

# British Wreck Commissioner's Inquiry

## Day 14

### Testimony of Harold S. Bride

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Examined by Sir ROBERT FINLAY.

16285. Only one question at this time. About 2 p.m. on Sunday, the 14th April, who was on duty at the marconi office on board the "Titanic"?

- Mr. Phillips.

The Commissioner:  
That is enough.

16286. (*Sir Robert Finlay - To the witness.*) 2 p.m. ship's time, you understand that?

- Yes, ship's time.

(The Witness withdrew.) Day 14

Testimony of Harold S. Bride, recalled

Further examined by the ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

16323. You have been sworn. In June, 1911, you had obtained your certificate of proficiency in radio-telegraphy from the Postmaster-General?

- Yes.

16324. And later on you were appointed by the marconi Company to serve as assistant wireless operator on the "Titanic"?

- Yes.

16325. When did you go on board the "Titanic"?

- I joined the "Titanic" in Belfast.

16326. When? Was that in the beginning of April?

- In the beginning of April.

16327. Was Mr. Phillips the senior operator?

- Yes.

16328. Did you find him there when you went there?

- Yes.

16329. Did he and you go through tests with several wireless stations?

- Yes.

16330. That was while the "Titanic" was on her trial test?

- Yes.

16331. For wireless? During the voyage from Belfast to Southampton?

- During the voyage from Belfast to Southampton, yes.

16332. Only one general question: Did you find the apparatus was in good working order?

- Perfect.

16333. First of all, will you tell us how were your duties arranged as regards time with Mr. Phillips? When did you go on watch?

How long did you remain on duty? What were your hours?  
 - Mr. Phillips started the watch at eight o'clock at night, and he remained on watch until 2 o'clock in the morning.

23 16334. Was that your regular practice?  
 - That was Mr. Phillips's watch of a nighttime. I kept the watch from 2 o'clock to 8 o'clock in the morning.

24 16335. That is six hours each on duty?  
 - Yes.

25 16336. You divided up the time from 8 o'clock at night until 8 o'clock in the morning in that way?  
 - Yes.

26 16337. What did you do with regard to day duty - the same?  
 - During the day we relieved each other to suit each other's convenience.

27 16338. No regular time at all?  
 - No, but a constant watch was kept.

28 16339. (The Commissioner.) You mean that there was always one of you there?  
 - Yes.

29 16340. (The Attorney-General.) Will you just tell us - for the present I am only going to ask you this simply - Is there a Marconi room on board the vessel on which you have to operate?  
 - Yes.

30 16341. And there was on the "Titanic"?  
 - Yes.

31 16342. (The Attorney-General.) No doubt your Lordship saw the room on the "Olympic." (To the witness.) That is quite close to the bridge, is it not?  
 - Quite close to the bridge.

32 16343. (The Commissioner.) I suppose it is in the same position as the marconi room on the "Olympic"?  
 - I believe there is a difference.

33 16344. In the position?  
 - In the exact position of the cabin.

34 16345. Is it in practically the same place?  
 - It is in practically the same place.

35 16346. (The Attorney-General.) Has your Lordship the plan of the "Titanic" - do you see where it is? It is just forward of what is marked as the elevator gear. (To the witness.) I want to know a little about this. There are, I see, three rooms; there is what is called the silent room, which is, I suppose, the room in which you work where you receive and transmit?  
 - No, the silent room is the one we use for transmitting.

36 16347. Then there is another room called the marconi room. What is that?  
 - That is the room where we sit to receive and send our messages.

37 16348. Then bedroom?  
 - That is the bedroom.

38 16349. Is that for both or one of you?  
 - For both.

39 16350. I am not sure that I understand what you said about the difference between the silent room and the marconi room. Do you transmit in a different room to the one in which you receive?

- The silent room contains the alternator and the motor and the spark gap, and it is made silent so that the noise from the sparks shall not disturb anybody round about there. You can close the sound entirely out, and it is connected through to the operating room, and the key is in the operating room.

40 16351. What I want to know about this for the moment is, when you speak of the silent room do you mean you only transmit in that room? Your answer to me was that "it is the room in which we transmit messages." Do you understand?

- Yes.

41 16352. Do you mean that it is the room in which you only transmit messages?

- It is the room which contains the transmitting gear.

42 16353. Do you mean you do only transmit from there?

- Yes.

43 16354. Is the marconi room then the room in which you would only receive messages?

- No.

44 16355. That is why I want you to tell us. What is that?

- The transmitting gear is inside the silent room, and it is connected through by means of wires to the key in the marconi room which we operate. The receiving apparatus is in the marconi room.

45 16356. That is what I wanted. You, I suppose, were in the habit of recording messages, were you, in the ordinary way?

- Yes.

46 16357. While you were on the "Titanic"?

- Yes.

47 16358. I must ask you as a matter of form. There are no records at all that have been preserved of the messages to the "Titanic," none of the "Titanic" records?

- No.

48 16359. Would you tell us so far as you are able what was the first message you recollect with regard to ice reports?

- The first message I recollect on the 14th April was from the "Californian."

49 16360. That is the first you recollect?

- Yes, and the last.

50 16361. Is it the only one?

- It is the only one I recollect.

51 16362. That is on the 14th?

- Yes.

52 16363. Just before I ask you about that - that is speaking of the 14th, but had you had any messages before the 14th that you recollect?

- No.

53 16364. Would you tell me what was the message that you

recollect receiving on the 14th. Do you recollect the time when you received it?

- The time was between five and half-past in the afternoon, ship's time. It stated that the "Californian" was passing close to large icebergs and gave the latitude and longitude.

54 16365. (The Attorney-General.) Your Lordship will recollect that is very much what Mr. Evans said at page 201. He says 5.35, and the witness says about 5.30. (To the witness.) Was that a message to you, or was it merely a message which you overheard?

- It was a message intended for me in the first place, but which I overheard afterwards.

55 16366. I am not quite sure that I understand what you mean by that. Was it a message which was directed to you?

- It was not directed.

56 16367. Were you called up?

- It was not directed to me, but I took it down for delivery.

57 16368. (The Commissioner.) Do you mean by taking it down writing it down?

- Yes.

58 16369. (The Attorney-General.) Do you always write the messages down which you receive?

- Yes.

59 16370. Is that the invariable practice?

- Invariable.

60 16371. Do you also write the messages which you send?

- They are generally written for us.

61 16372. And put before you for the purpose of your transmitting them?

- Yes.

62 16373. What ship was sending the message?

- The "Californian."

63 16374. For whom was the message intended?

- To the best of my recollection it was the "Baltic."

64 16375. How would you know that?

- By the call letters.

65 16376. Which would indicate the "Baltic"?

- Yes.

66 16377. Was that the message which you first overheard?

- Yes.

67 16378. What did you do? What I want to know is could you tell whether the "Baltic" was receiving the message?

- The "Baltic" did eventually receive the message.

68 16379. How do you know that?

- Because she acknowledged it to the "Californian."

69 16380. Did you hear the message from the "Baltic" to the "Californian"?

- Yes.

70 16381. Did you realise from that that it was an ice report?

- Yes.

71 16382. Then during this time did you know that there was any

message that the "Californian" had for you?

- I knew it was the same message that the "Californian" had for me.

72 16383. You mean that your letters were called: is that it?

73 Sir Robert Finlay:

No.

74 16384. (The Attorney-General - To the witness.) Just let us see what you mean by that. I understood you to tell us that you heard the message between the "Californian" and the "Baltic." Is that what you have said?

- Yes.

75 16385. How do you know the message was for you?

- Because the "Californian" had called me previously and said she had an ice report for me.

76 16386. Then you heard what was taking place, and you knew what the report was?

- Yes.

77 Sir Robert Finlay:

I think that the message was sent to the "Titanic," but, as I understand the witness, he was busy and did not attend to it at the time. That was a message to the "Titanic." Then afterwards he heard the same message repeated to the "Baltic."

78 The Attorney-General:

I do not think that is what he said.

79 The Solicitor-General:

That is neither his evidence nor is it the fact.

80 The Attorney-General:

I have not heard the witness say a word about that, but we will see. It may be right. All I mean is that it is not as I understood what was the witness's evidence, because he has not said that.

81 Sir Robert Finlay:

I understood him to say he did not acknowledge the message when it was sent to the "Titanic," and he afterwards heard the same message being sent by the "Californian" to the "Baltic."

82 16387. (The Attorney-General.) It may be so; we will get it quite clear. It is quite possible that is right. (To the witness.) Was that right? Did you hear what my learned friend Sir Robert Finlay said just now?

- Perfectly correct.

83 16388. So that although you knew you were called, you had something else to do; you were busy at the time?

- Yes.

84 16389. Then you eventually overheard it?

- Yes.

85 16390. (The Commissioner.) I do not want you to skip over that. What business had you that you were attending to at the moment?

- I was attending to another branch of my work.

86 16391. What branch?

- I was writing up the accounts.

87 16392. Pounds, shillings and pence, you mean?  
- Yes.

88 16393. The account book?  
- Yes.

89 16394. That is what you were attending to at that particular time?  
- Yes.

90 16395. (The Attorney-General.) Did you send any message  
yourself in answer?  
- Yes, I acknowledged the receipt of the report.

91 16396. To whom?  
- To the "Californian."

92 16397. Do you remember what it was you said?  
- Not the exact words, but it was to the effect that I had overheard  
him send it and that I had taken it down.

93 The Attorney-General:  
Your Lordship will remember, if you want the passage where this  
is dealt with by Evans, it is at page 202, Question 8972: "(Q.)  
What did the 'Titanic' say to you when you offered your ice  
report? - (A.) He said: 'It is all right; I heard you sending it to the  
'Antillian,' and I have got it."

94 16398. (The Commissioner - To the witness.) Do you remember  
sending such a message?  
- It was a message to that effect, but there was no mention made  
of a ship's name.

95 16399. That is what I wanted to know. Do you remember ever  
having referred to the  
"Antillian"?  
- In a case like that you would refer to the ship's call letters; you  
would not mention the ship by name.

96 16400. I suppose the man on the "Californian" would have the  
corresponding letters?  
- Yes.

97 16401. Do you remember referring to the call-letters of a ship  
called the "Antillian"?  
- I remember referring to the call-letters of a ship which I  
understood to be the "Baltic."

98 16402. (The Attorney-General.) Whatever it is, whether you  
recollect the letters or the name of the ship or not, it was a ship  
with which the "Californian" was in communication - is that  
right?  
- Yes.

99 16403. And whose message you overheard?  
- Yes.

100 16404. So far, your recollection is clear?  
- Yes. I see in America - I am going to read a passage from the  
evidence you gave in America with regard to the message, which  
is on April 20th, 1912.

101 The Commissioner:  
I have not got the American evidence.

102 The Attorney-General:

I thought I handed it up. Your Lordship need not be troubled with it; we will get the effect of the evidence from this Witness.

103 The Commissioner:  
That is what I mean. I do not ask for it, but I presume that whenever it is referred to the reference to it will be on the shorthand notes.

104 The Attorney-General:  
Yes.

105 The Commissioner:  
For instance, what you are to say at present will be taken down on the shorthand notes.

106 16405. (The Attorney-General.) Yes. (To the witness.) I would like you to tell the exact language of that message. If you will follow what I am putting to you, this is your answer: "(Q.) It stated that the 'Californian' had passed three large icebergs, and gave their latitude and longitude? - (A.) That they passed three large icebergs, yes." And then you are asked, "And gave their latitude and longitude. (A.) Yes, she passed very close to them." And then you were asked whether you recollected the latitude and longitude, and you said you did not. That is the evidence you gave in America?  
- Yes.

107 16406. I take it that evidence is right?  
- That is correct.

108 The Attorney-General:  
The message which has already been read, which I will just refer to again, which was actually sent, your Lordship will remember, "Three large bergs five miles to southward of us. Regards."

109 The Commissioner:  
There is the latitude and longitude.

110 The Attorney-General:  
Yes, I am going to refer to that; I wanted to get first the actual facts to bring them to his recollection: "Three large bergs five miles to southwards of us. Regards"; but you see how it begins, "6.30 p.m., A.T.S." which is we know the ship's time. Then there is the latitude 42.3° N., and the longitude 49.9° W.

111 16407. (The Commissioner.) The message begins "To Captain, Antillian."

112 The Witness:  
Yes.

113 The Attorney-General:  
It is sent off at 5.35.

114 The Commissioner:  
At 6.30 p.m. those three large bergs were noticed.

115 The Attorney-General:  
Your Lordship will recollect that the time which is there mentioned is the time at which they are seen and the latitude and longitude are there given. I think it is unnecessary to go further into that. We could show, if it had been necessary, from the procès-verbal that the "Californian" message was not to the

"Baltic," that they were not in communication with the "Baltic" at that time at all, and that the message we have got is the message from the Captain of the "Californian" to the "Antillian," and no doubt is the message which is before you.

116 The Commissioner:  
Is he mistaken when he says that he thinks the message was to the "Baltic."

117 16408. (The Attorney-General.) I think so, according to what we have got. (To the witness.) You said you thought it was to the "Baltic." I have called your attention to the only message which we have got, at least of which we know so far, which is a message from the "Californian" to the "Antillian," sent at about 5.30 and giving this information about the "three large icebergs, five miles to the southward of us." Is there any reason you have to recollect that it was to the "Baltic"? May it have been this message to the "Antillian"?

- There is no special reason why I should recollect the "Baltic" beyond the fact that it was on my mind from the time I landed in New York, and that was the evidence I gave on the Saturday.

118 16409. I think I understand what you mean?

- At the same time we had many communications and on the Sunday the traffic was very heavy.

119 16410. (The Commissioner.) You were very busy on the Sunday?

- Very busy.

120 16411. (The Attorney-General.) According to your recollection when you gave the evidence in America you thought it was a communication from the "Californian" intended for the "Baltic"?

- Yes.

121 16412. What did you do when you got that message?

- I delivered it to the Officer on the bridge.

122 16413. Do you remember who the Officer on the bridge was?

- No, I was not acquainted with the Officers.

123 16414. But whatever it was, I understand it was the ice report which you have told us of, and you delivered that at once to the Officer on the bridge?

- Yes.

124 16415. Was that what you always did when you got a message - well, what is your objection, Sir Robert?

125 Sir Robert Finlay:  
My objection is that we know what he did when he heard the message to the "Titanic." However -

126 16416. (The Attorney-General - To the witness.) What was your practice when you got a message?

- If it was for the navigating staff or the Captain we delivered it personally.

127 The Commissioner:  
You scarcely had a practice on board the "Titanic," because it was her first voyage. You may have had a practice on some of the other ships.

128 The Attorney-General:

He was there for some days, of course.

129 16417. (The Commissioner.) Yes, he was there for some days. (To the witness.) This is the only ice message, as far as I have gathered, that you can tell us anything about?

- It was our practice if a message -

130 16418. Never mind about your practice at present. I am asking you, was this the only ice message that you remember being received on board the "Titanic"?

- It was the only ice message, but it was not the only message for Captain Smith.

131 The Attorney-General:  
I did not ask him about a practice as to an ice message, My Lord.

132 16419. (The Commissioner.) No, but I am thinking about ice messages. (To the witness.) Did you receive any other message that you can remember that concerned in any way the navigation of the ship?

- None that I can recollect.

133 16420. Then this is the only message you received during the whole of this voyage that could in any way affect the navigation of the ship?

- Yes.

134 16421. And you say you delivered it?

- Yes.

135 16422. Then I do not know what practice you could have about such messages on that ship; you may have had a practice on other ships?

- There were messages coming through for Captain Smith all the time, but they did not affect the navigation of the ship.

136 16423. (The Attorney-General.) I did not think he had said that, nor was he asked, My Lord. I did not think he had said anything to the contrary of that nor had he been asked. I asked what the practice was when he got a message. I agree that the important thing is to know what happened with regard to an ice message as to which there could not be a practice. (To the witness.) What I wanted to ask you was this. You told us there were a number of messages which came through for Captain Smith; by name, do you mean?

- Yes.

137 16424. Of course, those would be delivered to him personally?

