

United States Senate Inquiry

Day 7

Testimony of William H. Taylor

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(The witness was sworn by Senator Newlands.)

Senator NEWLANDS.
State your age and residence.

Mr. TAYLOR.
Twenty-eight years old. No. 2 Broad Street, Kingland, Southampton.

Senator NEWLANDS.
What is your occupation?

Mr. TAYLOR.
Fireman, sir.

Senator NEWLANDS.
You were on the [Titanic](#)?

Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes.

Senator NEWLANDS.
Tell your story, from the time you shipped until you got on the [Carpathia](#).

Mr. TAYLOR.
I was asleep when the accident occurred; sir. The alarm bell for accidents rang outside of our door. I went up on deck, and could not see anything. I went down in our [room](#) again. I stayed in the room about 10 minutes, and somebody reported that there was water in [No. 1 hatch](#). Then we packed our bags, took them in the mess room, in the alleyway, to wait for orders. The officer was coming along the alleyway, and ordered us to put on lifebelts. The lifebelts were on the deck, on the [boat deck](#). They shoved out [No. 15](#) boat and I was ordered into it. The boat was pretty full. We pulled a distance away from the *Titanic*, because we were afraid of the suction, and we kept on pulling toward the light, with the other rowboats. About half past 7 the next morning we boarded the *Carpathia*.

Senator NEWLANDS.
You got in boat No. 15?

Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you help load any of the other boats?

Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir. There was too much of a crowd on. There was a crowd around them at the time. This boat was the only boat that was in the blocks when I went on the deck.

Senator NEWLANDS.
Were you one of the men charged with the duty of appearing when the lifeboats were ordered?

Mr. TAYLOR.
Not at that time, sir.

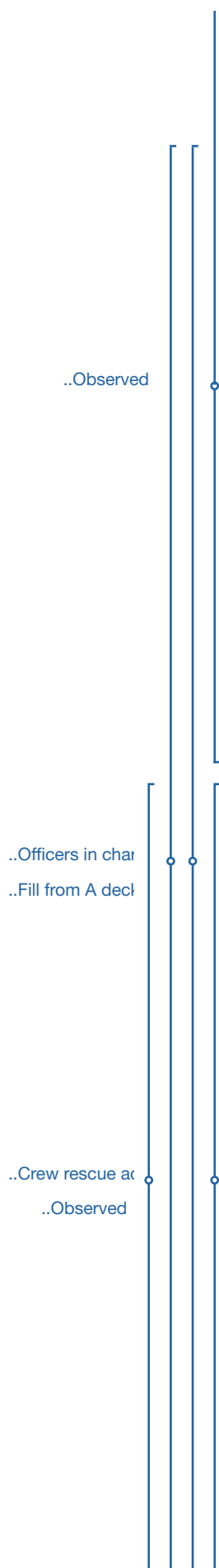
Senator NEWLANDS.

..Officers in charge

..Crowd large
..Arrives 1:20 - 2:05

..Observed

- Did you belong to the lifeboat drill?
- 21 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.
- 22 Senator NEWLANDS.
Have you ever drilled on that steamer with the lifeboat drill?
- 23 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.
- 24 Senator NEWLANDS.
How often was it customary to have such a drill?
- 25 Mr. TAYLOR.
The custom is to have one on Sunday morning in New York.
- 26 Senator NEWLANDS.
How about Southampton?
- 27 Mr. TAYLOR.
The firemen never see a boat in Southampton.
- 28 Senator NEWLANDS.
Take the ordinary fireman. How often would he engage in boat drill?
- 29 Mr. TAYLOR.
Once a trip, sir.
- 30 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were you a good oarsman?
- 31 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.
- 32 Senator NEWLANDS.
Had you been previously assigned to boat No. 15?
- 33 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.
- 34 Senator NEWLANDS.
That was your place?
- 35 Mr. TAYLOR.
That was my place.
- 36 Senator NEWLANDS.
How many of the crew got in lifeboat No. 15?
- 37 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you that, sir. I know there were six ordered to get into the boat.
If there were any more, I could not say.
- 38 Senator NEWLANDS.
How many passengers were in the boat?
- 39 Mr. TAYLOR.
I never counted them. I never heard them counted.
- 40 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was the boat full?
- 41 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.
- 42 Senator NEWLANDS.
How many would it carry?
- 43 Mr. TAYLOR.
I suppose it would average about 40 to 45 in the boat.



