boat?

412 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
She attempted to get into the boat first and she got back again. Her maid [[Ellen Bird](#)] got into the boat.

413 Senator SMITH.  
What do you mean by "she attempted" to get in?

414 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
She went to get over from the deck to the boat, but then went back to her husband.

415 Senator SMITH.  
Did she step on the boat?

416 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
She stepped on to the boat, on to the gunwales sir; then she went back.

417 Senator SMITH.

What followed?

418 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
She said, "We have been living together for many years, and where you go I go."

419 Senator SMITH.  
To whom did she speak?

420 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
To her husband.

421 Senator SMITH.  
Was he beside her?

422 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes; he was standing away back when she went from the boat.

423 Senator SMITH.  
You say there was a maid there also?

424 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
A maid got in the boat and was saved; yes, sir.

425 Senator SMITH.  
Did the maid precede Mrs. Straus into the boat?

426 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Mrs. Straus told the maid to get into the boat and she would follow her; then she altered her mind and went back to her husband.

427 Senator SMITH.  
Which one of the boats was that?

428 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
[No. 8](#), on the port side.

429 Senator SMITH.  
You mean the eighth boat to be lowered?

430 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; the starboard boats were lowered before ours were. We were on the port side; No.8 boat, on the port side.

431 Senator SMITH.  
Who superintended the loading?

432 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
The [chief officer](#) superintended it, and myself.

433 Senator SMITH.  
And the lowering?

434 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
And [Capt. Smith](#).

435 Senator SMITH.  
All those lifeboats on the port side?

436 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Capt. Smith and the chief officer; Capt. Smith and the steward lowered the forward falls of the boat I was in.

437 Senator SMITH.  
This was forward?

438 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

439 Senator SMITH.  
How far from the [bridge](#)?

440 Mr. BURLINGHAM.  
He said the forward falls, Senator; that is the forward rope, but it was the after boat on the port side.

441 Senator SMITH.  
How far from the bridge?

442 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
It was about 20 or 30 yards from the bridge, sir.

443 Senator SMITH.  
And the captain of the boat personally superintended the loading and the lowering?

444 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Of that one particular boat; yes, sir.

445 Senator SMITH.  
Of this eighth boat?

446 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Of No. 8 boat; yes, sir.

447 Senator SMITH.  
Did he superintend the loading and lowering of any other boat there forward?

448 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I think he went to No. 10 boat. I could not see that being lowered into the water. He gave us instructions to pull to a light that he saw and then land the ladies and return back to the ship again. It was the light of a vessel in the distance. We pulled and pulled, but we could not reach it.

449 Senator SMITH.  
Then you didn't get back to the ship?

450 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

451 Senator SMITH.  
Where was the captain when you saw him last?

452 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
He stood up on the deck there, where we were lowering away the falls. After we got from the boat deck I could not see him again.

453 Senator SMITH.  
After you got below the boat deck?

454 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes.

455 Senator SMITH.  
He remained on the boat deck?

456 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes; sir.

457 Senator SMITH.  
How many seamen or men of the crew were put into boat No. 8?

458 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Four, sir; two were in and Capt. Smith told me to get in.

459 Senator SMITH.  
Two were in?

460 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Two sailors were in the boat at first.

461 Senator SMITH.  
And Capt. Smith told you to get in?

462 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; myself and a cook got in. We were the last to get in the boat - there were so many ladies that there wasn't room for any more.

463 Senator SMITH.

How many passengers were in that boat?

464 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I should say about 35, sir.

465 Senator SMITH.  
Was that a regular lifeboat or one of these canvas collapsible boats?

466 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir, it was a regular lifeboat.

467 Senator SMITH.  
When you were lowered to the water, who assumed charge of this lifeboat?

468 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
The man in the afterpart of the lifeboat, a sailor. [[Thomas Jones](#)]

469 Senator SMITH.  
A sailor?

470 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

471 Senator SMITH.  
And what was done?

472 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
We all took an oar and pulled away from the ship. A lady - I don't know her name [[the Countess of Rothes](#)] - took the tiller.

473 Senator SMITH.  
A lady took the tiller and the men took the oars?

474 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Four men took the oars and pulled away.

475 Senator SMITH.  
Did you know any of the women or men in that boat?

476 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; there were only ladies. There were no men, except four of the crew.

477 Senator SMITH.  
What about Mr. and Mrs. Bishop?

478 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
They weren't in that boat.