- Personally.

138 16425. (The Commissioner.) Would they be delivered to an Officer of the ship, or to the Captain to whom they were addressed?

- They were invariably delivered to the Captain.

139 16426. This was not addressed to the Captain?

- No.

140 16427. And you simply delivered it to an Officer on the bridge?

- Yes.

141 16428. (The Attorney-General.) Could you tell us how long it was after you got the message that you delivered it on the bridge?

- About two minutes.

142 16429. Did it strike you as an important message?

- Well, those sort of messages are looked upon as important.

143 16430. So that you would deliver it as soon as you could?

- Yes.

144 16431. All that you would have to do is to take down the message and go from your room on to the bridge to deliver it to the Officer?

- Yes.

145 16432. And that is your recollection of what you did?

- Yes.

146 The Commissioner:  
Sir Robert, is there any doubt that this message did come to the knowledge of the Officers.

147 Sir Robert Finlay:  
I think there is no doubt at all, My Lord.

148 The Attorney-General:  
We need not pursue it.

149 Sir Robert Finlay:  
No; the point is when.

150 16433. (The Attorney-General.) One moment. When it came to the notice of the Officers of the ship?

- This Witness says that he gave it two minutes after it was received. (To the witness.) Were you at this time, that is at the time you received the message, receiving messages from a number of ships?

- Yes.

151 16434. Were those messages which you had to relay to Cape Race?

- The majority.

152 16435. (The Attorney-General.) It is suggested by my learned friend, Sir Robert, your Lordship will recollect, that they were busy on the 14th, and I am to show that he was on the 13th as well receiving messages in this way. (To the witness.) You would get a number of messages which would come to you which you would then have to relay and transmit to Cape Race?

- Yes.

153 16436. As I understand you, from the time you received that message until the "Titanic" sank, so far as you are concerned, there was no other ice report?

- No.

154 16437. That is right, is it not?

- Yes.

155 16438. That is to say, you received none. Did you have any conversation at all with Mr. Phillips about ice messages?

- No.

156 16439. Nothing passed between you?

- Nothing at all.

157 16440. How long did you continue to receive messages before going away on this day - before going down to your dinner?

- To the best of my recollection -

158 The Commissioner:  
What was the time?

159 16441. (The Attorney-General.) I know, but I want him to tell us;  
it was some time in the evening.

160 The Witness:  
To the best of my recollection I went off watch between 6 and 7.

161 16442. At what time did you dine as a Rule?  
- Seven o'clock.

162 16443. Then did you go to your dinner that evening do you  
remember?  
- Yes.

163 16444. About that time?  
- Yes.

164 16445. You can recollect that?  
- Yes.

165 When did you come up again?

166 The Commissioner:  
You say he can.

167 The Attorney-General:  
I said he could because he had a pleasant smile about it.

168 The Commissioner:  
I doubt very much whether he can remember going to his dinner  
that evening. He knows he had it.

169 16446. (The Attorney-General - To the witness.) I rather gathered  
from your pleasant recollections that you do remember it?  
- I do remember it.

170 16447. (The Commissioner.) Do you remember every dinner you  
ever had?  
- Well, not quite.

171 16448. (The Attorney-General.) But you went down and had  
your dinner; when was it you came up again?  
- I could not give you any correct idea of the time.

172 Of course it is very difficult we know; you have not got your  
records, and we also know what has happened since. What I want  
you to do is to give us to the best of your ability what you  
recollect about it.

173 The Commissioner:  
I do not want any answer unless he does recollect it.

174 The Attorney-General:  
I agree; but we must try to find out from him.

175 The Commissioner:  
Do try, but as to the events of this morning, I want to be as sure  
as I possibly can.

176 The Attorney-General:  
Your Lordship must know how he recollects it before you can tell  
what value to attribute to the evidence.

177 The Commissioner:  
That is why I want to know whether he does recollect at all.

178 The Attorney-General:

I quite agree. (To the witness.) Do you recollect coming up again from your dinner?

179 The Commissioner:  
He cannot recollect; there is no use his saying to me he can recollect. He may know he did come up.

180 The Attorney-General:  
Your Lordship will hear what happened afterwards, and you will find that he does recollect.

181 The Commissioner:  
I can quite imagine that if he met some particular person, he might possibly recollect it; otherwise it is impossible.

182 16449. (The Attorney-General - To the witness.) We may be quite sure about this - that you did not stop down at dinner all that night?  
- No.

183 16450. After you had had your dinner, did you have any conversation at all with Mr. Phillips?  
- Yes, we chatted for a long while.

184 16451. Where was it you had this chat?  
- In the marconi room.

185 16452. So that you had come up from your dinner to the marconi room?  
- Yes.

186 16453. Do you remember how long it was after you went down to dinner that you had this chat with him in the marconi room?  
- Somewhere about 20 minutes to half-an-hour.

187 16454. (The Commissioner.) What is this 20 minutes that you remember?  
- For my dinner - about 20 minutes to half-an-hour I have for my dinner.

188 16455. I understand now from you that you recollect not only coming up from your dinner (that you did come up, of course we know.), but you recollect 20 minutes' conversation with Mr. Phillips. Is that what you mean to say?  
- No, I was asked how long was it after I went down for my dinner before I returned, and I say it was between 20 minutes and half-an-hour.

189 The Attorney-General:  
He did not say that he had 20 minutes' conversation with Mr. Phillips. The question I put to him was that he had some conversation with Mr. Phillips in the marconi room, and I asked him how long that was after he had gone down to his dinner, so as to get some idea of the time.

190 The Commissioner:  
You asked him how long the conversation was.

191 16456. (The Attorney-General - To the witness.) It was in answer to that you said 20 minutes to half-an-hour?  
- Yes.

192 16457. In talking to him, was communication established, can you tell me, with Cape Race?

- No.

193 16458. Was it established during that evening?

- Yes.

194 16459. Do you remember about what time?

- Just before I turned in.

195 16460. What time would that be?

- Between half-past 8 and 9 o'clock.

196 16461. Who established that communication?

- Mr. Phillips.

197 16462. When did you relieve Mr. Phillips?

- I was due to relieve him at 12 o'clock.

198 16463. At 12 o'clock that night?

- Yes.

199 16464 Why was that?

- He had had a very busy night the night before.

200 16465. If I understood aright, what you said to my Lord at the beginning your duty would be from 2 o'clock in the morning to 8 o'clock in the morning?

- Yes.

201 16466. But on this particular occasion you relieved him at 12 at night?

- At 12.

202 16467. (The Commissioner.) You came on duty then or intended to come on duty two hours before your ordinary time?

- Yes.

203 16468. (The Attorney-General.) That was, as I understand from what you said just now, because he had had a very busy time; was that it?

- Yes.

204 The Commissioner:  
You said, Mr. Attorney, that he knew that Phillips had got into communication with Cape Race. I want to know how he knew that.

205 16469. (The Attorney-General - To the witness.) How did you know that Phillips had got into communication with Cape Race?

- I heard him sending the preliminaries as I was turning in.

206 16470. What do you call the "preliminaries"?

- He was sending to Cape Race when I turned in the time that -

207 16471. (The Commissioner.) Tell me what he was saying; let me hear it, and how do you know he was sending it. He did not speak it?

- I was reading what Mr. Phillips was sending, Sir, from his apparatus.

208 16472. I want to understand it. Phillips was sending a message by means of the machine?

- Yes.

209 16473. Were you looking at him while he was doing it, or looking at the machine?

- No.

210 16474. How do you know what it was that he was sending?

211 - I could hear the make and break of his key.  
 16475. Do you mean to say that you listened, and by that means knew what the message was?  
 - Yes.

212 16476. Why were you listening to the message?  
 - You know, I tell you at once, Mr. Bride, your memory is of such an extraordinarily accurate kind that I wonder whether you are really giving us - I do not mean for a moment to say you are not telling us the truth, but I doubt whether you can remember such things with accuracy; I could not, but my memory is not nearly as good as yours. Do you mean to tell me that at this distance of time or from the Sunday when you landed at New York you recall having listened to a message which did not concern you, and remember what it was?  
 - It was not a message which concerned you?  
 - The message did concern me indirectly.

213 16477. In what way?  
 - Because I had refused it in the first place when it was offered to me; I did not answer it.

214 16478. You have not told us that: What was that?  
 - It was the message of the "Californian" - the ice report of the "Californian" which he had offered to me, and which was explained a minute or two ago.

215 16479. I thought you were talking about Cape Race?  
 - We are talking about Cape Race now. I remember these things, because they constitute my work, and they are big things, as far as I am concerned. It was one of the biggest -

216 16480. If I were to ask you to give me particulars of all the messages that you had taken on the 13th, could you recollect them now?  
 - No.

217 The Attorney-General:  
 Nor has he been asked.

218 The Commissioner:  
 I asked if he could remember them.

219 The Witness:  
 I am not offering to give you particulars of the messages which were sent on the 14th.

220 16482. I am talking about this one particular message to Cape Race?  
 - I was to tell you that Mr. Phillips was transmitting the time we had on board our ship, also his distance and bearing from Cape Race, and the number of messages he had for Cape Race, which is the usual thing when establishing communication with a land station.

221 16483. (The Attorney-General.) See if you can tell us in your own way, without my suggesting it to you, why should you particularly remember getting into communication with Cape Race?  
 - It was just before I went to bed; I was not asleep, and I had

nothing else to do but to lie and listen.

222 16484. Is it important to you to get into communication with Cape Race?  
- It was that night.

223 16485. Had you been in communication with Cape Race before on that voyage?  
- No.

224 16486. Is it of importance for you when you can get into communication with it that you should at once send messages?  
- It is.

225 16487. (The Commissioner.) Do I understand that messages collect together before you get into communication with Cape Race which have to be transmitted when you get into communication with Cape Race?  
- Yes, they do.

226 The Commissioner:  
That explains it.

227 16488. (The Attorney-General.) One thing more your Lordship will follow. (To the witness.) Is that your first means of communication with America on your voyage?  
- Yes.

228 16489. So that, of course, you would be anxious whatever messages you have got to send to America to get into communication with Cape Race and then transmit them?  
- Yes.

229 16490. (The Attorney-General.) Your Lordship sees why he would remember that. (To the witness.) So that on this particular occasion you have told us now and explained to my Lord why you recollect that. Now will you tell me, when you came up at 12 o'clock and relieved Mr. Phillips did you find any telegrams still to relay to Cape Race?  
- As far as I can recollect Mr. Phillips told me he had cleared all the traffic to Cape Race.

230 16491. He had got a considerable accumulation?  
- Yes.

231 16492. Now, the only other thing I want you to tell me is, did he tell you - can you recollect, whether he said when it was that he had finished relaying the telegrams to Cape Race?  
- He did not say.

232 16493. Was this conversation that you have told me of directly you came up?  
- Yes.

233 16494. That is 12 o'clock?  
- Yes.

234 The Commissioner:  
After the collision.

235 16495. (The Attorney-General.) I am just going to ask about that. (To the witness.) Tell us in your own way; how did you know first of all there had been a collision?  
- Mr. Phillips intimated that he thought we had struck something

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from the fact of feeling the shock.  
236 16496. You yourself had not felt it?  
- No.  
237 16497. Had you been asleep?  
- Yes.  
238 16498. Did you remain in the room with Mr. Phillips at 12 o'clock?  
- Yes.  
239 16499. At that time were you sending any messages?  
- No.  
240 16500. Did the Captain come in to you?  
- He did shortly afterwards.  
241 16501. Between the time of your coming up and the Captain coming in to you had you sent any messages?  
- No.  
242 16502. Or received any?  
- No.  
243 16503. Then what did the Captain say?  
- The Captain told us he wanted assistance.  
244 16504. I am not quite sure that I understand what you mean by that: assistance where?  
- He gave us to understand he wanted us to call C.Q.D.  
245 16505. That is to say that what the Captain wanted you to do was to call for assistance from other vessels?  
- Yes.  
246 16506. And you were to send out this signal C.Q.D.?  
- Yes.  
247 16507. Did you hear any conversation between Mr. Phillips and the Captain about this?  
- Yes.  
248 16508. Beyond what you have just told us that you were to call for assistance?  
- The Captain gave him the latitude and longitude of the "Titanic," and told him to be quick about it or words to that effect.  
249 16509. Then what did Mr. Phillips do?  
- He started to call C.Q.D.  
250 16510. After the Captain had come in, the first message was sent out, C.Q.D. was by Mr. Phillips; is that right?  
- Yes.  
251 16511. I do not know whether you can help us at all with regard to the time a little more than you have. You have told us you came up at 12 o'clock, and that then you heard this conversation between the Captain and Mr. Phillips. Could you give us any idea of the time - how long had elapsed after your coming up at 12 o'clock, or coming into the room with Mr. Phillips?  
- Not with any accuracy.  
252 16512. Give us the best estimate you can?  
- I do not think I could.  
253 16513. Do you remember what was the first vessel to answer

your C.Q.D. call?  
- The "Frankfurt."  
254 16514. Do you remember what the "Frankfurt's" answer was?  
- "O.K. Stand by."  
255 16515. "O.K." - is that "All right"?  
- Yes.  
256 16516. What was the next?  
- The "Carpathia."  
257 16517. What was the message from the "Carpathia," so far as you  
can recollect it?  
- She transmitted her position and told us she had turned round  
and was coming along as fast as she could.  
258 16518. To your assistance?  
- Yes.  
259 The Commissioner:  
Did the "Frankfurt" transmit her position?  
- No.  
260 16519. (The Attorney-General.) So as far as I follow from what  
you have told us, the "Frankfurt's" message was "O.K. Stand  
by"?  
- Yes.  
261 16520. What did you understand that to mean?  
- That he had got my message and would let me hear from him in  
a minute or so.  
262 16521. It meant to say "All right," that he had got your message.  
"Stand by" - that is. "Wait and I will communicate with you  
later"?  
- Yes.  
263 16522. He would have to communicate with the Commanding  
Officer?  
- Yes.  
264 16523. You received those two messages, the one from the  
"Frankfurt" and the other from the "Carpathia;" what did you do  
then?  
- I went to report to the Captain.  
265 16524. And Mr. Phillips remained in the room?  
- Yes.  
266 16525. Did you report to the Captain?  
- Yes.  
267 16526. Where was he when you reported to him?  
- He was on the boat deck, the starboard side, if I remember.  
268 16527. What was he doing?  
- He was superintending the loading of the lifeboats.  
269 16528. Do you recollect any other message?  
- Yes.  
270 16529. What was the next you recollect?  
- The next one was the "Olympic."  
271 16530. What did you do about that?  
- We received several messages from the "Olympic" from time to  
time, but to the best of my recollection they were not delivered

- because Captain Smith was busy and we presumed he would be worried, and we let them go.
- 272 16531. (The Commissioner.) What was the effect of the messages?
- They merely said - one message I remember was that the Commander of the "Olympic" told Captain Smith to have his lifeboats ready.
- 273 16532. (The Attorney-General.) We know what the "Olympic's" messages are. I wanted to get from him what was done. (To the witness.) Do you remember the Captain coming in and telling you about the vessel?
- The Captain kept in communication with us; we either went to him or he came to us.
- 274 16533. What about?
- He came in and told us at one time she would not last very long, and he informed us when the engine room was flooded.
- 275 16534. Was that before or after you had had the message from the "Carpathia;" do you recollect?
- After.
- 276 16535. If I follow you correctly, you have got the message from the "Frankfurt," and you have got the message from the "Carpathia" that she was coming to your assistance, and then you got the message or messages from the "Olympic"?
- Yes.
- 277 16536. And other vessels?
- The messages from the "Olympic," spread over to the time when we left the cabin; from the time we first established communication, Captain Haddock was sending us communications until the time we left the cabin for good.
- 278 16537. He was communicating with you, sending you messages throughout?
- Yes.
- 279 16538. Now, I want you to tell me after that, and before you left for good, as you have told us, did you have any discussion or conversation with Mr. Phillips about the relative strength of the signals of the "Frankfurt," and the "Carpathia"?
- Yes.
- 280 16539. What did he say?
- Mr. Phillips was of the opinion that the "Frankfurt" was the nearer of the two vessels as the strength of the "Frankfurt's" signals was greater than those of the "Carpathia."
- 281 16540. Did you establish communication with the "Baltic" at all?
- Yes.
- 282 16541. Did you send her a message?
- I myself informed the "Baltic" of the condition of things.
- 283 16542. When you say the condition of things, would you tell us as well as you can to the best of your recollection - I know it is rather hard for you at this moment, but so far as you can?
- I explained to the "Baltic" that we had had a collision, and we were sinking fast.