- 44 Senator NEWLANDS.
Would not the boat carry more than that?
- 45 Mr. TAYLOR.
I suspect they would carry more if they were put in.
- 46 Senator NEWLANDS.
Why did you not put in more?
- 47 Mr. TAYLOR.
Because the officer ordered the boat to be lowered.
- 48 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did your boat stop to take passengers from any other decks?
- 49 Mr. TAYLOR.
Only one deck to be filled up.
- 50 Senator NEWLANDS.
You filled up on what deck?
- 51 Mr. TAYLOR.
On the upper deck, or [deck A](#); on the promenade deck.
- 52 Senator NEWLANDS.
Is that the boat deck?
- 53 Mr. TAYLOR.
No; the next deck.
- 54 Senator NEWLANDS.
You loaded there?
- 55 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes.
- 56 Senator NEWLANDS.
Where were you when the boat was first lowered?
- 57 Mr. TAYLOR.
I was in the boat when the boat was lowered.
- 58 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you get into the boat from the boat deck?
- 59 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes.
- 60 Senator NEWLANDS.
Then did the other members of the crew get on there?
- 61 Mr. TAYLOR.
At the boat deck.
- 62 Senator NEWLANDS.
And then it was lowered down to deck A?
- 63 Mr. TAYLOR.
That is correct, sir.
- 64 Senator NEWLANDS.
Then the passengers got on?
- 65 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.
- 66 Senator NEWLANDS.
Who was directing the passengers there?
- 67 Mr. TAYLOR.
A lot of stewards were around directing the passengers, and there was an officer up on the boat deck then, sir.

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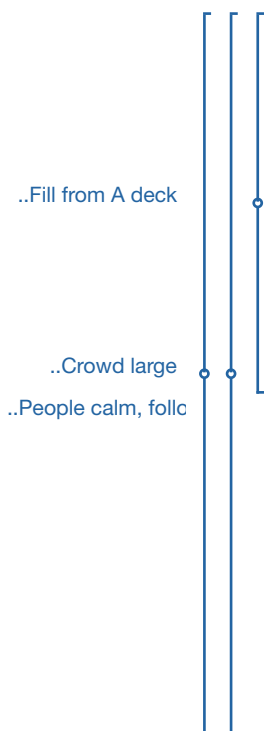
68 Senator NEWLANDS.
 But he could not see these people down on deck A, could he?
 69 Mr. TAYLOR.
 He was looking over to see who was getting into the boats.
 70 Senator NEWLANDS.
 Did you see [Mr. Ismay](#) during that time?
 71 Mr. TAYLOR.
 No.
 72 Senator NEWLANDS.
 Did you know Mr. Ismay at that time?
 73 Mr. TAYLOR.
 No.
 74 Senator NEWLANDS.
 What officer was in charge on that side?
 75 Mr. TAYLOR.
 I could not tell you what officer was in charge on that side.
 76 Senator NEWLANDS.
 Who was in command of your boat?
 77 Mr. TAYLOR.
 A fireman.
 78 Senator NEWLANDS.
 What was his name?
 79 Mr. TAYLOR.
 Dimel.
 80 Senator NEWLANDS.
 How many women were in your boat?
 81 Mr. TAYLOR.
 Quite a number; there were mostly women and children in our boat.
 82 Senator NEWLANDS.
 Were there any male passengers in the boat?
 83 Mr. TAYLOR.
 Yes, sir.
 84 Senator NEWLANDS.
 Do you remember how many?
 85 Mr. TAYLOR.
 No.
 86 Senator NEWLANDS.
 They got on at deck A?
 87 Mr. TAYLOR.
 After the women and children were in.
 88 Senator NEWLANDS.
 Were there any other women and children on deck A when you left there, at the time?
 89 Mr. TAYLOR.
 I never saw any.
 90 Senator NEWLANDS.
 Would you have seen them if they had been there?
 91 Mr. TAYLOR.
 Yes, if they had been there.