479 Senator SMITH.  
What boat were they in?

480 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I couldn't say what boat they got into. I saw them afterwards on the [Carpathia](#).

481 Senator SMITH.  
Did each of the boats forward on the port side have four men?

482 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I think they did, sir, I couldn't say. I was out loading all the boats as we got along.

483 Senator SMITH.  
So far as you observed, was there any struggle -

484 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; none whatever.

485 Senator SMITH.  
(*continuing*) To get into the lifeboats, by men or women?

486 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; none whatever.

487 Senator SMITH.  
Was the ship sinking at this time?

488 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
She was making water fast at the bows; yes, sir.

489 Senator SMITH.  
And was there any noticeable suction?

490 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

491 Senator SMITH.  
About the boat?

492 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; I do not think so.

493 Senator SMITH.  
As she began to sink?

494 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

495 Senator SMITH.  
Just tell what you did from that time that you were lowered to the water.

496 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Kept pulling and trying to make a light, and we could not seem to get any closer to it. We kept pulling and pulling until daybreak. Then we saw the *Carpathia* coming up, and we turned around and came back to her.

497 Senator SMITH.  
What time did the day break on Monday?

498 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
About 4 o'clock, I should say, it began to get light.

499 Senator SMITH.  
You were in the boat and pulling?

500 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; until the time we were picked up.

501 Senator SMITH.  
From 1 o'clock until about daylight?

502 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

503 Senator SMITH.  
When you were picked up, did the boat have the same number of occupants as when she left the *Titanic*?

504 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

505 Senator SMITH.  
And all were saved?

506 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
And all were saved; yes, sir.

507 Senator SMITH.  
Where were you when this collision occurred?

508 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I was right forward in B deck.

509 Senator SMITH.  
Where is that?

510 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Two decks underneath the boat deck.

511 Senator SMITH.  
Tell what you experienced.

512 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I was on watch until 12 o'clock, and I was waiting for my relief to come up. I was to be relieved at 12 o'clock. I heard the crash, and I went out on the outer deck and saw the iceberg floating alongside. I went back, and there were a lot of passengers coming out.

513 Senator SMITH.  
You went out on the outer deck?

514 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

515 Senator SMITH.  
On which side?

516 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
On the starboard side.

517 Senator SMITH.  
And saw the iceberg?

518 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I saw the iceberg going by.

519 Senator SMITH.  
Was there any ice on the deck?

520 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I did not go so far forward as that, sir.

521 Senator SMITH.  
Was there anybody injured that you know anything about?

522 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir, I went to all the ladies' cabins. They were all rushing out, and I told them I didn't think there was any immediate danger, and after the order was passed for the lifebelts, I tied the lifebelts on the ladies, and an old gentleman by the name of Stewart [[Albert Stewart](#)], and tied his shoes on for him.

523 Senator SMITH.  
You say after the order was passed for the lifebelts?

524 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes.

525 Senator SMITH.  
Who gave that order?

526 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
The [captain](#), I believe.

527 Senator SMITH.  
How long after the collision?

528 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I should say about 30 minutes.

529 Senator SMITH.  
Did you succeed in getting the lifebelts on?

530 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
On all the ladies, and all the passengers; yes, sir.

531 Senator SMITH.  
On all passengers you say?

532 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; all that were on that deck.

533 Senator SMITH.



Did you personally look after the passengers on that deck in that regard?  
534 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.  
535 Senator SMITH.  
Did anybody assist you?  
536 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
There was another man on the other side. There was one man on each side.  
537 Senator SMITH.  
You say that all the passengers were fitted with lifebelts?  
538 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; each person. There were three four lifebelts in each stateroom.  
539 Senator SMITH.  
Were there any children on that deck?  
540 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; there was none on the deck where I was.  
541 Senator SMITH.  
Did you know any of the other passengers on that deck?  
542 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; I could not say that I did.  
543 Senator SMITH.  
Did you hear of any American passengers there?  
544 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No.  
545 Senator SMITH.  
On that deck?  
546 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.  
547 Senator SMITH.  
I mean by that, any special names that were suggested?  
548 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; I have not heard of any.  
549 Senator SMITH.  
Those people you have enumerated are the only ones you know by name?  
550 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
That is all; yes, sir.  
551 Senator SMITH.  
Did you hear any explosion or any evidence of an explosion?  
552 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I heard an explosion when we were lying to in the water, in the boat, sir.  
553 Senator SMITH.  
In what boat?  
554 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
In the lifeboat.  
555 Senator SMITH.  
What character of explosion?  
556 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Sort of a sharp, like as if there were things being blown up.  
557 Senator SMITH.  
Was there any outward indication?  
558 Mr. CRAWFORD.