284 16543. When you sent that message was Mr. Phillips there?  
 - No.

285 16544. Where had he gone?  
 - He had gone outside to have a look round.

286 16545. When he came back did you tell him?  
 - Yes.

287 16546. Did you tell him - I mean of the communication you had established with the "Baltic"?  
 - Yes.

288 16547. And the message you had sent?  
 - Yes.

289 16548. Did he tell you what he had found out?  
 - Yes.

290 16549. What did he say?  
 - He told me the forward well deck was awash.

291 16550. Did he tell you anything else?  
 - He told me, as far as I remember, that they were putting the women and children in the boats and clearing off.

292 16551. Was anything said about a list, do you remember?  
 - There was a heavy list to port.

293 16552. Did you notice that?  
 - Yes.

294 16553. (The Commissioner.) You noticed that yourself?  
 - Yes.

295 16554. (The Attorney-General.) Of course, your Lordship recollects we have got a good many of these messages, and they can be referred to at the proper time; I do not want to take him through them all, and we do not depend on memory at all for them, as your Lordship remembers. I wanted him to tell today the story so as to bring him to the point of leaving the marconi room. (To the witness.) After he came back and told you that, do you remember the Captain coming in?  
 - Yes.

296 16555. What did he tell you?  
 - He told us to clear out.

297 16556. (The Commissioner.) To clear out of the room?  
 - Yes.

298 16557. (The Attorney-General.) To clear out - why?  
 - It was very evident the ship was sinking.

299 16558. That you were to shift for yourselves - to do the best you could?  
 - Yes; words to that effect.

300 16559. Do you remember whether at that time you were called up?  
 - Yes; Mr. Phillips took the 'phones when the Captain had gone away and he started in to work again.

301 16560. That was after the Captain had come in and told you to shift for yourselves?  
 - Yes.

302 16561. When did he get to work again?

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..Arrives 1:20 - 2:05

- Of course I could not read what Mr. Phillips was receiving, but I could read what he was sending, and I judged that the "Carpathia" and the "Frankfurt" had both called up together, and the "Frankfurt" had persisted in calling and was interfering with Mr. Phillips in reading the "Carpathia's" message.
- 303 The Commissioner:  
The one message was blurring the other.
- 304 16562. (The Attorney-General.) I did not know whether your Lordship heard it. (To the witness.) Did Phillips say anything to you about it?
- Yes; he expressed his opinion of the "Frankfurt" and then told him to keep out of it, to stand by.
- 305 16563. He told the "Frankfurt" to keep out of it and stand by?
- Yes.
- 306 16564. Did he then communicate with the "Carpathia"?
- Yes.
- 307 16565. To the best of your recollection, what was it he said?
- To the best of my recollection he told the "Carpathia" the way we were abandoning the ship, or words to that effect.
- 308 16566. After that did you do anything further? Did you try to call any further ships?
- Mr. Phillips called once or twice more, but the power was failing us and I do not think we were getting a spark, as there were no replies.
- 309 16567. Why was that?
- The power was failing us.
- 310 16568. (The Commissioner.) Where did you get your power from?
- From the engine room.
- 311 16569. From the main engines?
- Yes.
- 312 16570. (The Attorney-General.) The power was decreasing from there, and you could not get sufficient power to generate your spark?
- That is so.
- 313 16571. Did you and Philips leave?
- Yes, we left the cabin.
- 314 16572. What did you do?
- We climbed up on top of the marconi cabin and the Officers' quarters.
- 315 16573. That was right on the boat deck?
- Yes.
- 316 16574. Do you recollect at all whether at that time there were persons on the deck?
- Yes, there were.
- 317 16575. Many? You could not tell?
- I could not tell.
- 318 16576. After you got on to the roof, what did you do?
- They were trying to fix up a collapsible boat that was up there, and I went to help them.



- 319 16577. That was on the top of the Officers' quarters?  
- Yes.
- 320 16578. You went to help them?  
- Yes.
- 321 16579. Did you get it down from the top deck to the boat deck?  
- Yes.
- 322 16580. With all the men who were assisting?  
- Yes.
- 323 16581. What happened to it then?  
- It got swept off.
- 324 16582. That was the collapsible?  
- Yes.
- 325 16583. When it got swept off, did it float?  
- Yes.
- 326 16584. Do you remember at all whether this was on the port or starboard side?  
- On the port side.
- 327 16585. It was on the port side you got the collapsible?  
- It was at the side of the forward funnel on the top of the Officers' quarters.
- 328 16586. What happened to you - did you get into the collapsible?  
- Yes.
- 329 16587. Was it floating all right when you got into it?  
- It was upside down.
- 330 16588. Had it capsized?  
- Yes.
- 331 16589. When you say you got into it, was that after the "Titanic" had sunk?  
- No, it was before the "Titanic" had sunk.
- 332 16590. How did you come from off the boat deck?  
- I was swept off with the boat.
- 333 16591. Was the water then rising all the time?  
- Yes.
- 334 16592. And eventually you were swept off and the water was rising?  
- Yes.
- 335 16593. And as the collapsible boat was swept off into the water you also were swept off; is that correct?  
- Yes, we went over together.
- 336 16594. (The Commissioner.) Just let me understand exactly where that collapsible boat was; was it in front of the forward funnel?  
- It was on the port side of it, right alongside of it.
- 337 The Attorney-General:  
Your Lordship will recollect there are the two emergency boats on each side.
- 338 16595. (The Commissioner.) Which is the collapsible boat?
- 339 The Witness:  
This one. (Pointing on the model.)
- 340 16596. Am I to understand that at this time the water was flush

- with that deck?
- Yes - no, it was flush was A deck; we pushed it over from that deck on to A deck.
- 341 The Attorney-General:  
That is exactly what Mr. Lightoller explained.
- 342 16597. (The Commissioner - To the witness.) Then the water was flush with the boat deck?
- Yes.
- 343 16598. And swept this boat off into the sea and you with it?
- Yes.
- 344 16599. (The Attorney-General.) Let us be quite clear about it. Do you know which is the a deck?
- I have always been given to understand the boat deck was the a deck.
- 345 16600. That is what I thought was your impression. The collapsible boat you are speaking of was the one which was on the port side on the deck house. Is that right?
- On the deck house, yes.
- 346 16601. (The Attorney-General.) Your Lordship will remember there is an emergency boat, then a collapsible, then one on the top and the same on the starboard side, and that makes the four englehardt collapsibles. (To the witness.) That one which was on the port side you got down from the deck-house on to the boat deck, as we call it, and then the water washed it off?
- Yes.
- 347 16602. And washed you off?
- Yes. The last I saw of Mr. Phillips he was standing on the deck-house.
- 348 16603. (The Attorney-General.) My learned friend reminds me, My Lord, that this is dealt with by Mr. Lightoller, at page 318, Question 14035, and this is what he said about it: "I called for men to go up on the deck of the quarters for the collapsible boat up there. The afterend of the boat was underneath the funnel guy. I told them to swing the afterend up. There was no time to open her up and cut the lashings adrift. Hemming was the man with me there" - (we are to call Hemming.) - "and they then swung her round over the edge of the coamings to the upper deck, and let her down on to the boat deck. That is the last I saw of her for a little while." (To the witness.) You do not recollect in such detail, I understand?
- No.
- 349 16604. You told us the collapsible boat capsized. Did you get on to the collapsible boat?
- I swam away from it.
- 350 16605. Why?
- I do not know.
- 351 16606. Then what happened to you?
- I joined it again later on, three-quarters of an hour to an hour I should estimate, and I climbed on top of it.
- 352 16607. You got back again, or, at any rate, you got to the same

collapsible boat you say three-quarters of an hour to an hour afterwards?

- I should estimate the time to be that.

353 16608. (The Commissioner.) Had you a lifebelt on?

- Yes.

354 (After a short adjournment.)

355 The Solicitor-General:

My Lord, the Attorney-General has been called away. Perhaps your Lordship will allow me to finish the witness?

356 The Commissioner:

Yes.

357 16609. (The Solicitor-General - To the witness.) I think you had just got to the point when you found yourself in the water?

- Yes.

358 16610. Tell us what it was that happened to you?

- I swam away from the "Titanic," saw the "Titanic" go down, and climbed on top of the collapsible boat for the second time, was picked up from there by the "Titanic's" lifeboat, and taken on board the "Carpathia."

359 16611. I want to imitate your own brevity about it as far as I can; but did you get on to the collapsible boat at once, or were you in the water for some little time?

- I was in the water for some little time.

360 16612. Do you mind telling us about it?

- I was in the water, I should estimate, nearly three-quarters of an hour. It may have been more. It was some time after the "Titanic" sank.

361 16613. I only want you to tell us about it. I have looked up your evidence in America. Did you find yourself at the under-side of the collapsible boat?

- I was on the under-side of the boat, yes.

362 16614. I want you to tell us about it?

- I was on the underside of the boat. After I had been there two or three seconds I cleared myself and swam away from it.

363 16615. The collapsible boat is a flat kind of thing like a raft?

- Yes.

364 16616. You mean, you found yourself on the underside of that?

- Yes.

365 16617. (The Commissioner.) In the water?

- Yes.

366 16618. Knocking your head against the bottom of it?

- I was upside down myself. I was lying on my back.

367 16619. (The Solicitor-General.) You were lying on your back, and found yourself on the underside of this raft?

- Yes.

368 16620. Was there an air space between the underside of that and the top of the water?

- I could not find it.

369 16621. Then you were in the water?

- Yes.

370 16622. (The Commissioner.) You cannot have been very long there?  
 - Oh, no.

371 16623. You must have got out of that position?  
 - Yes, I did.

372 The Commissioner:  
 What is this material to?

373 16624. (The Solicitor-General.) It is not very material except that one likes to be satisfied we have got hold of the same gentleman who gave evidence in America. I read here: "You remained under the boat how long?" and you are recorded as giving an answer: "I should say about three-quarters of an hour or half" Is that right?  
 - No. Senator Smith pressed that question, and I could not give him any idea, he said: "How long did it seem"? and I said: "It seemed a life time."

374 16625. The next question is "Was there a breathing space under the boat when it was turned over in that way?" and you are recorded as having answered "Yes, Sir." Did you mean, no?  
 - No, I do not think I said anything like that.

375 16626. "So that you got away from it as quickly as you could? - (A.) Yes, Sir. (Q.) Then you got out of it and got on it. At any rate, there seems to be some confusion. Now, going back a minute or two to the practice - supposing a message comes to the marconi room for the Captain, and it is heard, taken down, I suppose, by either you or Phillips. Do you see?  
 - Yes.

376 16627. Just tell us what happens; what would you do in a case like that?  
 - In a case like that I should take it along myself to the Captain.

377 16628. What is it you would take along?  
 - The message.

378 16629. Well, I suppose it is a piece of paper?  
 - Yes, a piece of paper. It would be enclosed in an envelope.

379 16630. Would it be enclosed in an envelope?  
 - Yes.

380 16631. Then there is not any ship's messenger or boy who does this; you do it yourself?  
 - Well, you can have one, but by the time you have rung for him to come up, and he has come up, you could have taken it yourself and be back again.

381 16632. (The Commissioner.) You are close to him?  
 - We are close to the Captain on the "Titanic."

382 16633. (The Solicitor-General.) And would it be part of the duty of you or Phillips, as the case may be, to get such messages delivered?  
 - Yes.

383 16634. If the message is addressed to the Captain, is it your duty to give it to him personally, or where do you put it, or what do you do with it?

- It is our duty to ascertain somehow or other, that the message is delivered to the Captain to give it to a responsible man - the Captain's steward - or take it ourselves.

384 16635. I think you told the Attorney-General that there had been a number of messages during the voyage, of different sorts, for the Captain? Is that so?

- Yes.

385 16636. As far as you know, were those messages delivered?

- Yes.

386 16637. As far as they came, when you were on duty, did you deliver them?

- I delivered them myself. I delivered several that came when Phillips was on duty.

387 16638. Are these messages that came to the ship for the Captain paid for message by message, or are they included in some rate?

- Some of them may be paid for; they may be messages from passengers on other ships; they may be master's service messages, or they may be franked messages from the office, or from the Captain of another ship to our Captain.

388 16639. Let us take the master's service messages - we have heard of them?

- They deal with the navigation of the ship, and anything relating to the shipping company.

389 16640. Are those paid for message by message?

- No, they are free between ship and ship.

390 16641. And supposing it was the other way about - supposing Captain Smith was sending a message which was a Master's service message to another ship, would that be paid for, or does that go free?

- That is likewise free.

391 16642. Now let us take the messages for passengers?

- If Captain Smith was sending a message to passenger it would go free of charge, because the marconi Company allow the Captain and the Officers of the ship a grant of so many words free of charge.

392 16643. It is my fault; I did not quite mean that. You had passengers on board, I suppose who wanted to send messages?

- Yes.

393 16644. Now, when they want to send a message what is done? Is it written down, or how does it happen?

- The passenger goes to the purser's office, is handed a form, and writes down his telegram, and the purser charges him for it, and, incidentally, it works back to the marconi Company.

394 16645. (The Commissioner.) And the money is paid how?

- To the purser on the majority of ships.

395 16646. And does the purser account to the marconi Company for the amount of money at the end of the voyage?

- Yes. In the case of the "Titanic" the message was sent up by a pneumatic tube to our office.

396 16647. (The Solicitor-General.) Sent up by pneumatic tube from

the purser's office to you?

- Yes. Here was a ship going to America with a number of people on board, some of them Americans; can you tell us by the time you got into touch with the mainland, with Cape Race, had you got an accumulation of messages waiting to be sent to America?

397 16648. (The Commissioner.) He told us that, you know?

398 The Witness:

I had a very large accumulation.

399 16649. (The Commissioner - To the witness.) Phillips worked them off. How are you paid?

- I am paid by the marconi Company.

400 16650. Yes. I did not mean that, but are you paid a fixed salary or according to the number of messages?

- We are paid a fixed salary.

401 16651. Your pay does not depend upon the number of messages sent?

- No.

402 16652. Do you know how you are on the articles of the ship?

- Yes.

403 16653. What does the ship pay you?

- Is a month in some ships; in the White Star Line I received a fixed salary.

404 16654. How much did you receive from the White Star Company?

- I have not received anything.

405 16655. But how much were you to receive?

- I could not say; I think it was £ 2 5s. a month.

406 The Solicitor-General:

I have it here. As you said, you are on the articles of the ship's Company. What I have here is the office copy, which is forwarded to the Registrar-General of Seamen, and I see here, "H. S. Bride." That is you, is it not?

- [No Answer.]

407 16656. "Aged" - I cannot read it. What is your age?

- 22.

408 16657. "London," and then there is an address given.

409 16658. (The Commissioner.) While you are on the question of age, will you tell me what age Phillips was?

- He was somewhere between 24 and 25, I believe.

410 16659. (The Solicitor-General.) Phillips is entered here as 24. (To the witness.) Now, "Bride, London," I cannot read what it says about the name and official number and the port she belonged to

- that is your last ship, I suppose - what was it?

- The "Anselm."

411 16660. Yes, that is it, and you are written down as "Telegraphist"?

- Yes.

412 16661. £2 2s. 6d. a month. I suppose you are paid a salary by the marconi Company?

- Yes.

413 16662. (The Commissioner.) What salary do you get from the  
marconi Company?  
- £4 a month.

414 The Solicitor-General:  
We deliberately refrained from asking Mr. Turnbull, the marconi  
gentleman, the details about the agreement with the White Star  
because he was not prepared with the documents, and we thought  
it would be better to recall him on that part of the case so that we  
will not pursue it.