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- 92 Senator NEWLANDS.
Do you remember who the passengers were?
- 93 Mr. TAYLOR.
No. They were third class passengers. That is all I know.
- 94 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were there any stewardesses?
- 95 Mr. TAYLOR.
No.
- 96 Senator NEWLANDS.
There were about 750 saved in all, including the crew, were there not?
- 97 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you how many were saved.
- 98 Senator NEWLANDS.
Do you know how many of the crew were saved?
- 99 Mr. TAYLOR.
I do not know how many of the crew were saved, but I know there were 73 firemen saved.
- 100 Senator NEWLANDS.
How many firemen were there in all?
- 101 Mr. TAYLOR.
There were 84 firemen on each watch, including trimmers and all --
- 102 Senator NEWLANDS.
And how many watches were there?
- 103 Mr. TAYLOR.
Three watches.
- 104 Senator NEWLANDS.
That would be 252 firemen in all?
- 105 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, that is, not counting greasers. I do not know how many greasers there are in the engine room.
- 106 Senator NEWLANDS.
You say 73 firemen were saved?
- 107 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes.
- 108 Senator NEWLANDS.
How do you account for the fact that so many of them were saved?
- 109 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you, sir.
- 110 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were many of them put into the boats?
- 111 Mr. TAYLOR.
Not that I know of.
- 112 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were any of them picked up in the water by the boats?
- 113 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes; there were some.
- 114 Senator NEWLANDS.
Many?
- 115 Mr. TAYLOR.



- I could not tell you how many there were.
- 116 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were all the crew on your boat firemen?
- 117 Mr. TAYLOR.
There were some stewards in the boat, besides.
- 118 Senator NEWLANDS.
How many firemen and how many stewards were there in your boat?
- 119 Mr. TAYLOR.
About six firemen. I could not tell you how many stewards there were. I only saw three.
- 120 Senator NEWLANDS.
About what proportion of your entire boatload was composed of men?
- 121 Mr. TAYLOR.
I believe eight, all told; oarsmen and a coxswain.
- 122 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did any of the male passengers row?
- 123 Mr. TAYLOR.
Only one that I know of.
- 124 Senator NEWLANDS.
When your boat got away from the ship, where were most of the passengers that were left and where were the members of the crew that were left - in what part of the ship?
- 125 Mr. TAYLOR.
They were all on A deck, sir, on the deck where we lowered from; all that I could see.
- 126 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was it crowded?
- 127 Mr. TAYLOR.
Oh, there was a crowd, a big crowd around the boats.
- 128 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was the order and discipline good, or was there disorder?
- 129 Mr. TAYLOR.
The order was good, sir.
- 130 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did these passengers belong to all classes, steerage as well as cabin passengers?
- 131 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.
- 132 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were there any on [B deck](#)?
- 133 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you that, sir.
- 134 Senator NEWLANDS.
Or [C Deck](#)?
- 135 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you.
- 136 Senator NEWLANDS.
Could you not see?
- 137 Mr. TAYLOR.

I could not see, because we kept the boat off the ship, to keep from rubbing down her side.

138 Senator NEWLANDS.
How far did you row from the ship immediately after getting into the water?

139 Mr. TAYLOR.
About a quarter of a mile; or it might have been a bit farther than that.

140 Senator NEWLANDS.
Toward the light, you say?

141 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes; with the other boats.

142 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was there any order given to you to row for that light?

143 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

144 Senator NEWLANDS.
How did you come to row for that light?

145 Mr. TAYLOR.
I kept on rowing, sir.

146 Senator NEWLANDS.
Where was that light?

147 Mr. TAYLOR.
A tidy way away from us.

148 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was it on a ship?

149 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you.

150 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did that light disappear?

151 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

152 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was it 5 miles away, would you think?

153 Mr. TAYLOR.
It was a good distance away; I could not tell you the distance.

154 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did it appear to be the light of a ship?

155 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

156 Senator NEWLANDS.
You could not see the ship?

157 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

158 Senator NEWLANDS.
During that night, before the dawn came, could you see any of the icebergs?

159 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir; not before the break of day.