No, sir; we did not see any, because we were pulling very hard away.

559 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see the ship go down?

560 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
We saw her at a distance; yes, sir.

561 Senator SMITH.  
What shape was she in when you saw her last?

562 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
It seemed as if her bow was going down first.

563 Senator SMITH. At how much of an angle?

564 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
We saw all the lights going out on the forward part of her.

565 Senator SMITH.  
And still burning on the after part?

566 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

567 Senator SMITH.  
How much of the after part was out of the water?

568 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
There was a good bit of the stern part out of water.

569 Senator SMITH.  
How many decks?

570 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I could not say how many decks there, sir, but it seemed all clear right from amidships to aft.

571 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see many people?

572 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I saw a great number on deck.

573 Senator SMITH.  
On board of her at that time.

574 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

575 Senator SMITH.  
What were they doing?

576 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
When we left they were trying to lower the other boats; the farther aft boats.

577 Senator SMITH.  
Were you assisted in rowing the boat that you were in by a woman pulling an oar?

578 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

579 Senator SMITH.  
Who was she?

580 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I don't know her name, sir. There were several there who took turns at pulling.

581 Senator SMITH.  
Were they employees?

582 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

583 Senator SMITH.

They were lady passengers?  
584 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; lady passengers.  
585 Senator SMITH.  
But you don't know who they were?  
586 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.  
587 Senator SMITH.  
You have never seen them since?  
588 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; I have never seen them since.  
589 Senator SMITH.  
Did you know Mr. Ismay - the managing director?  
590 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.  
591 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see him there?  
592 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; I saw him lowering a boat on the starboard side too, and Mr. Murdoch.  
593 Senator SMITH.  
He and Mr. Murdoch?  
594 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.  
595 Senator SMITH.  
Do you remember what boat it was?  
596 Mr. CRAWFORD. I think it was No. 5.  
597 Senator SMITH.  
Forward.  
598 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; it was just under the bridge.  
599 Senator SMITH.  
In their order of being lowered into the water, what number was it?  
600 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
The boat, sir?  
601 Senator SMITH.  
Yes.  
602 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No. 5, starboard side.  
603 Senator SMITH.  
Was it the fifth boat that was lowered into the water?  
604 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; probably the third.  
605 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see him lowering any other boat?  
606 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No; I went around the port side.  
607 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see him get into a boat?  
608 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

609 Senator SMITH.  
Or get out of one?

610 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; I saw him assisting the ladies into this one particular boat; he and Mr. Murdoch  
had lowered the boat into the water.

611 Senator SMITH.  
You saw him assist the ladies in?

612 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

613 Senator SMITH.  
Does it take two men to lower the boats?

614 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

615 Senator SMITH.  
And he was performing the service of one man?

616 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Mr. Murdoch was running it through the blocks.

617 Senator SMITH.  
And Mr. Murdoch's position was what?

618 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
First officer.

619 Senator SMITH.  
Did he survive?

620 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

621 Senator SMITH.  
Either before you got into this lifeboat or after you got into it, did you see many persons in  
the water?

622 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

623 Senator SMITH.  
How many?

624 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I did not see any in the water after we lowered the boats.

625 Senator SMITH.  
You did not?

626 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

627 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see any in the water before you lowered the boat?

628 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

629 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know the condition of these lifeboats?

630 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
The one I was in was in very good condition.

631 Senator SMITH.  
Was it new?

632 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; and perfectly dry.

633 Senator SMITH.  
Was there any difficulty in lowering the lifeboats?

634 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
None whatever, sir. They went down very easily.

635 Senator SMITH.  
After the captain told you to get into this boat, you did not see him again?

636 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

637 Senator SMITH.  
Were there any officers in the boat that you were in?

638 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

639 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see any of the officers get into any boats?

640 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No; I did not, sir.

641 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see any attempt made to get into any of the boats?

642 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

643 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see Mr. Lightoller?

644 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

645 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know him?

646 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I did not know him; no, sir.