415 16663. I think you stated it was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon  
on this Sunday when you heard the "Californian" message?  
- I said 5.

416 16664. Five, you said?  
- Yes.

417 16665. I thought you said 3, but you say it was 5 o'clock by  
ship's time?  
- Yes, between 5 and half-past.

418 16666. You knew it was an ice message?  
- Yes.

419 16667. I think you stated to the Attorney-General that you were  
engaged in adding up your accounts?  
- Yes.

420 16668. And then you went on adding up your accounts, and paid  
no attention to this message?  
- No.

421 16669. Then some time afterwards, I forget whether you gave us  
the time, you happened to hear it repeated?  
- Yes, that is correct.

422 16670. Then you had not written it down when you heard it the  
first time?  
- No.

423 16671. You knew it was a message to the "Titanic"?  
- Yes.

424 16672. Reporting ice?  
- Yes.

425 16673. You did not write it down?  
- No.

426 16674. You took no notice of it at all, but went on adding up your  
accounts?  
- Yes.

427 16675. Then, if you had not happened to hear that message  
repeated to another ship nothing would ever have been heard of  
that message?  
- Yes, it would.

428 16676. Well, forgive me. It gave the latitude and longitude. You  
had written nothing down when the message first came?  
- No.

429 16677. Do you suggest that without writing anything down, and  
being busy with accounts, you can trust yourself to carry in your  
head the latitude and longitude which had been given in the

message?

- No, I had read the text of the message, which mentioned three large bergs. I had not got the latitude and longitude, and I should have called the "Californian" if she had not transmitted it at a very short period afterwards, and asked her for the latitude and longitude.

430 16678. The latitude and longitude you could not have carried in your head?

- No.

431 16679. The only way of getting that message would have been to call the "Californian" afterwards to get the latitude and longitude?

- Yes.

432 16680. You happened to hear it repeated, did you say, a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes afterwards?

- Yes.

433 16681. Are you sure about the time?

- Yes.

434 16682. Had you finished your accounts by that time?

- No.

435 16683. Were you still on your accounts?

- Yes.

436 The Commissioner:  
What are those accounts?

437 16684. (Sir Robert Finlay.) What were you doing?

- I was writing up an abstract of all the telegrams sent the day before.

438 The Solicitor-General:  
That is the procès-verbal.

439 16685. (Sir Robert Finlay - To the witness.) Is that what has been called the procès-verbal?

- No, the telegrams; it gives the place where the telegram originated from and where it is going to, the station it is sent to; and the cost of the telegram, and the costs of the coast station, our charge, and everybody else's charge, one by one.

440 16686. Then when you heard it repeated you recognised it as being the message which had been sent to your ship?

- Yes.

441 16687. And wrote it down and took it on to the bridge?

- Yes.

442 16688. Now with regard to the payment of service messages, that, I understand you to say, is covered by the arrangement between the steamship company and the marconi Company?

- We are told to make no charge for that.

443 16689. No charge is made for that. Then all such messages as were sent on to Cape Race, trade and private messages, would be an extra payment to the marconi Company - to your company?

- Messages that were sent on to Cape Race at the request of passengers would be paid messages; messages sent to Cape Race on behalf of the company would be free messages.

444 16690. What I said was, trade and private messages sent on to Cape Race would be paid for extra?  
- Yes.

445 16691. They would not be included in the service messages?  
- No.

446 16692. I think you used the expression - I am not sure whether his Lordship caught it - that there was a very large accumulation of those messages?  
- Yes.

447 The Commissioner:  
That is the accumulation Phillips cleared off while the witness was asleep?

448 16693. (Sir Robert Finlay.) How long was Phillips occupied in clearing off those arrears of messages for Cape Race? He began at 8.30?  
- Yes.

449 16694. When did he finish?  
- I should estimate he could not have finished before nine anyhow from the batch he had, but I could not give you any idea as to when he did actually finish.

450 16695. I think you saw Phillips about 10 minutes before the collision, did you not?  
- No; after the collision.

451 16696. I want to ask you about what you said in America before the Committee of the senate on this point. Were you asked this question, and did you give this answer: "Were you working with Cape Race, or was Phillips, to your knowledge, just before the collision with the iceberg? - (A.) As far as I recollect, Phillips had finished working with Cape Race 10 minutes before the collision with the iceberg. He made mention of the fact when I turned out." Did you say that, and is that true?  
- I said that, but I could not remember what he said now.

452 16697. But did you say that?  
- I said that to Senator Smith, but I could not recollect now what Phillips told me after I had turned out.

453 16698. Was what you said to Senator Smith true?  
- Well, I was on oath at the time.

454 16699. I presume what you said was true?  
- Yes.

455 16700. (The Commissioner.) Then what you stated just now must be a mistake?  
- What was that?

456 16701. That this man had finished his work about 9 o'clock.  
- I said he could not have finished sending the batch of telegrams before 9. At the same time Cape Race would have a number of telegrams to transmit to him as was proved by the "Californian" The "Californian" said she heard Cape Race sending him telegrams.

457 16702. (Sir Robert Finlay.) You know Phillips was engaged in communicating with Cape Race right on from half-past 8 to 10

minutes before the collision?

- Apparently so, yes.

458 16703. Well, have you any doubt about it?

- No. I do not think so. I am judging by the amount of work that was got through.

459 16704. He was engaged during these hours from half-past 8 to 10 minutes before the collision in communicating with Cape Race these trade and private messages?

- Yes.

460 16705. We shall be able to get all those messages, I suppose, from the marconi Company?

- Yes.

461 16706. There is one other point. You told us that the ship to which you overheard the message repeated from the "Californian" was the "Baltic"?

- Yes.

462 16707. Have you any reason to doubt the correctness of what you said?

- I have since; but at the time I was sure of it, as far as my memory served me.

463 16708. Still, as far as your memory serves you, it was the "Baltic"?

- Yes.

464 The Commissioner:  
Do you want to ask anything more, Mr. Solicitor?

465 The Solicitor-General:  
There is one thing I am not quite clear about. I understand my friend is going to recall these two Officers. It does not arise in any way out of cross-examination. It is the message which he does know of from the "Californian." I do not myself quite follow at present what it was that he did with it, according to his own recollection, and it might be important.

466 The Commissioner:  
He took it to the bridge and gave it to an Officer.

467 16709. (The Solicitor-General.) That means he wrote it down on a piece of paper?

468 The Witness:  
Yes.

469 16710. (The Commissioner.) And put it in an envelope?

- No, that particular message was not put in an envelope.

470 The Solicitor-General:  
May I ask about it?

471 The Commissioner:  
Yes.

472 Re-examined by the SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

473 16711. This is the message from the "Californian"?

- Yes.

474 16712. And it refers to the three icebergs, and gave the latitude and longitude?

- Yes.

475 16713. Did you personally hear the message?  
 - Yes.

476 16714. Did you write it down?  
 - Yes.

477 The Commissioner:  
 Which message are you now talking of?

478 The Solicitor-General:  
 The only one that he says he remembers - the one from the  
 "Californian," which says they had passed three icebergs and  
 gave the latitude and longitude.

479 16715. (The Commissioner.) I understood he got that twice. (To  
 the witness.) Is not that so?  
 - No, the first time I did not take it down.

480 16716. Yes, I know, but you received it. It came to your ears?  
 - It came to my ears, yes.

481 16717. That is what I call receiving it?  
 - I took no notice of it.

482 16718. And because you were busy you took no notice of it?  
 - Yes.

483 16719. And that message contained, or there was comprised in it,  
 the latitude and longitude where the ice was supposed to have  
 been seen?  
 - Yes.

484 16720. You took no notice of that message, but went on with  
 your accounts?  
 - Yes.

485 16721. For something like an hour and a half?  
 - No.

486 16722. How long?  
 - Between a quarter of an hour and 20 minutes.

487 16723. I thought it was an hour and 20 minutes?  
 - No.

488 16724. And then you got it again?  
 - Yes.

489 16725. And then you took it down and did not put it in an  
 envelope?  
 - No.

490 16726. But took it to the bridge and gave it to an Officer on the  
 bridge?  
 - Yes.

491 16727. The only difference is that I thought there was an interval  
 of more than an hour between getting the first message and  
 getting the second message?  
 - No.

492 16728. (The Solicitor-General.) I am going to ask your Lordship  
 to allow me to test it, because it is important to get the time. (To  
 the witness.) Take this in your hand. You will see it is a  
 "Californian" procès-verbal. You are familiar with that sort of  
 document. (Handing same to the witness.) Do you see the page  
 before you is the page for the 14th April?

- Yes.

493 16729. And is it the "Californian" procès-verbal?

- Yes.

494 16730. Did you see an entry about exchanging Trs. with the "Titanic"?

- Yes.

495 16731. What is the time?

- Five -twenty.

496 16732. Is that New York time?

- Yes.

497 16733. If it is 5.20 New York time, it would be later according to your ship's time, would it not?

- Yes, ship's time.

498 The Commissioner:  
It would be about 7.20.

499 16734. (The Solicitor-General.) Yes. (To the witness.) Do you know Mr. Evans?

- Yes.

500 16735. That is the operator on the "Californian"?

- Yes.

501 16736. He has given evidence, you know, and he says at half-past 7, ship's time, there or thereabouts, the "Titanic" stated that they had got a message about the ice, about the three icebergs; he puts that at half-past 7, you see. Now, Mr. Bride, does not that correspond with his entry 5.20 New York time?

- [No answer.]

502 The Commissioner:  
Put it to him again.

503 The Solicitor-General:  
I do not wish to seem to be pressing him.

504 The Commissioner:  
No. It is because I do not want him to be bothered that I want you to put it to him again.

505 16737. (The Solicitor-General.) I put before you just now, and you have before you now, the procès-verbal of the "Californian"?

- Yes, 5.20 Trs. with M.G.Y.

506 16738. Is not "M.G.Y." the "Titanic"?

- "M.G.Y." is the "Titanic." It says on the top "New York time."

507 16739. And do you agree that 5.20 New York time would mean on your ship something like half-past 7?

- Yes.

508 16740. And are not all those entries on that procès-verbal made in order of time line after line?

- Yes.

509 16741. Just give us the time immediately in front of the one I called your attention to?

- 5.5.

510 16742. That is 15 minutes before; what is the time immediately following the one I called your attention to?

- 5.35.

511 16743. You have no doubt those entries were made at the time  
when each thing occurred?  
- I have no doubt at all.

512 16744. Does not that show that there were messages being  
exchanged between the "Titanic" and the "Californian" at 5.20?  
- Yes.

513 Perhaps you had better look at the message which at that time  
was being sent by the "Californian" about 7. Is not that better,  
My Lord? (To the witness.) Just see if you can help us now about  
it (Handing message to the witness.)

514 The Commissioner:  
There is no record in the procès-verbal of the "Californian" of  
two messages having been despatched.

515 The Solicitor-General:  
That is right, My Lord. I will have it looked at.

516 The Commissioner:  
There is no record of two messages having been sent.

517 16745. (The Solicitor-General.) No, My Lord, I am told not. (To  
the witness.) Have you before you now the "Californian's" record  
of the message about ice?  
- Yes.

518 16746. Just look at it, because I only want to get it clear. That  
message that you have before you now, what time, New York  
time, is it sent off?  
- Five -thirty-five.

519 16747. That corresponds exactly. And is that a message about  
"latitude, 42 deg. 3 min. N., longitude, 49 deg. 9 min. W. Three  
large bergs five miles southward of us. Regards.  
- Lord"?  
- Yes.

520 16748. That actual message is being sent to the "Antillian," I  
think?  
- Yes.

521 16749. So far as regards the language of that message, the  
latitude and longitude and the three bergs, does it resemble the  
one which you heard?  
- Yes.

522 16750. Now just think?  
- With the exception that I cannot recollect the "regards" or the  
signature or any name or address.

523 16751. You probably would not remember the address or the  
signature?  
- No.

524 16752. But as regards latitude and longitude and three bergs, that  
is the same sort of thing?  
- Yes.

525 16753. Now that is sent off between five and six, New York time.  
Do not you think that the message you heard must have been  
heard by you between five and six, New York time?  
- No. To the best of my recollection it was between five and six,

ship's time.

526 16754. If there was a message sent from the "Californian" to the "Titanic" between five and six, ship's time, that would be about three o'clock, New York time?

- Yes.

527 16755. Now will you look in the procès-verbal of the "Californian," and see whether there is any reference to any message sent between three and four, New York time, to the "Titanic"?

- No, because the first signals he has down with the "Titanic" are at 5.20, when he exchanges trs.

528 16756. That is the one I called your attention to. Does not exchanging Tr.'s mean that he has then got into communication with the "Titanic" for the first time?

- Yes.

529 That is what it means. It starts the communication?

530 The Commissioner:  
Does it all come to this, that his own memory is quite defective about it?

531 16757. (The Solicitor-General.) Assuming those records are right, you must be making a mistake about the time, Must you not?

- I do not think I am making any mistake about the time.

532 16758. But assuming those records are right?

- Assuming those records are right, yes.

533 16759. Assuming they are right, you are making a mistake?

- Yes.

534 Sir Robert Finlay:  
It is a matter of argument. Then, My Lord, I desire to recall Mr. Lightoller and Mr. Boxhall.

535 16760. (The Commissioner.) I want to ask this Witness another question. (To the witness.) The only ice message that you heard anything at all about was the ice message from the "Californian"?

- That was the only one.

536 16761. Now, be very careful. Is it the only one that you heard anything at all about while you were on the "Titanic"?

- The only one.

537 16762. Had you any conversation with Phillips about ice messages?

- I cannot recall any.

538 16763. Can you recall any conversation with Phillips in which he mentioned an ice message having been received by him?

- No.

539 16764. Then, so far as you know from your own knowledge, or from conversation which you had with anybody on board the ship, there was no ice message received, except the "Californian's"?

- As far as I am concerned, that was the only one.

540 16765. The only one you either know of or heard of?

- Yes.

541 16766. Do you remember the Captain coming to tell you and  
Phillips to clear out?  
- Yes.

542 16767. Can you tell us what time of night that was?  
- No.

543 16768. You have a clock in your room, have you not?  
- We have two.

544 16769. You have a clock with the ship's time?  
- Yes.

545 16770. Have you any recollection of having seen or looked at the  
clock when you were told to clear out?  
- I had been looking at the clock whilst I was getting my P.V.  
entered up, My procès-verbal , but cannot recall any of the times  
now.

546 16771. You cannot tell us when it was that the Captain came in  
and told you to clear out?  
- No.

547 Mr. Lewis:  
May I ask a question, My Lord?

548 The Commissioner:  
Yes.

549 16772. (Sir Robert Finlay.) May I ask the witness one question?  
(To the witness.) When you are entering up the procès-verbal was  
there any reference to any other ice?  
- I am talking of the time when we were calling for assistance.

550 Examined by Mr. LEWIS.

551 16773. When you returned to the marconi room on the last  
occasion did anything unusual occur?  
- We had a lady inside there who was in a fainting condition,  
sitting down in a chair.

552 16774. Have you made a statement at any time that you found  
Mr. Phillips being attacked or his lifebelt being removed?  
- Someone was taking the lifebelt off Phillips when I left the  
cabin.

553 16775. Do I understand you to state that you thought it was a  
stoker who was taking this lifebelt off Mr. Phillips?  
- I presumed from the appearance of the man that he was  
someone in that line of business.

554 16776. This would have been a few minutes before you left the  
room?  
- Yes.

555 16777. Was he dressed in stoker's gear?  
- Yes.

556 16778. Do I understand that you hit him, or what?  
- Well, we stopped him from taking the lifebelt off.

557 16779. "We," you say?  
- Yes.

558 16780. I understood the report was that Mr. Phillips was engaged  
at this time with his work?  
- Yes.

559 16781. Sending messages; and that you forced this man away?  
 - Well, I forced the man away and it attracted Mr. Phillips's attention, and he came and assisted me.

560 16782. Is your recollection of this matter very clear?  
 - It is fairly clear.