160 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was it a clear night?

161 Mr. TAYLOR.
Pretty clear; yes, sir.

162 Senator NEWLANDS.
There was no fog?

163 Mr. TAYLOR.
No fog at all.

164 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were the stars out?

165 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes; it was a starry night.

166 Senator NEWLANDS.
How do you account for it that you could not see the icebergs?

167 Mr. TAYLOR.
We saw them at daybreak.

168 Senator NEWLANDS.
Why could you not see them at night?

169 Mr. TAYLOR.
They were too far away. We were pulling toward them all the time.

170 Senator NEWLANDS.
And then you got among them in the morning, when the day broke?

171 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

172 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were there many of them?

173 Mr. TAYLOR.
We saw four.

174 Senator NEWLANDS.
Do you know in what direction you rowed?

175 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

176 Senator NEWLANDS.
North, south, east, or west?

177 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you in what direction. We kept on pulling, and that is all I do know.

178 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you see the iceberg upon which the ship struck?

179 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir. I was asleep at the time.

180 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were you very much disturbed by the collision?

181 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

182 Senator NEWLANDS.
Have you been on other ships?

183 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

184 Senator NEWLANDS.
For how many years?

185 Mr. TAYLOR.
Eight years now.

186 Senator NEWLANDS.
During that trip were there the same drills and mustering of the crew that you
have observed on other ships?

187 Mr. TAYLOR.
No. On other ships you go through a strict drill.

188 Senator NEWLANDS.
You go through a strict drill?

189 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes.

190 Senator NEWLANDS.
How often?

191 Mr. TAYLOR.
Every Saturday afternoon.

192 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you have any drill on Saturday afternoon on the [Titanic](#)?

193 Mr. TAYLOR.
No.

194 Senator NEWLANDS.
Do you know why?

195 Mr. TAYLOR.
No.

196 Senator NEWLANDS.
Is it always the case that they have drill on Saturday afternoon on
other ships?

197 Mr. TAYLOR.
On a majority of other ships, sir.

198 Senator NEWLANDS.
Do the firemen take part in that drill?

199 Mr. TAYLOR.
Oh, yes.

200 Senator NEWLANDS.
Does every man in a ship's crew have a place?

201 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

202 Senator NEWLANDS.
In reference to what?

203 Mr. TAYLOR.
With reference to manning a boat, I suppose to take charge of the
boat and pull the boat away, if necessary.

204 Senator NEWLANDS.
There were about 800 of this crew, were there not?

205 Mr. TAYLOR.
I suppose so, sir.

206 Senator NEWLANDS.
And there were about 20 boats?

207 Mr. TAYLOR.
Twenty boats.

208 Senator NEWLANDS.

Do you think that every man in that crew was assigned to a particular boat?

209 Mr. TAYLOR.
Every man was ordered to a boat.

210 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was ordered to a boat; but did each man in that crew, throughout the whole 800, know where his place in a boat was?

211 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes; because there is a boat list that goes up.

212 Senator NEWLANDS.
What was the nature of that order that night with reference to the boats?

213 Mr. TAYLOR.
All the orders we had was to get our lifebelts on and go up on the boat deck.

214 Senator NEWLANDS.
And then were you expected, each of you, to go to a boat?

215 Mr. TAYLOR.
We were supposed to go to the boat that our name was down for on the ship.

216 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were there very many of the crew there when you went up?

217 Mr. TAYLOR.
We were all going up, what there was of us.

218 Senator NEWLANDS.
Would both dining-room stewards and bedroom stewards be assigned to these boats?

219 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

220 Senator NEWLANDS.
And all the enginemen?

221 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

222 Senator NEWLANDS.
And the carpenters?

223 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

224 Senator NEWLANDS.
Every man had his place?

225 Mr. TAYLOR.
Every man had the number of his boat that he was to go to.

226 Senator NEWLANDS.
On the port side they put in, on an average, in each boat only about two men of the crew, and sometimes less. How do you account for the fact that there were so few?

227 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you, sir. I never went on that side of the ship.