647 Senator SMITH.  
You did know Mr. Murdoch?

648 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; I have been with him on several ships.

649 Senator SMITH.  
What was your emergency boat station?

650 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No. 8. Each man went to his station.

651 Senator SMITH.  
Was that your emergency station?

652 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

653 Senator SMITH.  
What was your fire station?

654 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
To get the hose out on each section for the bed rooms.

655 Senator SMITH.  
Was there any drill?

656 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Oh, yes; we have a drill every voyage, sir.

657 Senator SMITH.  
Did you have any on this voyage?

658 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes.

659 Senator SMITH.  
When?

660 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
That was in Belfast.

661 Senator SMITH.  
Before leaving?

662 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Before leaving.

663 Senator SMITH.  
Was that at the time of the trial test?

664 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

665 Senator SMITH.  
Who conducted it?

666 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
The chief officer, sir.

667 Senator SMITH.  
Do you have his name?

668 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Mr. Wilde, sir.

669 Senator SMITH.  
I have not finished with you, but I would be glad to have you come here in the morning.  
We shall not be able to get through with these men.

670 Mr. BURLINGHAM. Then we will retain them for you. Do you want these 4 officers and  
these 12 men?

671 Senator SMITH.  
Yes.

672 Mr. BURLINGHAM. The rest can go home?

673 Senator SMITH.  
No, I cannot say that.

674 Mr. BURLINGHAM. We have about 100 of them - 95 stewards and 70 firemen - all  
prepared to go home by the [Lapland](#); at your service of course, at any time; but that is their  
home.

675 Senator SMITH.  
I understand that; but I am not prepared to meet that request.

676 Mr. BURLINGHAM. We can not be responsible for their being kept here for you if the  
ship goes. They are absolutely free from us. They will be subject to boarding houses, or  
anything else. If the committee wants to herd them up, that is one thing. It is perfectly  
impossible for a steamship company to take care of 200 people without any steamer to put  
them on.

677 Senator SMITH.  
I am not going to subpoena all of those men. As I understand it, we are to be guaranteed  
the presence of the officers and these 15 men?

678 Mr. BURLINGHAM. Yes; those that you have selected.

679 Senator SMITH.  
I am not going to release the others.

680 Mr. BURLINGHAM. But they are not under subpoena.

681 Senator SMITH.

They are not.

682 Mr. BURLINGHAM. Thank you. We understand, sir.

683 Senator SMITH.  
I do not want to release anybody, and I particularly want these 15.

684 Mr. BURLINGHAM. They will be here.

685 Senator SMITH.  
And the other officers of the company?

686 Mr. BURLINGHAM. They will be at your disposal tomorrow. At what time?

687 Senator SMITH.  
At 10 o'clock.

688 Mr. BURLINGHAM. Very well, sir.

689 Senator SMITH.  
The Sergeant at Arms says there are 12 instead of 15.

690 Mr. FRANKLIN. Has the Sergeant at Arms the names of the 12 men and the 4 officers?

691 Senator SMITH.  
Yes.

692 Mr. BURLINGHAM. We will have them here. They will be here at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

693 Day 9

694 Testimony of Alfred Crawford, recalled

695 Senator SMITH.  
I would like you to state what you did just after the impact on the night of the accident.

696 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
After we struck I went out and saw the iceberg passing along the starboard side. Then I went back and went around to all the staterooms to see that all the passengers were up and called all those; and as I was going around Mr. and Mrs. Bishop [Dickinson and Helen] came out and asked me what was the matter. I said we had run into a piece of ice. I told them to go back to their rooms and dress; to put on as much of their clothes as they could; that I did not think there was any immediate danger. Afterwards a gentleman - a Mr. Stewart - came down and asked me to help dress him, and to tie his shoes, and I did so. He went on deck and came back again and told me that it was serious; that they had told passengers to put on lifebelts. I got the lifebelts down and tied one on him, and also one on others. I gave them to other ladies and gentlemen on the deck. After that, during that time, I saw Mr. Ismay come out of his room, and a bedroom steward named Clark, and went on deck.

697 Senator SMITH.  
What was the number of Mr. Ismay's room, if you know?

698 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I should say it was either B-48 or 50.

699 Senator SMITH.  
On which deck?

700 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
B deck.