561 16783. Would you know the man again if you saw him?  
 - I am not likely to see him.

562 16784. You are supposed to have hit him?  
 - Well, I held him and Mr. Phillips hit him.

563 16785. Mr. Phillips hit him?  
 - Yes.

564 16786. That is the difference between what you say and what I read. You are absolutely positive on this question?  
 - I am positive on it, yes.

565 16787. Now, with regard to the installation, did you have any spare transmitters on board?  
 - We had a standard 5 kilowatt set, as supplied by the marconi Company, and we had emergency gear also.

566 16788. Was that out of gear at any time?  
 - We had had some trouble with it the night before.

567 16789. For how long was it out of gear?  
 - For five and a half to six hours.

568 16790. That would have been on the saturday?  
 - Yes.

569 16791. Late on Saturday?  
 - From 11 o'clock Friday night till half-past four or five saturday morning.

570 16792. Nothing occurred to it while you were on watch; I know you were off and did not go on watch again till 12. But during your watch was there any defect?  
 - What time was this? When are you talking about?

571 16793. On the Sunday?  
 - There was nothing the matter with the apparatus on the Sunday.

572 16794. When you reported at 12, you did not hear from Mr. Phillips whether there had been any defect?  
 - Apparently there had not been considering the traffic he had got through.

573 Examined by Mr. HARBINSON.

574 16795. (Mr. Harbinson.) I should like to ask two questions, if I may. (To the witness.) Do you remember how long it was after the collision when you learned that the "Carpathia" was coming to your assistance?  
 - The "Carpathia" was the second boat to answer our call.

575 16796. Can you remember how long that was after the collision?  
 - No, I could not tell you; it was within a very short space of time after we sent out our first distress signal.

576 16797. And you took that message to the Captain, you told us?  
 - Yes.

577 16798. Now, do you know if the Captain communicated the substance of your message to any of the Officers or to the crew?

578 - I passed the word myself, as I went to find the Captain.  
16799. To whom did you pass it?  
579 - To anybody whom I happened to go close by.  
16800. Did you pass it to any of the Officers?  
- Not to my knowledge.  
580 16801. But you gave it out that the "Carpathia" was coming to  
your assistance?  
- Yes.  
581 (The Witness withdrew.)

## 582 **United States Senate Inquiry**

### 583 **Day 2**

#### 584 **Testimony of Harold S. Bride**

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

586 *(The witness was sworn by the chairman.)*

587 Senator SMITH.  
What is your full name?

588 Mr. BRIDE.  
Harold S. Bride.

589 Senator SMITH.  
Where do you reside?

590 Mr. BRIDE.  
London.

591 Senator SMITH.  
London, England?

592 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

593 Senator SMITH.  
What is your age?

594 Mr. BRIDE.  
Twenty-two.

595 Senator SMITH.  
What is your occupation?

596 Mr. BRIDE.  
Wireless-telegraph operator.

597 Senator SMITH.  
How long have you been engaged in that business?

598 Mr. BRIDE.  
Since the beginning of last July; sir.

599 Senator SMITH.  
What service have you seen since then?

600 Mr. BRIDE.  
I have been across to America, here, three times and down to Brazil three times.

601 Senator SMITH.  
On what boats?

602 Mr. BRIDE.  
I went to Philadelphia on the [Haverford](#), twice to New York on the [Lusitania](#),  
once to Brazil on the [Lanfranc](#), and twice to Brazil on the [Anselm](#).

603 Senator SMITH.  
In that service were you chief operator?

604 Mr. BRIDE.  
On the *Lusitania* I was the second man. On the other boats I was in charge, the  
only operator.

605 Senator SMITH.  
Had you any previous experience as an operator?

606 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, none at all.

607 Senator SMITH.  
Had you ever been employed by the post-office department of England?

608 Mr. BRIDE.  
No. I had been to a training college to learn wireless.

609 Senator SMITH.  
What college?

610 Mr. BRIDE.  
The British School of Telegraphy, Clapham Road.

611 Senator SMITH.  
Did you receive a diploma from there?

612 Mr. BRIDE.  
I have a Government certificate.

613 Senator SMITH.  
How long were you there?

614 Mr. BRIDE.  
Eight months.

615 Senator SMITH.  
In whose employ were you on the 10th day of April?

616 Mr. BRIDE.  
The 10th day of April of this year?

617 Senator SMITH.  
Yes.

618 Mr. BRIDE.  
The Marconi Co.'s, sir.

619 Senator SMITH.  
The Marconi Co.'s?

620 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

621 Senator SMITH.  
In what capacity?

622 Mr. BRIDE.  
Second operator on the [Titanic](#).

623 Senator SMITH.  
What wage did you receive?

624 Mr. BRIDE.

£4 a month.

625 Senator SMITH.  
And board?

626 Mr. BRIDE.  
And board; yes, sir.

627 Senator SMITH.  
You were second operator?

628 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

629 Senator SMITH.  
Who was your chief?

630 Mr. BRIDE.  
[Mr. Phillips.](#)

631 Senator SMITH.  
An older man than, you?

632 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

633 Senator SMITH.  
A more experienced man?

634 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

635 Senator SMITH.  
How old would you think Mr. Phillips was?

636 Mr. BRIDE.  
He was around about 24.

637 Senator SMITH.  
And he had had a larger experience?

638 Mr. BRIDE.  
Larger experience.

639 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know what wage he received?

640 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

641 Senator SMITH.  
What were your duties as assistant operator?

642 Mr. BRIDE.  
To take a watch with Mr. Phillips; to relieve Mr. Phillips.

643 Senator SMITH.  
How?

644 Mr. BRIDE.  
To keep a watch of six hours, sir.

645 Senator SMITH.  
To keep a watch of six hours. And during that time was there some one constantly at the instrument?

646 Mr. BRIDE.  
Constantly at the instrument; yes; sir.

647 Senator SMITH.  
Upon what vessel were you employed?

648 Mr. BRIDE.  
The *Titanic*.

649 Senator SMITH.  
The *Titanic*?

650 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

651 Senator SMITH.  
Were you acquainted with any of the officers or the crew of the *Titanic* when you entered service on that boat?

652 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir,

653 Senator SMITH.  
Had you sailed with any of them before?

654 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

655 Senator SMITH.  
Were you acquainted with Mr. Phillips?

656 Mr. BRIDE.  
Not until I saw him in Belfast.

657 Senator SMITH.  
Was he in Belfast?

658 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

659 Senator SMITH.  
Once or oftener?

660 Mr. BRIDE.  
I went up to Belfast to join the *Titanic*.

661 Senator SMITH.  
Did you join her in Belfast?

662 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

663 Senator SMITH.  
Were you on aboard the *Titanic* when she made the trial tests?

664 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

665 Senator SMITH.  
Did you take any interest in the trial tests?

666 Mr. BRIDE.  
We were kept rather busy, sir.

667 Senator SMITH.  
At the instrument?

668 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

669 Senator SMITH.  
Do you call it the key? You do not call it the key. What do you call the instrument?

670 Mr. BRIDE.  
The apparatus.

671 Senator SMITH.

And you were engaged at this instrument or apparatus during these trial tests?

672 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

673 Senator SMITH.  
Were you sending communications at that time?

674 Mr. BRIDE.  
We were testing the apparatus, sir. It had just left the hands of the engineers.  
We were holding tests with Liverpool and Malin Head wireless stations.

675 Senator SMITH.  
Can you say of your own knowledge how long a time was devoted to these trial tests?

676 Mr. BRIDE.  
The whole of Monday, as far as I know, sir. Monday we left Belfast.

677 Senator SMITH.  
You do not know of your own knowledge when the trial tests ceased, I suppose?

678 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

679 Senator SMITH.  
Did you leave the ship at all after boarding at Belfast?

680 Mr. BRIDE.  
I left the ship at Southampton, sir.

681 Senator SMITH.  
Temporarily?

682 Mr. BRIDE.  
Temporarily; yes, sir.

683 Senator SMITH.  
And returned to the ship?

684 Mr. BRIDE.  
I returned to the ship day before sailing, sir.

685 Senator SMITH.  
The day before sailing?

686 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

687 Senator SMITH.  
Which would have been the 9th of April?

688 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

689 Senator SMITH.  
At what hour?

690 Mr. BRIDE.  
Well, we got on board rather late. It was half-past 11 in the evening.

691 Senator SMITH.  
At what time was she to sail?

692 Mr. BRIDE.  
Midday the next day, sir.

693 Senator SMITH.  
Now, I wish you would describe, as near as you can, the wireless apparatus with which the Titanic was equipped.

694 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was a 5 kilowatt, the disk discharger fitted with magnetic detector and valve and receiver and emergency gears.

695 Senator SMITH.  
Would you call it a thoroughly up to date apparatus?

696 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir. It was the only set afloat with the Marconi Co., with the disk discharger.

697 Senator SMITH.  
And your tests of this apparatus worked out satisfactorily?

698 Mr. BRIDE.  
Very satisfactorily, sir.

699 Senator SMITH.  
How far could you communicate, with that apparatus?

700 Mr. BRIDE.  
During the daytime we reckoned to be able to do 400 miles.

701 Senator SMITH.  
That is a pretty broad statement.

702 Mr. BRIDE.  
When you say "no limit," sir, we are talking about freak messages which you can get. We were lying off Linton when we came around Belfast, when we exchanged the last message with Teneriffe and Port Said.

703 Senator SMITH.  
Almost any apparatus can get a freak message if it comes within the radius of that instrument?

704 Mr. BRIDE.  
We had a special sending apparatus which doubled our range.

705 Senator SMITH.  
What wave length could you employ with that apparatus?

706 Mr. BRIDE.  
Six hundred and 300 meters.

707 Senator SMITH.  
That is the international regulation?

708 Mr. BRIDE.  
Regulation; yes, sir.

709 Senator SMITH.  
And the regulation prescribed by the Marconi Co.?

710 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

711 Senator SMITH.  
Did you have occasion to use this wireless frequently after leaving Southampton?

712 Mr. BRIDE.  
Very frequently; yes, sir.

713 Senator SMITH.  
For what purpose?

714 Mr. BRIDE.  
Commercial traffic, sir.

715 Senator SMITH.

With English coast stations?

716 Mr. BRIDE.  
With English coast stations and with other ships.

717 Senator SMITH.  
And ships at sea?

718 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

719 Senator SMITH.  
I wish you would let us know, if you can, how busy you were kept at that work?

720 Mr. BRIDE.  
From leaving Southampton to the time we had finished with [Cape Race](#), we had got through about 250 telegrams. That was the evening we struck. When we had finished with Cape Race, we had transmitted 250 telegrams, just about, since leaving Southampton.

721 Senator SMITH.  
Up to the time you struck; up to the time of the occurrence of this impact?

722 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

723 Senator SMITH.  
Was the weather favorable for that kind of work?

724 Mr. BRIDE.  
Very favorable, sir.

725 Senator SMITH.  
Were there any officers of the White Star Line aboard the *Titanic*?

726 Mr. BRIDE.  
The *Titanic* was commanded by White Star officers.

727 Senator SMITH.  
I understand, but any general officers?

728 Mr. BRIDE.  
Any what, sir?

729 Senator SMITH.  
Any general officers of the White Star Line?

730 Mr. BRIDE.  
We had heard [Mr. Ismay](#) was on board, but beyond that I do not know anything.

731 Senator SMITH.  
Where did you hear that?

732 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Phillips told me, sir.

733 Senator SMITH.  
Your chief told you?

734 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

735 Senator SMITH.  
Did he tell you who Mr. Ismay was?

736 Mr. BRIDE.  
I knew from the name who he was.

737 Senator SMITH.

You knew who he was?

738 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

739 Senator SMITH.  
Had you ever seen him?

740 Mr. BRIDE.  
Not before, sir.

741 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see him during that voyage?

742 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, I do not think I did, sir.

743 Senator SMITH.  
At no time?

744 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, I do not think so.

745 Senator SMITH.  
Did he send or receive messages through you during the voyage?

746 Mr. BRIDE.  
I believe there were some transmitted for him, sir.

747 Senator SMITH.  
Official messages?

748 Mr. BRIDE.  
They would rank with us as official messages.

749 Senator SMITH.  
Did they have to do with the direction or the speed of the ship?

750 Mr. BRIDE.  
Coming around from Belfast there were messages transmitted for Mr. Ismay regarding the speed of the ship.

751 Senator SMITH.  
He was not then aboard? Was he aboard the ship from Belfast to Southampton?

752 Mr. BRIDE.  
I believe so.

753 Senator SMITH.  
He was?

754 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

755 Senator SMITH.  
That was on the trial trip?

756 Mr. BRIDE.  
Coming around from Belfast to Southampton, sir.

757 Senator SMITH.  
That is, the trial tests were made in what water?

758 Mr. BRIDE.  
Belfast Lough.

759 Senator SMITH.  
And then the ship was put under way for Southampton?

760 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

761 Senator SMITH.  
And while she was under way these messages from Mr. Ismay were sent?

762 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

763 Senator SMITH.  
And received? Did you get any reply?

764 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not tell you, sir.

765 Senator SMITH.  
To whom were they sent, do you remember?

766 Mr. BRIDE.  
They were sent to the White Star offices at Liverpool and Southampton.

767 Senator SMITH.  
Liverpool or London?

768 Mr. BRIDE.  
Liverpool and Southampton.

769 Senator SMITH.  
Can you recall what was contained in the messages?

770 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

771 Senator SMITH.  
Generally, do you know what they said?

772 Mr. BRIDE.  
Generally, sir, that the trials of the speed of the ship were very favorable.

773 Senator SMITH.  
Were there any other messages for Mr. Ismay at that time?

774 Mr. BRIDE.  
I can not recollect, sir.

775 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see him aboard the *Titanic* after leaving Southampton?

776 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

777 Senator SMITH.  
Did you send or receive any messages from or for him after leaving Southampton?

778 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not tell you. We had too many to remember them all.

779 Senator SMITH.  
If you received a message for the managing director of the company you might remember it?

780 Mr. BRIDE.  
No; I can not.

781 Senator SMITH.  
You can not say?

782 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

783 Senator SMITH.  
Did he come to the wireless office during that journey?

784 Mr. BRIDE.

Not to my knowledge.

785 Senator SMITH.  
From Southampton to the time of the collision?

786 Mr. BRIDE.  
Not to my knowledge, sir.

787 Senator SMITH.  
Or after the collision?

788 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

789 Senator SMITH.  
Did he send any word to you between Southampton and the time of the collision?

790 Mr. BRIDE.  
Not to my knowledge.

791 Senator SMITH.  
Or after the collision?

792 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

793 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know whether he sent any messages or received any messages while Mr. Phillips was at the apparatus?

794 Mr. BRIDE.  
I can not say, sir.

795 Senator SMITH.  
Did you hear whether he did or not?

796 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

797 Senator SMITH.  
Or whether he called upon Mr. Phillips or sent word to him after the collision?

798 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; he did not, sir after the collision.

799 Senator SMITH.  
Or on Sunday at all?

800 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not say, sir. We had a lot of traffic on Sunday.

801 Senator SMITH.  
You can not recall whether Mr. Ismay sent or received any message on Sunday?

802 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

803 Senator SMITH.  
Can you recall whether the captain of the ship received any messages on Saturday or Sunday from any White Star official regarding the movement, direction, or speed of the ship?

804 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; he did not.

805 Senator SMITH.  
How do you know he did not?

806 Mr. BRIDE.

Because I should have delivered it. I saw the [captain's](#) messages. I was delivering them for Mr. Phillips.

807 Senator SMITH.  
You were not on duty all of the time during those two days?

808 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

809 Senator SMITH.  
And during the time that Phillips was on duty would you know what he received?

810 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should know eventually sir.