228 Senator NEWLANDS.
On the other side were there a larger number of the ship's crew?

229 Mr. TAYLOR.

Yes, there were stewards, and all.

230 Senator NEWLANDS.
And they were waiting there to be assigned to their places, were they? They were waiting, expecting to be put into the boats?

231 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

232 Senator NEWLANDS.
But no man could get into a boat before he was ordered in?

233 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

234 Senator NEWLANDS.
Who selected the men to go in the boats?

235 Mr. TAYLOR.
The officer, sir.

236 Senator NEWLANDS.
You say you found water up to No. 1 hatch?

237 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

238 Senator NEWLANDS.
What is No. 1 hatch?

239 Mr. TAYLOR.
It is in the bow end of the ship, sir.

240 Senator NEWLANDS.
How far down?

241 Mr. TAYLOR.
Right down to the bottom, sir.

242 Senator NEWLANDS.
Is there a compartment there?

243 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes.

244 Senator NEWLANDS.
A very large one?

245 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

246 Senator NEWLANDS.
Is that the term applied to the first compartment?

247 Mr. TAYLOR.
That is the first hold in the ship. That is the first cargo space in the ship.

248 Senator NEWLANDS.
Does that hatch cover more than one compartment? You know what a compartment is, do you not?

249 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

250 Senator NEWLANDS.
Do you remember whether in that hatch there was only one compartment or whether two or three?

251 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you that, sir, because I never saw down there.

252 Senator NEWLANDS.

How did you know there was water in No. 1 hatch?
253 Mr. TAYLOR.
Because we saw it come bursting up through the hatches.
254 Senator NEWLANDS.
You were there all the time, were you?
255 Mr. TAYLOR.
I was in my bunk asleep at the time, and then when we got called
up again the water was still coming up through the hatches.
256 Senator NEWLANDS.
What is a hatch?
257 Mr. TAYLOR.
A grate that covers over the hold to save anybody; to keep
anybody from getting down.
258 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were you in the water?
259 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.
260 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did it reach you?
261 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, afterwards. It went into our room afterwards.
262 Senator NEWLANDS.
How long was it in getting in there?
263 Mr. TAYLOR.
About three-quarters of an hour, sir.
264 Senator NEWLANDS.
How far was your room from the bottom of the ship?
265 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not exactly tell you the distance.
266 Senator NEWLANDS.
What deck was your room on?
267 Mr. TAYLOR.
On the third deck.
268 Senator NEWLANDS.
From below?
269 Mr. TAYLOR.
From the top, counting from the top.
270 Senator NEWLANDS.
Where did that stand with reference to decks A, B, and C?
271 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you, sir.
272 Senator NEWLANDS.
It was below them, was it?
273 Mr. TAYLOR.
Our deck was lower than those decks, because you came off of
those decks down to the well deck.
274 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you have a hammock or a bed, or what did you have?
275 Mr. TAYLOR.
I had a bunk.

276 Senator NEWLANDS.
What deck was that on?

277 Mr. TAYLOR.
On the third deck down.

278 Senator NEWLANDS.
How far did you say that was from the bottom of the ship?

279 Mr. TAYLOR.
Twenty or thirty feet, I should say, sir.

280 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did your boat make any effort to go back and save the lives of
the people struggling in the water?

281 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

282 Senator NEWLANDS.
Why not?

283 Mr. TAYLOR.
Because a majority of them said "Pull on," because of the
suction.

284 Senator NEWLANDS.
You heard the cries of the people who were in the water?

285 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes.

286 Senator NEWLANDS.
How long did they last?

287 Mr. TAYLOR.
Ten minutes or a quarter of an hour, sir.

288 Senator NEWLANDS.
Do you not think that people floating in that water, with lifebelts
on, would survive longer than a quarter of an hour?

289 Mr. TAYLOR.
They may have survived longer, sir. I am only just judging the
time.

290 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was the water very cold?

291 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, it was cold.

292 Senator NEWLANDS.
Your boat did not pick up anybody from the water?

293 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

294 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you see any other boat pick up anybody?

295 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

296 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you see any firemen or any of the crew jump from the ship
itself into the water?