701 Senator SMITH.  
Go ahead.

702 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I went around to all the staterooms and told Mrs. Rogers [Elisabeth Robert] and Miss Rogers [Georgette Madill] to dress, and I helped tie lifebelts on them. After I saw all the passengers on the boat deck, I went on the boat deck myself, and I went to No. 5 lifeboat.

703 Senator SMITH.

Was that your station?

704 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No. No. 8 was my station. I went on the starboard side to No. 5 boat. I saw Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Ismay helping to get the passengers in. They were calling out and assisting all the women into the boat. Mr. Ismay stopped Mr. Murdoch from lowering the boat a bit because the after-end was getting hung up. Mr. Murdoch called out to the aft man that was lowering the fall to lower away all the time, that he would beat him, and they lowered the boat to the water.

705 Senator SMITH.  
All right. What did you do then?

706 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
After I heard they were lowering away the port boats, I went around to my proper station.

707 Senator SMITH.  
Which was No. 8?

708 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Which was No. 8. Mr. Wilde, the chief officer, was there. We filled that boat up with women first. Mrs. Isidor Straus and her husband were there, and she made an attempt to get into the boat first. She had placed her maid in the boat previous to that. She handed her maid a rug, and she stepped back and clung to her husband and said "We have been together all these years. Where you go I go." After that Capt. Smith came to the boat and asked how many men were in the boat. There were two sailors. He told me to get into the boat. He gave me orders to ship the row-locks and to pull for a light. He directed me to a light over there. We were pulling for about six hours, I should say, and there were four men in the boat and a lady at the tiller all night.

709 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know what lady that was?

710 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I have found out since. It was the Countess of Rothes. She was a countess; I do not know exactly her proper name.

711 Senator SMITH.  
The captain told you to get into that boat and row toward the light?

712 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes; the captain told me to get in the boat and row toward that light. He told us to row for the light and to land the people there and come back to the ship. We pulled until daybreak and we could not catch the ship.

713 Senator SMITH.  
What boat was that, No. 5?

714 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No. 8, on the port side.

715 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see the light?

716 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; there were two lights.

717 Senator SMITH.  
How far away?

718 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I should say it was not farther than 10 miles.

719 Senator SMITH.  
What were they; were they signals?

720 Mr. CRAWFORD.



They were stationary masthead lights, one on the fore and one on the main. Everybody saw them - all the ladies in the boat. They asked if we were drawing nearer to the steamer, but we could not seem to make any headway, and when day broke we saw another steamer coming up which proved to be the Carpathia; and then we turned around and came back. We were the farthest boat away.

721 Senator SMITH.

You had not been rowing toward the Carpathia?

722 Mr. CRAWFORD.

No; we had been rowing the other way.

723 Senator SMITH.

Toward this other light?

724 Mr. CRAWFORD.

Yes.

725 Senator SMITH.

You say you rowed how long?

726 Mr. CRAWFORD.

Until we left the ship, because the ladies urged us to pull for the ship.

727 Senator SMITH.

Until daylight?

728 Mr. CRAWFORD.

Yes, sir.

729 Senator SMITH.

And you got no nearer to that light?

730 Mr. CRAWFORD.

We did not seem to be making any headway at all, sir.

731 Senator SMITH.

Tell the committee what you think that light was.

732 Mr. CRAWFORD.

I am sure it was a steamer, because a sailing ship would not have two masthead lights.

733 Senator SMITH.

How far do you think it was away from the Titanic when the captain told you to row toward it?

734 Mr. CRAWFORD.

Capt. Smith could see the light quite plain, as he pointed in the direction that we were to make for. We pulled toward the light, and we could not reach it.

735 Senator SMITH.

You never returned to the ship's side after you left it?

736 Mr. CRAWFORD.

No, sir; not after we left.

737 Senator SMITH.

How many passengers were in boat No. 8?

738 Mr. CRAWFORD.

I should say between 35 and 40.

739 Senator SMITH.

How many women?

740 Mr. CRAWFORD.

All women.

741 Senator SMITH.

All women except the four men that you have referred to?

742 Mr. CRAWFORD.

Yes, sir.

743 Senator SMITH.  
Any children?

744 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

745 Senator SMITH.  
Was there any light on lifeboat No. 8, was there any lamp?

746 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; the lamp trimmer brought a light long before we were lowered into the water.

747 Senator SMITH.  
Hemming?

748 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

749 Senator SMITH.  
Did you get the lamp from him?

750 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

751 Senator SMITH.  
Did he have other lamps?

752 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes; he had a handful of lamps, taking them to all the boats.