811 Senator SMITH.  
Eventually?

812 Mr. BRIDE.  
When I made up my account.

813 Senator SMITH.  
Did you ever make up the accounts?

814 Mr. BRIDE.  
Not for Sunday, sir.

815 Senator SMITH.  
Not for Sunday?

816 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

817 Senator SMITH.  
Or for Saturday?

818 Mr. BRIDE.  
Saturday's accounts were made up; yes, sir.

819 Senator SMITH.  
Did you make them up?

820 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

821 Senator SMITH.  
And you are ready to testify that the captain received no message from any source over the wireless which in any manner changed the course of his ship, its direction or its speed?

822 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

823 Senator SMITH.  
Or any other officer of the ship?

824 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

825 Senator SMITH.  
Would the same answer apply to all?

826 Mr. BRIDE.  
The same answer; yes, sir.

827 Senator SMITH.  
Did Mr. Phillips say to you at any time that such message had been received?

828 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; he did not.

829 Senator SMITH.  
Did the captain, or any other officer of the *Titanic*, send any message to the White Star officers respecting the direction, the speed, or the conditions of the weather, the sea, or its proximity to the Great Banks?

830 Mr. BRIDE.  
Communication had been established with the [Baltic](#) on Sunday afternoon, and compliments were exchanged between the two commanders, and the state of the weather.

831 Senator SMITH.  
What else? Anything besides the state of the weather?

832 Mr. BRIDE.  
Not to my knowledge.

833 Senator SMITH.  
Were you on duty when the wireless message was received from the [Amerika](#) regarding the proximity of icebergs in that longitude?

834 Mr. BRIDE.  
I have no knowledge of a wireless message received from the *Amerika* regarding any iceberg. There may have been received by Mr. Phillips, but I did not see one myself.

835 Senator SMITH.  
Have you heard that such a message was received?

836 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

837 Senator SMITH.  
Did Mr. Phillips say that such a message had been received?

838 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

839 Senator SMITH.  
Did you ever talk with the captain about such a message?

840 Mr. BRIDE.  
There was a message delivered to the captain in the afternoon, sir, late in the afternoon, regarding -

841 Senator SMITH.  
Of Sunday?

842 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

843 Senator SMITH.  
Go ahead.

844 Mr. BRIDE.  
Regarding the ice field.

845 Senator SMITH.  
From whom?

846 Mr. BRIDE.  
From the [Californian](#), sir.

847 Senator SMITH.  
At what hour Sunday?

848 Mr. BRIDE.  
It may not have been the *Californian*, but I can give you the call signal of the ship; it is "M. W. L." You can ascertain that later.

849 Senator SMITH.

Go ahead.

850 Mr. BRIDE.  
I received that message myself and delivered it to the captain. It stated that there were three large icebergs that the ship had just passed, and it gave their position.

851 Senator SMITH.  
What was the hour of the day?

852 Mr. BRIDE.  
Late in the afternoon, but I can not say the hour of the day.

853 Senator SMITH.  
Dusk?

854 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was an unofficial message.

855 Senator SMITH.  
From whom was it?

856 Mr. BRIDE.  
From this ship.

857 Senator SMITH.  
The *Californian*?

858 Mr. BRIDE.  
The ship with that call signal - M. W. L.

859 Senator SMITH.  
Which was the code signal?

860 Mr. BRIDE.  
The code signal of the ship.

861 Senator SMITH.  
Are you familiar with the code signals?

862 Mr. BRIDE.  
I know a good few of them.

863 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know what that means?

864 Mr. BRIDE.  
That particular call signal means a certain ship.

865 Senator SMITH.  
Yes. I want to know that ship.

866 Mr. SAMMIS.  
It is the *Californian*. M. W. L. is the signal of the *Californian*.

867 Senator SMITH.  
What is your name?

868 Mr. SAMMIS.  
I am the engineer of the Marconi Co.

869 Senator SMITH.  
What is your name?

870 Mr. SAMMIS.  
Sammis.

871 Senator SMITH.  
What is your first name?

872 Mr. SAMMIS.  
Frederick.

873 Senator SMITH.  
Who are you?

874 Mr. SAMMIS.  
I am the engineer of the American company.

875 Senator SMITH.  
Of the American Marconi Co.?

876 Mr. SAMMIS.  
Yes, sir.

877 Senator SMITH.  
And you say that this code signal -

878 Mr. SAMMIS.  
Is the signal of the [Californian](#).

879 Senator SMITH.  
Was it from the Californian?

880 Mr. SAMMIS.  
Yes, sir.

881 Senator SMITH.  
That is her signal?

882 Mr. SAMMIS.  
Yes, sir.

883 Senator SMITH.  
That is a recognized signal?

884 Mr. SAMMIS.  
Yes, sir.

885 Senator SMITH.  
Among mariners or in the management of the wireless?

886 Mr. SAMMIS.  
Amongst the operators. Each ship has its own call, and that is a distinctive call for each one.

887 Senator SMITH.  
The Californian is equipped with the Marconi?

888 Mr. SAMMIS.  
Yes, sir.

889 Senator SMITH.  
And this is her registered signal?

890 Mr. SAMMIS.  
Yes, sir; her call.

891 Senator SMITH.  
Now, I would like to know just what that message said?

892 Mr. BRIDE.  
In the first place the Californian had called me, sir, with an ice report. I was rather busy just for the minute, and I did not take it. She did not call again. She transmitted the ice report to the [Baltic](#), and as she was transmitting it to the Baltic I took it down. I took it to the captain; but it was not official because it was not intended for me afterwards.

893 Senator SMITH.  
Was the attempt made first upon you?

894 Mr. BRIDE.  
First on me; yes, sir.

895 Senator SMITH.  
And being unable to get you, they tried to get the Baltic?

896 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was about half an hour after that they transmitted it to the Baltic.

897 Senator SMITH.  
Why were they unable to get you?

898 Mr. BRIDE.  
I was doing some writing at the time, sir.

899 Senator SMITH.  
You mean you were taking some messages?

900 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir, I was writing some accounts.

901 Senator SMITH.  
You were writing some accounts?

902 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

903 Senator SMITH.  
Where?

904 Mr. BRIDE.  
On the operating table.

905 Senator SMITH.  
On the operating table?

906 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

907 Senator SMITH.  
Did you have this instrument off your head at the time?

908 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

909 Senator SMITH.  
Were you aware that the Californian was trying to get you?

910 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

911 Senator SMITH.  
You continued your work on the accounts, if I understand you correctly?

912 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

913 Senator SMITH.  
And did not respond to the Californian's call?

914 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

915 Senator SMITH.  
For 30 minutes?

916 Mr. BRIDE.  
I do not think it was quite 30 minutes.

917 Senator SMITH.  
How long a time was it?

918 Mr. BRIDE.  
It may have been. It would have been somewhere between 20

and 30 minutes. I can not say definitely.

919 Senator SMITH.  
Just what hour was this?

920 Mr. BRIDE.  
Late in the afternoon.

921 Senator SMITH.  
Of Sunday?

922 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir. I should say it was about 5 o'clock.

923 Senator SMITH.  
About six hours before that calamity occurred?

924 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

925 Senator SMITH.  
Did your work continue for about 20 or 30 minutes on the accounts?

926 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

927 Senator SMITH.  
After you had finished, what did you do?

928 Mr. BRIDE.  
I still remained on watch until dinner time.

929 Senator SMITH.  
Had you had any other wireless communications regarding the proximity of icebergs?

930 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

931 Senator SMITH.  
This information that you got from the Californian was the first information?

932 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

933 Senator SMITH.  
And that you received about half-past 5 o'clock, the afternoon of Sunday?

934 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should say it was nearer 5 o'clock, sir.

935 Senator SMITH.  
When you took it?

936 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

937 Senator SMITH.  
Then, when the first call was made it must have been about half-past 4 o'clock?

938 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

939 Senator SMITH.  
The ship being under steam and moving all the time?

940 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

941 Senator SMITH.  
When you got this call from the Californian which was intended  
for the Baltic, what did you do?

942 Mr. BRIDE.  
I simply waited until she informed the Baltic. It was an ice  
report. Then I knew it would be the same one she had for me, so  
I took it down.

943 Senator SMITH.  
And delivered it?

944 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir. I acknowledged it to the Californian before I delivered it.

945 Senator SMITH.  
You acknowledged it?

946 Mr. BRIDE.  
I acknowledged the receipt of it.

947 Senator SMITH.  
How much time elapsed while you were waiting to confirm this  
report through the Baltic?

948 Mr. BRIDE.  
I did not confirm it through the Baltic. I confirmed it direct to the  
Californian.

949 Senator SMITH.  
Confirmed it with the Californian?

950 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

951 Senator SMITH.  
In your acknowledgement?

952 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

953 Senator SMITH.  
How much time elapsed?

954 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should say about four minutes.

955 Senator SMITH.  
What did you say in confirming this report to the Californian?

956 Mr. BRIDE.  
I gave the usual acknowledgement of receipt, "R. D.," the  
Marconi signal.

957 Senator SMITH.  
R. D. indicates "received"?

958 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

959 Senator SMITH.  
And you said nothing more?

960 Mr. BRIDE.  
Nothing more.

961 Senator SMITH.  
But you are certain that the Californian knew that you had this  
message?

962 Mr. BRIDE.

Yes, sir.

963 Senator SMITH.  
Did they respond directly?

964 Mr. BRIDE.  
They simply gave the usual finishing signal, "T. I. S." - "M. L. W."

965 Senator SMITH.  
After you had put the "R. D." on?

966 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

967 Senator SMITH.  
So that you knew they were aware of the fact that you had received this message?

968 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

969 Senator SMITH.  
Now, once more I would like to have you tell the exact language of that message.

970 Mr. BRIDE.  
It stated the Californian had passed three large icebergs, and gave their latitude and longitude.

971 Senator SMITH.  
That they had passed three large icebergs?

972 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

973 Senator SMITH.  
And gave their latitude and longitude?

974 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes; that she had passed very close to them.

975 Senator SMITH.  
Do you recollect what the latitude and longitude were?

976 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; indeed I do not.

977 Senator SMITH.  
Did you make a record of this communication?

978 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir, I made it on a slip of paper and handed it to the bridge.

979 Senator SMITH.  
Intending to make a permanent record of it?

980 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

981 Senator SMITH.  
Are you not obliged to make a record of it?

982 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

983 Senator SMITH.  
The reason you made no record of this message was because it was not official?

984 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was not official, sir. If we kept a record of all these messages

we should never be able to get through our work.

985 Senator SMITH.  
If it had been official you would have preserved it?

986 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should have preserved it.

987 Senator SMITH.  
And made permanent record of it?

988 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

989 Senator SMITH.  
You took that message to the captain?

990 Mr. BRIDE.  
The officer on the bridge?

991 Senator SMITH.  
Who was the officer on the bridge?

992 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not say, sir; I do not know the officers, sir.

993 Senator SMITH.  
Was it Mr. Lightoller?

994 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not tell you.

995 Senator SMITH.  
You do not know whether it was the first or second officer?

996 Mr. BRIDE.  
I did not know any of the officers there; I did not know what watches they were keeping.

997 Senator SMITH.  
You did not know what watches they were keeping?

998 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

999 Senator SMITH.  
You took it to the officer on the bridge?

1000 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes; on the bridge.

1001 Senator SMITH.  
At what hour?

1002 Mr. BRIDE.  
A little after 5, sir.

1003 Senator SMITH.  
A little after 5?

1004 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

1005 Senator SMITH.  
Was that officer Murdoch?

1006 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not tell you, sir.

1007 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know Mr. Murdoch?

1008 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; I know the officers by sight, but I do not know their

names.

1009 Senator SMITH.  
Mr. Murdoch was the first officer and he was in charge of the  
lookout at the time. Can you verify that in any way?

1010 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1011 Senator SMITH.  
Did you communicate this message to the captain?

1012 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; I gave it to the officer on watch, sir.

1013 Senator SMITH.  
I just wanted to know whether you communicated it to the  
captain, yourself?

1014 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1015 Senator SMITH.  
You communicated it to the officer in charge of the watch who  
had charge of the ship at the time?

1016 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1017 Senator SMITH.  
Did you receive any other communications regarding icebergs?

1018 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1019 Senator SMITH.  
From any ship, that afternoon or evening?

1020 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1021 Senator SMITH.  
Did Mr. Phillips receive a message from the [Amerika](#)?

1022 Mr. BRIDE.  
Not to my knowledge, sir.

1023 Senator SMITH.  
You did not receive one from the Amerika?

1024 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1025 Senator SMITH.  
You are very certain about that?

1026 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1027 Senator SMITH.  
Are you also very certain that the only message you received  
regarding icebergs was received from the Californian?

1028 Mr. BRIDE.  
Personally; yes, sir. As to what Mr. Phillips received, I can not  
say.

1029 Senator SMITH.  
No; I am not asking you that. Now, once more: Did Mr. Phillips  
at any time say to you that a message had been received from any  
other ship on that subject?

1030 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1031 Senator SMITH.  
Who was on duty at the wireless station from 6 o'clock Sunday evening until the collision or impact?

1032 Mr. BRIDE.  
I was on duty for half an hour, sir, while Mr. Phillips went and had his dinner.

1033 Senator SMITH.  
At what hour?

1034 Mr. BRIDE.  
From 7 o'clock until half-past.

1035 Senator SMITH.  
Where were you after that, up to the time of the collision?

1036 Mr. BRIDE.  
At the time of the collision?

1037 Senator SMITH.  
Up to the time of the collision.

1038 Mr. BRIDE.  
I was in bed.

1039 Senator SMITH.  
You had retired?

1040 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1041 Senator SMITH.  
In a room adjacent to the apparatus?

1042 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1043 Senator SMITH.  
Did you and Mr. Phillips both occupy that room?

1044 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1045 Senator SMITH.  
How far was it from the apparatus?

1046 Mr. BRIDE.  
Just next door to it.

1047 Senator SMITH.  
With a door between?

1048 Mr. BRIDE.  
There was a door between; yes, sir.

1049 Senator SMITH.  
Could you enter immediately from the apparatus, or operating room, to the bedroom?

1050 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1051 Senator SMITH.  
You retired at what time?

1052 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was just about 8 o'clock.

1053 Senator SMITH.

Were you in bed when this collision occurred?

1054 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1055 Senator SMITH.  
Were you asleep?

1056 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1057 Senator SMITH.  
Were you awakened by it?

1058 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1059 Senator SMITH.  
How were you awakened?

1060 Mr. BRIDE.  
I woke up of my own accord.

1061 Senator SMITH.  
No one aroused you after that impact?

1062 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1063 Senator SMITH.  
How long did you lie in bed after the collision?

1064 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not tell you, sir.

1065 Senator SMITH.  
Did Mr. Phillips not arouse you?

1066 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1067 Senator SMITH.  
Or attempt to do so?

1068 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1069 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know what time you arose from your bed?

1070 Mr. BRIDE.  
It must have been about a quarter to 12, sir; about 5 minutes to 12, ship's time.

1071 Senator SMITH.  
Five minutes to 12, ship's time?

1072 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1073 Senator SMITH.  
What time did the collision occur?

1074 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not say, sir.

1075 Senator SMITH.  
You remained in bed until 12:05?

1076 Mr. BRIDE.  
I think it was this side of 12, sir; it was about 5 minutes to 12.

1077 Senator SMITH.  
Then you must have been aroused somewhat by this impact?

1078 Mr. BRIDE:  
No; I had promised to relieve Mr. Phillips earlier than usual, you see.

1079 Senator SMITH.  
Earlier than usual, that night?

1080 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

1081 Senator SMITH.  
And you awakened yourself?

1082 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

1083 Senator SMITH.  
Did you arise immediately?

1084 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1085 Senator SMITH.  
And dress yourself?

1086 Mr. BRIDE.  
I went out to speak to him before I dressed. I only had pajamas on.

1087 Senator SMITH.  
Before you put your clothes on?

1088 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1089 Senator SMITH.  
What did you say to him?