297 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

298 Senator NEWLANDS.

Do you know whether any did so jump, prior to your leaving the ship?

299 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

300 Senator NEWLANDS.
What was the feeling among the crew as to whether the ship would sink or not?

301 Mr. TAYLOR.
A majority of them did not realize that she would sink.

302 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was that ship regarded by the crew as an unsinkable ship?

303 Mr. TAYLOR.
So they thought.

304 Senator NEWLANDS.
That was the feeling among the seamen?

305 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir; that is so.

306 Senator NEWLANDS.
Regarding these great iron ships, with watertight compartments, that is the general feeling among the seamen, is it?

307 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

308 Senator NEWLANDS.
They feel safe on them?

309 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes.

310 Senator NEWLANDS.
Even although there are not enough boats to accommodate all the crew and passengers?

311 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

312 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you ever hear that matter discussed among them?

313 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

314 Senator NEWLANDS.
Then how do you know that that is the feeling?

315 Mr. TAYLOR.
Because they were all skylarking and joking about it.

316 Senator NEWLANDS.
After the accident were they joking about it?

317 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

318 Senator NEWLANDS.
If they had realized that there was serious danger, there would have been a terrible scene there, would there not?

319 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir: everybody would have been rushing for their lives.

320 Senator NEWLANDS.
When you got on to the boat did you feel that it was safer in the

boat, or remaining on the ship?

321 Mr. TAYLOR.
I thought it was safer for us in the boat.

322 Senator NEWLANDS.
Why did you think so?

323 Mr. TAYLOR.
Because I saw her then going down by the nose.

324 Senator NEWLANDS.
Going down by the bow?

325 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

326 Senator NEWLANDS.
You realize then that she was sinking?

327 Mr. TAYLOR.
After we got clear of her we could see her going down by the bow.

328 Senator NEWLANDS.
But you did not realize that at the time you got into the lifeboat?

329 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir; I only thought we were getting in in case there was an emergency.

330 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you row all the time that night, until dawn?

331 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.

332 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you row for any particular place?

333 Mr. TAYLOR.
No; no particular place.

334 Senator NEWLANDS.
Why did you keep rowing then?

335 Mr. TAYLOR.
We kept on pulling along to keep up with the other boats, all the small boats being together.

336 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was there any particular boat leading?

337 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

338 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you see any other boat save any lives of people who were in the water?

339 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.

340 Senator NEWLANDS.
How far could you see on the water that night; how far off could you see another boat?

341 Mr. TAYLOR.
About 50 yards.

342 Senator NEWLANDS.
Could you see the boat itself, or could you just simply determine

it by its lights?
343 Mr. TAYLOR.
We could see the boats.
344 Senator NEWLANDS.
Did you talk with any of the lookout men?
345 Mr. TAYLOR.
No, sir.
346 Senator NEWLANDS.
What was the feeling amongst the crew as to how that accident
occurred?
347 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you.
348 Senator NEWLANDS.
In which direction was that light?
349 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you the directions.
350 Senator NEWLANDS.
But all the boats were rowing for it?
351 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.
352 Senator NEWLANDS.
You were sure there was a light there?
353 Mr. TAYLOR.
We discerned a light. We saw a light in the distance.
354 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was that the case with all the boats?
355 Mr. TAYLOR.
Yes, sir.
356 Senator NEWLANDS.
They could not all have been deceived by it, could they?
357 Mr. TAYLOR.
I should not think so.
358 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were they crying out to each other at all, as to where the light
was?
359 Mr. TAYLOR.
No. They only asked one another where they were at the time,
that is all. They would just pass the remark whether they were all
there.
360 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were there any women in your boat who had lost their husbands?
361 Mr. TAYLOR.
I could not tell you.
362 Senator NEWLANDS.
Was there much distress among the women in your boat?
363 Mr. TAYLOR.
They were very cool.
364 Senator NEWLANDS.
Were the women in your boat first class passengers, second class,
or third class?

365 Mr. TAYLOR.
They were third class. I do not know whether there were any
second class.
366 Senator NEWLANDS.
There were no third class passengers?
367 Mr. TAYLOR.
No.
368 (Witness excused.)