753 Senator SMITH.  
He had a lot of lamps and was distributing them to all the boats?

754 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes.

755 Senator SMITH.  
And you saw him do so?

756 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I did; yes, sir.

757 Senator SMITH.  
And he handed one to you?

758 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
He handed one to No. 8 boat; yes.

759 Senator SMITH.  
And was it in condition to burn?

760 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
We lighted it and kept it burning. The wick kept falling down, but we kept raising it and lighting it. There was plenty of oil in the lamp.

761 Senator SMITH.  
Was that the only boat you assisted in loading?

762 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No; I was in No. 5 boat. I was over there assisting Mr. Ismay to clear the falls after they were lowering it.

763 Senator SMITH.  
On which side of the boat?

764 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
The starboard side of No. 5. I did not go on the deck until quite a while, because the order was to clear the passengers out first.

765 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see any side lights on this boat that the captain told you to pull for?

766 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No; I could not say I saw any side lights.

767 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see any more of that light than you have now described?

768 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No. At daybreak it seemed to disappear. We came around and came back.

769 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see any rockets?

770 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; plenty of them went up from the Titanic, and the Morse code was used.

771 Senator SMITH.  
The Morse code, also?

772 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

773 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see any rockets from any other ship?

774 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

775 Senator SMITH.  
After you got away from the side of the Titanic, how long was it before that vessel sank?

776 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
It was sometime after we got away; probably an hour or an hour and a half.

777 Senator SMITH.  
During that time were you pulling toward that light?

778 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes; we were, and some of them said not to do it; but we said that that was the captain's order.

779 Senator SMITH.  
You pulled right for that light?

780 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Right straight for the light.

781 Senator SMITH.  
And did not turn back?

782 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

783 Senator SMITH.  
Until you turned to go to the Carpathia, at daylight?

784 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

785 Senator BURTON.  
You saw two steamer lights, Mr. Crawford, did you?

786 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Two lights; one steamer light; one steamer with two lights. A steamer carries two lights, one on the fore and one on the main.

787 Senator BURTON.  
One was a little higher than the other?

788 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; the after light was higher than the foremost.

789 Senator BURTON.  
You can not be deceived about that, can you?

790 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; I am positive. Everyone in the boats was positive of that. We all thought she was making toward us.

791 Senator BURTON.  
Did she seem then to be moving toward you?

792 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No; she seemed more like she was stationary.

793 Senator BURTON.  
You thought she was coming toward you?

794 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
We thought she was coming toward us.

795 Senator BURTON.  
Why did you think she was coming toward you?

796 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Sometimes she seemed to get closer; other times she seemed to be getting away from us.

797 Senator BURTON.  
Those lights remained visible until it became daylight, did they?

798 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

799 Senator BURTON.  
You say others in the boat recognized those lights?

800 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir; all the ladies. The lady with the tiller saw it.

801 Senator FLETCHER.  
How far away could you see those lights? Have you had any experience to enable you to judge how far that ship was away from you?

802 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I should say it would not be any more than 10 miles at the moat; because, being in a low boat, you can not see like being raised high.

803 Senator FLETCHER.  
But you could see the lights very distinctly?

804 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Very distinctly; yes, sir.

805 Senator FLETCHER.  
How was it that when day broke, and the sun rose, you could not see any ship?

806 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I could not say. We saw the other ship coming to us, and we turned around for it.

807 Senator FLETCHER.  
But you could see nothing in the way of a ship or vessel, or anything, where these lights were?

808 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

809 Senator FLETCHER.  
Can you not see a ship 10 miles off, under those conditions?

810 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
We did not look for her after we saw the Carpathia coming up.

811 Senator FLETCHER.  
In what direction did the Carpathia appear?

812 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
She came up this way (indicating), and we were pulling over that way.

813 Senator FLETCHER.  
Do you know on what course you were moving your boat?

814 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No; I could not say.

815 Senator FLETCHER.  
You could not tell?

816 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No.

817 Senator FLETCHER.  
Did you see the Northern Lights?

818 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I did not notice.

819 Senator FLETCHER.  
Do you know whether you were moving west?

820 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I do not know the compass, and I could not say.

821 Senator FLETCHER.  
You do not remember observing the Northern Lights?

822 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.