1090 Mr. BRIDE.  
I asked him how he was getting on.

1091 Senator SMITH.  
What did he say?

1092 Mr. BRIDE.  
He had a big batch of telegrams from Cape Race that he had just finished.

1093 Senator SMITH.  
He told you that?

1094 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

1095 Senator SMITH.  
Had he finished his work?

1096 Mr. BRIDE:  
Yes.

1097 Senator SMITH.  
This was after the collision?

1098 Mr. BRIDE:  
After the collision.

1099 Senator SMITH.  
Did you remain in the operating room?

1100 Mr. BRIDE:  
I got dressed first.

1101 Senator SMITH.

You returned to the bedroom and got dressed?  
1102 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1103 Senator SMITH.  
During that time did Mr. Phillips tell you that the boat had been injured?  
1104 Mr. BRIDE.  
He told me that he thought she had got damaged in some way and that he expected that we should have to go back to Harland & Wolff's.  
1105 Senator SMITH.  
Those are the builders, at Belfast?  
1106 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.  
1107 Senator SMITH.  
What did you do then?  
1108 Mr. BRIDE.  
I took over the watch from him.  
1109 Senator SMITH.  
You took the watch from him?  
1110 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1111 Senator SMITH.  
Where did he go?  
1112 Mr. BRIDE.  
He was going to retire, sir.  
1113 Senator SMITH.  
Did he retire?  
1114 Mr. BRIDE.  
He got inside of the other room when the Captain came in, then.  
1115 Senator SMITH.  
The Captain came in?  
1116 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1117 Senator SMITH.  
Personally?  
1118 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1119 Senator SMITH.  
To the operating room?  
1120 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1121 Senator SMITH.  
What did the captain say?  
1122 Mr. BRIDE.  
He told us that we had better get assistance.  
1123 Senator SMITH.  
Can you tell us in his language?  
1124 Mr. BRIDE.  
That is exactly what he said. He said, "You had better get

assistance." When Mr. Phillips heard him he came out and asked him if he wanted him to use a distress call. He said, "Yes; at once."

1125 Senator SMITH.  
Who sent this call?

1126 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Phillips.

1127 Senator SMITH.  
He responded to the captain's desire?

1128 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1129 Senator SMITH.  
And you turned the apparatus over to him?

1130 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1131 Senator SMITH.  
Was the message sent immediately?

1132 Mr. BRIDE.  
Immediately.

1133 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know what the message was?

1134 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

1135 Senator SMITH.  
Please state it.

1136 Mr. BRIDE.  
C.Q.D. about half a dozen times; M.G.Y. half a dozen times.

1137 Senator SMITH.  
Will you kindly explain the meaning of these letters or that code?

1138 Mr. BRIDE.  
C.Q.D. is a recognized distress call; M.G.Y. is the code call of the [Titanic](#).

1139 Senator SMITH.  
Is C.Q.D. in itself composed of the first letters of three words, or merely a code?

1140 Mr. BRIDE.  
Merely a code call, sir.

1141 Senator SMITH.  
But one recognized by operators as important and as a distress call?

1142 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1143 Senator SMITH.  
How long after that call was sent out was it before you got a reply?

1144 Mr. BRIDE.  
As far as I know, immediately, sir.

1145 Senator SMITH.  
Within two or three minutes?

1146 Mr. BRIDE.

You see I could read what Mr. Phillips was sending, but I could not get the answers because he had the telephones.

1147 Senator SMITH.  
You knew what he had sent, but you did not know what he received in reply?

1148 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1149 Senator SMITH.  
Right at this point I am going to ask Mr. Marconi if he will tell us what C.Q.D. means, literally.

1150 Mr. MARCONI.  
It is a conventional signal.

1151 Senator SMITH.  
You mean it is in accordance with the international convention?

1152 Mr. MARCONI.  
No; it is not. It is a conventional signal which was introduced originally by my company to express a state of danger or peril of a ship that sends it.

1153 Mr. UHLER  
It is an arbitrary signal?

1154 Mr. MARCONI.  
It is arbitrary, but it is conventional. Every one understands it. "C.Q." means "All stations," does it not, Mr. Bride?

1155 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1156 Mr. MARCONI.  
C.Q. is the call for all stations. If you call C.Q. on a ship it means, "All other stations stand at attention and reply." I did not make the signal originally. I presume the object was to indicate, in a certain way, to all stations, the danger, or peril that existed.

1157 Mr. KIRLIN.  
Or distress?

1158 Mr. MARCONI.  
Or distress, yes. I should add that the international danger signal, introduced or decided on by the Berlin convention, is S.O.S.

1159 Senator SMITH.  
What does that mean?

1160 Mr. MARCONI.  
I do not know what it means. It denotes danger or distress. I believe that was sent, too, from the Titanic; but, of course, Mr. Bride will tell you, if it is the fact.

1161 Senator SMITH.  
What is the silent signal?

1162 Mr. MARCONI.  
I do not know it, personally.

1163 Senator SMITH.  
Under the international convention, I mean.

1164 Mr. MARCONI.  
I do not know it.

1165 Mr. BRIDE.

It is D.D.D.  
1166 Mr. MARCONI.  
D.D.D.  
1167 Senator SMITH.  
That is the silent signal?  
1168 Mr. MARCONI.  
Yes, sir; that means "shut up."  
1169 Senator SMITH.  
All other stations must cease?  
1170 Mr. MARCONI.  
All other stations must cease.  
1171 Senator SMITH.  
But the danger signal, C.Q.D., is the recognized signal for a ship  
in distress?  
1172 Mr. MARCONI.  
Yes.  
1173 Senator SMITH.  
You received a reply within three or four minutes, but you only  
know that from what -  
1174 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Phillips told me.  
1175 Senator SMITH.  
Just what did he tell you'?  
1176 Mr. BRIDE.  
He told me to go to the captain and report the [Frankfurt](#).  
1177 Senator SMITH.  
What do you mean by the Frankfurt?  
1178 Mr. BRIDE.  
He was in communication with the Frankfurt, sir; he had sent the  
Frankfurt our position.  
1179 Senator SMITH.  
Was the Frankfurt the first ship that picked up the C.Q.D.?  
1180 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1181 Senator SMITH.  
And you delivered that message to the captain?  
1182 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1183 Senator SMITH.  
Personally?  
1184 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1185 Senator SMITH.  
Where was he at the time?  
1186 Mr. BRIDE.  
He was on the boat deck, sir.  
1187 Senator SMITH.  
On the boat deck?  
1188 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1189 Senator SMITH.  
Not on the bridge?

1190 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1191 Senator SMITH.  
The boat deck being the sun deck, or upper deck?

1192 Mr. BRIDE.  
Being the decks where the boats are.

1193 Senator SMITH.  
Where the lifeboats are.

1194 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1195 Senator SMITH.  
What did he say in reply when you handed him this message?

1196 Mr. BRIDE.  
He wanted to know where she was, sir.

1197 Senator SMITH.  
Her latitude?

1198 Mr. BRIDE.  
And longitude, sir. I told him we would get that as soon as we could.

1199 Senator SMITH.  
What did you do then?

1200 Mr. BRIDE.  
I went back to the cabin with Mr. Phillips.

1201 Senator SMITH.  
What did you tell him?

1202 Mr. BRIDE.  
I told him I had reported to the captain.

1203 Senator SMITH.  
And the captain wished that the position of the boat should be ascertained?

1204 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Phillips was waiting for the position of the boat then, sir.

1205 Senator SMITH.  
What was the next message received by Mr. Phillips?

1206 Mr. BRIDE.  
A reply from the [Carpathia](#).

1207 Senator SMITH.  
A reply to the C.Q.D. call?

1208 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1209 Senator SMITH.  
From the Carpathia?

1210 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1211 Senator SMITH.  
Did the Carpathia give her location?

1212 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir; after she had obtained it from the bridge.

1213 Senator SMITH.  
What did the Carpathia message say?

1214 Mr. BRIDE.  
She sent her latitude and longitude and told him she was coming  
along as quickly as possible. She turned around and was  
steaming full speed, or words to that effect.

1215 Senator SMITH.  
That she had reversed her course?

1216 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1217 Senator SMITH.  
And was steaming at full speed toward the [Titanic](#)?

1218 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1219 Senator SMITH.  
What was done with this message?

1220 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was taken to the captain, sir. I took it to the captain.

1221 Senator SMITH.  
Where did you find him then?

1222 Mr. BRIDE.  
He was in the wheelhouse.

1223 Senator SMITH.  
What?

1224 Mr. BRIDE.  
In the wheelhouse, upon the bridge.

1225 Senator SMITH.  
In the pilot house?

1226 Mr. BRIDE.  
The wheelhouse.

1227 Senator SMITH.  
The wheelhouse?

1228 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1229 Senator SMITH.  
On the bridge?

1230 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1231 Senator SMITH.  
He could enter the wheelhouse from the bridge?

1232 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1233 Senator SMITH.  
What did the captain say when you delivered that message?

1234 Mr. BRIDE.  
He came back with me to the cabin, sir.

1235 Senator SMITH.  
He came back with you to the cabin?

1236 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1237 Senator SMITH.  
What took place?

1238 Mr. BRIDE.  
He asked Mr. Phillips what other ships he was in communication with, sir.

1239 Senator SMITH.  
He asked Mr. Phillips what other ships he was in communication with?

1240 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1241 Senator SMITH.  
And what was said?

1242 Mr. BRIDE.  
He interrupted Mr. Phillips when Mr. Phillips was establishing communication with the Olympic, so he was told the Olympic was there.

1243 Senator SMITH.  
Then what took place, Mr. Bride?

1244 Mr. BRIDE.  
Why, he worked out the difference between the Carpathia's position and ours, sir.

1245 Senator SMITH.  
Who did?

1246 Mr. BRIDE.  
The captain.

1247 Senator SMITH.  
The captain worked out the difference?

1248 Mr. BRIDE.  
He roughly estimated it.

1249 Senator SMITH.  
Worked out the difference between the Carpathia's position and that of the Olympic?

1250 Mr. BRIDE.  
No; the Titanic.

1251 Senator SMITH.  
Between the Carpathia's position and that of the Titanic?

1252 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1253 Senator SMITH.  
And then what occurred?

1254 Mr. BRIDE.  
He went out to the cabin then, and we still continued to exchange.

1255 Senator SMITH.  
He went out to the cabin?

1256 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1257 Senator SMITH.  
And the operator continued what?

1258 Mr. BRIDE.

To exchange messages, sir.

1259 Senator SMITH.  
To exchange messages?

1260 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1261 Senator SMITH.  
What was the next message, so far as you can recollect?

1262 Mr. BRIDE.  
Well, after the Olympic, sir, we did not get any replies, and I asked Mr. Phillips outside - well, he went outside to see how they were getting on, and I took the phones.

1263 Senator SMITH.  
I understand from you that the first response to the C.Q.D. call of distress was from the Frankfurt?

1264 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1265 Senator SMITH.  
What line of boats?

1266 Mr. BRIDE.  
German line, as far as I can remember, sir.

1267 Mr. MARCONI.  
The North German Lloyd.

1268 Senator SMITH.  
Did you receive any other communication from the Frankfurt?

1269 Mr. BRIDE.  
Not then, sir. We had transmitted to the Frankfurt our position, but we had received nothing from him in return.

1270 Senator SMITH.  
You transmitted to the Frankfurt your position in the sea?

1271 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1272 Senator SMITH.  
And never received any further acknowledgment?

1273 Mr. BRIDE.  
He told us to stand by, sir. That means to wait.

1274 Senator SMITH.  
The Frankfurt told you to stand by?

1275 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1276 Senator SMITH.  
Does that mean "I am coming?"

1277 Mr. BRIDE.  
It means wait; he is coming back again.

1278 Senator SMITH.  
Where was the Frankfurt headed for?

1279 Mr. BRIDE.  
I believe she was bound east, sir; but I can not say for certain.

1280 Senator SMITH.  
Had you been in communication with the Frankfurt during that day or the preceding day?

1281 Mr. BRIDE.  
I can not say, sir, as to that.

1282 Senator SMITH.  
What is your best recollection about it?

1283 Mr. BRIDE.  
I can not say, sir. We were in communication with several ships during the afternoon and evening.

1284 Senator SMITH.  
Is it impossible for you to recall whether you had any communication from the Frankfurt, or sent any to her, at any time during the voyage from Southampton to the place of this collision?

1285 Mr. BRIDE.  
I do not think there was any communication established with the Frankfurt before we sent the distress signal, sir.

1286 Senator SMITH.  
Did you pick up any message from the Frankfurt intended for any other operator?

1287 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1288 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know what the Frankfurt's position was when she received the C.Q.D. call?

1289 Mr. BRIDE.  
That is what we were waiting for, sir.

1290 Senator SMITH.  
Did you ever ascertain?

1291 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1292 Senator SMITH.  
Did anyone say in your hearing that they thought the Frankfurt was in closer proximity to the Titanic than any other ship?

1293 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir; Mr. Phillips told me so.

1294 Senator SMITH.  
Who said that?

1295 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Phillips told me that, judging by the strength of the signals received from the two ships, the Frankfurt was the nearer.

1296 Senator SMITH.  
Did Mr. Phillips tell you that he was trying to establish such communication with the Frankfurt as would bring that ship to your relief?

1297 Mr. BRIDE.  
Well, Mr. Phillips was under the impression that when the Frankfurt had heard the C.Q.D. and got our position, he would immediately make it known to his commander and take further steps. Apparently he did not.

1298 Senator SMITH.  
Did the captain of the Titanic make any personal reference to that

..Informed through crew/

1299 matter to you, or within your hearing, or to Mr. Phillips?  
Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; he asked us where the Frankfurt was, but we told him we could not tell him.

1300 Senator SMITH.  
But from the force of the current, Mr. Phillips gathered that the Frankfurt was the nearer ship?

1301 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1302 Senator SMITH.  
And the fact that it was the first to respond was rather confirmatory of that?

1303 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; it would not be.

1304 Senator SMITH.  
It would not be?

1305 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1306 Senator SMITH.  
Did any officer on the Titanic at any time express the hope that the Frankfurt would come first to their relief?

1307 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1308 Senator SMITH.  
Did you have any other communication with the Frankfurt after that ship responded to the distress call?

1309 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1310 Senator SMITH.  
What was it?

1311 Mr. BRIDE.  
He called us up at a considerably long period afterwards and asked us what was the matter.

1312 Senator SMITH.  
How long after?

1313 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should say it would be considerably over 20 minutes afterwards.

1314 Senator SMITH.  
Twenty minutes after the message giving your position, the position of the Titanic -

1315 Mr. BRIDE.  
And the C.Q.D.

1316 Senator SMITH. (continuing):  
And the C.Q.D. distress call, you got another message from the Frankfurt saying, "What is the matter?"

1317 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1318 Senator SMITH.  
Did they say anything else?

..Informed through crew/

1319 Mr. BRIDE.  
He merely inquired, sir, as to what was the matter with us.  
1320 Senator SMITH.  
To that message what did you say?  
1321 Mr. BRIDE.  
I think Mr. Phillips responded rather hurriedly.  
1322 Senator SMITH.  
What did he say? I would like to know?  
1323 Mr. BRIDE.  
Well, he told him to the effect that he was a bit of a fool.  
1324 Senator SMITH.  
Just give it in his language.  
1325 Mr. BRIDE.  
Well, he told him he was a fool, sir.  
1326 Senator SMITH.  
Is that all?  
1327 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1328 Senator SMITH.  
Did he preface that word with anything more severe?  
1329 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, Sir.  
1330 Senator SMITH.  
Did Mr. Phillips then tell him what was the matter?  
1331 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.  
1332 Senator SMITH.  
Did he have any further communication with the Frankfurt?  
1333 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir. He told him to stand by, sir - finish.  
1334 Senator SMITH.  
In the interim you had got into communication with the  
Carpathia?  
1335 Mr. BRIDE.  
And the Olympic.  
1336 Senator SMITH.  
And the Olympic?  
1337 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1338 Senator SMITH.  
Both of whom assured you they were coming?  
1339 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1340 Senator SMITH.  
To your relief?  
1341 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1342 Senator SMITH.  
To what line does the Olympic belong?  
1343 Mr. BRIDE.

White Star, sir.

1344 Senator SMITH.  
And the Carpathia belongs to the Cunard Line?

1345 Mr. BRIDE.  
The Cunard; yes, sir.

1346 Senator SMITH.  
Did you ever learn the position of the Frankfurt?

1347 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1348 Senator SMITH.  
After she had first responded to your call?