823 Senator FLETCHER.  
You could not tell from the stars in which direction you were moving?

824 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No.

825 Senator FLETCHER.  
Did you move in the direction in which the Titanic was moving when she went down?

826 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No; we were the other way; that way (indicating).

827 Senator FLETCHER.  
Which way?

828 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
The Titanic was moving this way; we were that way (indicating).

829 Senator FLETCHER.  
Suppose the Titanic was going west; then you went northwest?

830 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
If the Titanic was coming along this way we went across that way, straight for the light.

831 Senator FLETCHER.  
If the Titanic was moving west you moved southwest?

832 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Probably so.

833 Senator FLETCHER.  
Toward the light?

834 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

835 Senator FLETCHER.  
And then the Carpathia appeared in what direction?

836 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
She came right up around and started to pick up the boats.

837 Senator FLETCHER.  
She came from the northeast from you, then?

838 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Probably so.

839 Senator FLETCHER.  
Assuming you had been going southwest?

840 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

841 Senator FLETCHER.  
She appeared from the northeast. How far away was the Carpathia when you saw her?

842 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Saw the lights?

843 Senator FLETCHER.  
Yes.

844 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
The captain saw the lights from the bridge.

845 Senator FLETCHER.  
I mean, how far away was the Carpathia when you first saw her?

846 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
We did not know it was the Carpathia. We saw a steamer coming up, and we could see she was picking up the boats. Then we turned around and made for her.

847 Senator FLETCHER.  
How far away was she?

848 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Three or four miles away.

849 Senator FLETCHER.  
The first you saw of her was when she appeared to be picking up the other boats?

850 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.

851 Senator FLETCHER.  
Then you rowed back?

852 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Pulled right back; yes, sir.

853 Senator FLETCHER.  
How many men did you have at the oars?

854 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Four, sir.

855 Senator FLETCHER.  
Who were they?

856 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Two sailors, a man out of the kitchen, and myself.

857 Senator FLETCHER.  
Do you know the names of the sailors?

858 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I only know a man named Jones. The others I do not know.

859 Senator FLETCHER.  
Those were the only men in the boat?

860 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Those were the only men in the boat.

861 Senator FLETCHER.  
The others were all women?

862 Mr. CRAWFORD.

Yes, sir  
863 Senator FLETCHER.  
Any children?  
864 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir.  
865 Senator FLETCHER.  
You had about how many in that boat?  
866 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I should say between 35 and 40, sir.  
867 Senator SMITH.  
Did Mr. and Mrs. Straus recognize you when they came to your lifeboat?  
868 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I could not say, sir.  
869 Senator SMITH.  
Did you recognize then?  
870 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I recognized them; yes, sir.  
871 Senator SMITH.  
That is all.  
872 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I thank you, sir.  
873 (Witness Excused.)  
874 Day 9  
875 Testimony of Alfred Crawford, recalled  
876 Senator FLETCHER.  
You testified regarding that iceberg. You said, as I recall, that you saw an iceberg passing  
on the starboard side?  
877 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes; after the collision.  
878 Senator FLETCHER.  
Where were you?  
879 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I was on B deck. I went out from B deck, out to the promenade there.  
880 Senator FLETCHER.  
That was aft?  
881 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; forward.  
882 Senator FLETCHER.  
You were forward?  
883 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Yes, sir.  
884 Senator FLETCHER.  
On B deck?  
885 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
On B deck.  
886 Senator FLETCHER.  
And you saw the iceberg, the iceberg that struck the ship?  
887 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I saw the iceberg going along the starboard side, sir.  
888 Senator FLETCHER.

Just describe that iceberg, please.

889 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
It looked like a large black object going alongside the ship.

890 Senator FLETCHER.  
Could you tell us about the size?

891 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I could not see the top because there was a deck above us.

892 Senator FLETCHER.  
It was higher than B deck?

893 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
Oh, yes; much higher.

894 Senator FLETCHER.  
And how close was the side of the ship to it?

895 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
It did not seem very far away.

896 Senator FLETCHER.  
Could you tell anything about the dimensions of it, as to the length or the width?

897 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
No, sir; I could not. I just saw the object scrape alongside the ship.

898 Senator FLETCHER.  
Did it come in contact with the side of the ship?

899 Mr. CRAWFORD.  
I do not think so.

900 Senator FLETCHER.  
That is all.

901 (Witness Excused.)