1349 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1350 Senator SMITH.  
Did Mr. Phillips ask for it?

1351 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1352 Senator SMITH.  
How often?

1353 Mr. BRIDE.  
When she first answered our C.Q.D. he said, "Go and get your position." The Frankfurt replied "Stand by."

1354 Senator SMITH.  
Did the Frankfurt at that time know your position?

1355 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1356 Senator SMITH.  
What was your interpretation of "stand by," in that connection?

1357 Mr. BRIDE.  
To wait for his position and what he was going to do about the matter.

1358 Senator SMITH.  
Did you ever get the position of the Frankfurt?

1359 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1360 Senator SMITH.  
Did Mr. Phillips?

1361 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1362 Senator SMITH.  
Did you and Mr. Phillips talk about it?

1363 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1364 Senator SMITH.  
What did you say to one another about it?

1365 Mr. BRIDE.  
We expressed our opinions of the operator on the Frankfurt.

1366 Senator SMITH.  
Was it critical?

1367 Mr. BRIDE.

Yes, sir.  
1368 Senator SMITH.  
And uncomplimentary?  
1369 Mr. BRIDE.  
Very.  
1370 Senator SMITH.  
Was it based upon any knowledge or suspicion that the operator  
was personally derelict in his duty?  
1371 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1372 Senator SMITH.  
Was it based upon any suspicion that the Frankfurt had not  
responded to this distress call as that ship should have done?  
1373 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1374 Senator SMITH.  
Was it a matter of deep regret between you and Mr. Phillips?  
1375 Mr. BRIDE.  
Well, it was at the time when the Frankfurt asked us what the  
matter was with us, because we realized then that we were  
getting into - we realized what had happened to the ship.  
1376 Senator SMITH.  
But you realized at that time that all the lives on that ship  
depended upon getting relief from some other vessel?  
1377 Mr. BRIDE.  
At the time the Frankfurt asked us what was the matter with us;  
yes, sir.  
1378 Senator SMITH.  
After you told him that he was a fool, did you tell him the ship  
was going down?  
1379 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; we told him to stand by, sir, to keep out of it.  
1380 Senator SMITH.  
Keep out of what?  
1381 Mr. BRIDE.  
Not to interfere with his instrument, sir; because we were in  
communication with the Carpathia, and we knew that the  
Carpathia was the best thing doing.  
1382 Senator SMITH.  
Did you tell that to the operator of the Frankfurt?  
1383 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.  
1384 Senator SMITH.  
When you said "Keep out of it," could that be interpreted as in  
any way changing the first distress call?  
1385 Mr. BRIDE.  
Merely told him not to interfere with our communications.  
1386 Senator SMITH.  
He had not responded as you felt he ought to respond?  
1387 Mr. BRIDE.

Yes, sir.

1388 Senator SMITH.  
He had not indicated that they were coming?

1389 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1390 Senator SMITH.  
He had impressed you with the lack of appreciation for your situation? Stop me if I am not interpreting you correctly; I am summarizing what you have said. Am I correct about that?

1391 Mr. BRIDE.  
It struck me so - that he did not seem to be able to realize the position we were in.

1392 Senator SMITH.  
And you are quite sure that you gave him all the information necessary?

1393 Mr. BRIDE.  
We made it very clear to him.

1394 Senator SMITH.  
You mean in referring to the condition you were in, you referred to the sinking of the Titanic?

1395 Mr. BRIDE.  
If you call C.Q.D. and give your position, then there is no necessity for another ship to inquire further into the matter, if he is coming to your assistance, because you could not call C.Q.D. unless you were in need of assistance.

1396 Senator SMITH.  
Now, C.Q.D. was the strongest language that you could use under your wireless regulations to apprise any station that you needed help immediately; is that right?

1397 Mr. BRIDE.  
Any operator hearing a C.Q.D., giving a ship's position, when on the job would immediately, without inquiring further into the matter, go to his captain and inform his captain. It would be a waste of time asking anything about it. The less time spent in talking, the more time can be spent in getting to the ship.

1398 The last question was read by the reporter.

1399 Mr. BRIDE.  
We could not send anything more than C.Q.D.

1400 Senator SMITH.  
After you told this operator he was a fool, and 20 minutes had gone by, did you tell him that your ship was sinking?

1401 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1402 Senator SMITH.  
Did you give him any additional information?

1403 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir. He ought not to have wanted any in the first place.

1404 Senator SMITH.  
Upon the information you did give him, are you ready to say whether the ship responded or not?

1405 Mr. BRIDE.  
There ought not to have been any doubt about the information we gave him at all, sir; he ought to have known what to do with it immediately.

1406 Senator SMITH.  
So far as you know, the Frankfurt did not respond?

1407 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1408 Senator SMITH.  
Will you tell us what confirmation you have that the operator of the Frankfurt received your C.Q.D. distress call correctly?

1409 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Phillips had the telephones on at the time, sir. He called "C.Q.D." The Frankfurt answered. He gave the Frankfurt our position. He said, "Come at once." The Frankfurt said, "Stand by." We waited, and that is the last we heard of the Frankfurt until he said, "What was the matter with you?" a considerable period afterwards.

1410 Senator SMITH.  
After he said, "What was the matter with you?" then what was said?

1411 Mr. BRIDE.  
We told him he was a fool, sir.

1412 Senator SMITH.  
Was that the last thing you said to him?

1413 Mr. BRIDE.  
To the Frankfurt, yes, sir.

1414 Senator SMITH.  
You recall that you said later to him to keep out, not to interfere with your insulation, or -

1415 Mr. BRIDE.  
We told him to keep out and not interfere with our communication.

1416 Senator SMITH.  
Was that all in the one message?

1417 Mr. BRIDE.  
That was all in the one message.

1418 Senator SMITH.  
"You are a fool. Keep out and do not interfere with our communication."

1419 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1420 Senator SMITH.  
That was all in the one message?

1421 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1422 Senator SMITH.  
And that was the last thing you said to the Frankfurt?

1423 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1424 Senator SMITH.  
Now, did you see the Frankfurt in the vicinity of the wreck of the Titanic, or after you were taken on board the Carpathia?

1425 Mr. BRIDE.  
The only ship I saw, sir, was the Carpathia.

1426 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know whether the Carpathia had any communication of any kind from the Frankfurt?

1427 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; I can not say.

1428 Senator SMITH.  
You could not say?

1429 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1430 Senator SMITH.  
While you were at the key, or at the apparatus, no message was received from the Frankfurt?

1431 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1432 Senator SMITH.  
I think right there I would like to ask Mr. Cottam one or two questions.

1433 **Testimony of Harold S. Bride, recalled**

1434 Senator SMITH.  
[Mr. Bride](#), do you know whether the operator on the [Frankfurt](#) understood the English language?

1435 Mr. BRIDE.  
There was no necessity for him to understand the English language, sir.

1436 Senator SMITH.  
Because this call

1437 Mr. BRIDE.  
Was an international call

1438 Senator SMITH.  
And C.Q.D. means the same in the German language and the French language and the English language?

1439 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1440 Senator SMITH.  
And is the international code signal of distress?

1441 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1442 Senator SMITH.  
Under the Berlin convention?

1443 Mr. BRIDE.  
I can not say, sir.

1444 Senator SMITH.  
Under the regulations of the Marconi Co.?

1445 Mr. BRIDE.  
It is recognized by all ships' operators as being a signal of distress.

1446 Senator SMITH.  
Mr. Bride, I want this record to be as complete as possible, and I desire to know why, after a message was received from the *Frankfurt* asking "What is the matter" you did not reply "We are sinking and the lives of our passengers and crew are in danger"?

1447 Mr. BRIDE.  
You see, it takes a certain amount of time to transmit that information, sir. If the man had understood properly, as he ought to have, C.Q.D. would have been sufficient, sir. C.Q.D. is the whole thing in a nutshell, you see.

1448 Senator SMITH.  
Yes; but it did not seem to move him.

1449 Mr. BRIDE.  
Well, he did not know his business, that is all, sir.

1450 Senator SMITH.  
But in such an emergency do you not think that a more detailed statement might have been sent? Take, for instance, the message from the *Titanic* to the *Carpathia* that the boiler rooms were filling with water and the ship sinking; that could have been sent with perfect propriety to a boat that was in proximity, could it not?

1451 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; I do not think it could have been, under the circumstances.

1452 Senator SMITH.  
Do you mean to say that the regulations under which you operate are such that in a situation of this character you have such discretionary power that you may dismiss an inquiry of that character -

1453 Mr. BRIDE.  
You use your common sense.

1454 Senator SMITH. (*continuing*)  
Without further word?

1455 Mr. BRIDE.  
You use your common sense, and the man on the *Frankfurt* apparently was not using his at the time.

1456 Senator SMITH.  
I know, but the theory upon which you were angered was that the *Frankfurt* was closer to you than any other ship?

1457 Mr. BRIDE.  
The *Frankfurt* was the first one. We had not got the position. We could not say he was nearer. The signals were stronger.

1458 Senator SMITH.  
Now, Mr. Bride, I would like to ask you whether your dismissing the somewhat tardy inquiry of the *Frankfurt* was due to the fact that you were in constant communication with the *Carpathia*; understand me?

1459 Mr. BRIDE.  
Well, it appeared to Mr. Phillips and me, sir, that the *Carpathia* was the only thing we could hope for at the time we told the *Frankfurt* to keep out of it.

1460 Senator SMITH.  
In other words, you held on to a certainty rather than an uncertainty?

1461 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1462 Senator SMITH.  
The results of your communications with the *Carpathia* were such as led you to believe that the operator on the *Carpathia* and the officers of that ship

understood fully your position and the danger you were in?

1463 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1464 Senator SMITH.  
And were coming toward you at full speed?

1465 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1466 Senator SMITH.  
In that situation, if the *Frankfurt* had been 20 miles nearer the *Titanic* than the *Carpathia*, would you still have thought, from what you knew of the ship's condition, that it was wise to confine your communications to the *Carpathia*?

1467 Mr. BRIDE.  
Had we known the *Frankfurt's* position, having already got the *Carpathia* position, we should have used our judgment, and had the *Frankfurt* been any reasonable distance nearer we should have informed the *Frankfurt* of the whole business and repeated each word we sent to him about a dozen times, to make sure he got it.

1468 Senator SMITH.  
Her position, however, was an object of some speculation?

1469 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1470 Senator SMITH.  
And your only reason for thinking the *Frankfurt* was nearer, if I understood you, was because of the strength of this wireless current?

1471 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1472 Senator SMITH.  
And the fact that it first responded?

1473 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1474 Senator SMITH.  
The strength of the current.

1475 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1476 Senator SMITH.  
I want you to tell, in order that this record may contain it, just how you distinguish between the velocities of currents in wireless telegraphy, the strength of the signals.

1477 Mr. BRIDE.  
When a ship is working wireless, there is no trouble whatever in reading her signals. You can read the signals through one telephone. When you have one telephone off, you can read them through one telephone. When a ship gets 100 miles off, you have to have both telephones on and devote your attention to it; and as the ship gets farther and farther away the difficulty in reading the signals increases and the strength of the signals decreases.

1478 Senator SMITH.  
Decreases?

1479 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1480 Senator SMITH.  
That would depend somewhat upon the equipment or apparatus -

1481 Mr. BRIDE.  
Certainly.

1482 Senator SMITH.  
With which the *Frankfurt* was equipped?

1483 Mr. BRIDE.  
Certainly.

1484 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know anything about the character of the wireless apparatus on the *Frankfurt*?

1485 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1486 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know what company installed that service?

1487 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1488 Senator SMITH.  
You do not know whether it was the Marconi Co. or not?

1489 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1490 Senator SMITH.  
Mr. Marconi, do you know how the *Frankfurt* is equipped?

1491 Mr. MARCONI.  
The *Frankfurt* is, I believe, a ship belonging to the North German Lloyd. She is equipped by a German company, called the Debed Co. It means a lot of things in German, each letter, which I will not go into, of which I am a director.

1492 Senator SMITH.  
You are a director in the German company?

1493 Mr. MARCONI.  
Yes.

1494 Senator SMITH.  
And you are familiar with the wireless equipment or apparatus?

1495 Mr. MARCONI.  
I am not familiar with the wireless equipment of that particular ship.

1496 Senator SMITH.  
So that you would be unable to make a comparative statement - to make a comparison between the equipment or apparatus on the *Carpathia* and the apparatus on the *Frankfurt*?

1497 Mr. MARCONI.  
I would be unable, sir, to do it.

1498 Senator SMITH.  
Would the fact that the *Frankfurt* is equipped with an apparatus of German type in any way lessen their interest in calls made through the Marconi machine or apparatus?

1499 Mr. MARCONI.  
No; because it is a Marconi apparatus. It is made in Germany, but it is made under my patents under an arrangement which we have with German interests.

1500 Senator SMITH.  
Let me ask you: Are the regulations of Germany, with reference to the operation and use of wireless telegraphy, in perfect harmony with the Berlin

convention?

1501 Mr. MARCONI.  
Absolutely. They were enacted at Berlin and most of them were inspired by the German Government.

1502 Senator SMITH.  
Are these calls that are recognized prescribed in the Berlin convention?

1503 Mr. MARCONI.  
The call of the Berlin convention, which has only been recently introduced, is this S.O.S. call, but the Marconi companies have used and use the C.Q.D. call. The *Frankfurt*, which was equipped with wireless, belonged to one of what I may call the Marconi companies, because I would not be a director of the company if it was not associated with us.

1504 Senator SMITH.  
Would you think that any confusion would arise, growing out of this international arrangement of signal, with the Marconi signal?

1505 Mr. MARCONI.  
No; I should state that the international signal is really less known than the Marconi Co.'s signal.

1506 Senator SMITH.  
So that the C.Q.D. call must have been understood in its full significance by the *Frankfurt* operator?

1507 Mr. MARCONI.  
I have got absolutely no doubt as to that.

1508 Senator SMITH.  
And under the regulations would that be sufficient?

1509 Mr. MARCONI.  
That would be sufficient.

1510 Senator SMITH.  
To bring relief?

1511 Mr. MARCONI.  
Yes.

1512 Senator SMITH.  
I want to know this, before I get away from it. I want to know whether the communications between the *Titanic* and the *Carpathia* were not also within the radius of the *Frankfurt*? I would like to know whether these communications could have been picked up by the *Frankfurt*?

1513 Mr. BRIDE.  
Certainly they could have been.

1514 Senator SMITH.  
Had the operator on the *Frankfurt* shown vigilance.

1515 Mr. BRIDE.  
Certainly. He ought have heard every word that passed between us.

1516 Senator SMITH.  
When you told him to keep out you were guarding against that thing?

1517 Mr. BRIDE.  
We were guarding against his interfering with other communications which we might establish, and we had already established.

1518 Senator SMITH.  
How could it interfere with you?

1519 Mr. BRIDE.

Because you can not read two ships at once.

1520 Senator SMITH.  
Have you any reason to believe that the signals given by the *Titanic* to the *Carpathia*, and the replies of the *Carpathia* or the [Olympic](#), were received by the Frankfurt?

1521 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1522 Senator SMITH.  
You have no reason to assume that that was the case?

1523 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not tell. If he was listening he would hear them. If he was not listening he could not hear them.

1524 Senator SMITH.  
No messages came, involved or otherwise, that would indicate that the *Frankfurt* had gotten any other information than the information you first gave her?

1525 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1526 Senator SMITH.  
In order that the record may contain the answer, I would like to know whether it would have taken any longer or any more effort for you to have sent the same message to the *Frankfurt* that was sent to the *Carpathia*, when you realized that you were in imminent danger? Is there any code signal for "fool"?

1527 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1528 Senator SMITH.  
It would have taken no more time to apprise the *Frankfurt* of your perilous condition, growing more so all the time since the C.Q.D. call?

1529 Mr. BRIDE.  
He did not acknowledge the receipt of that when we told him he was a fool and told him to keep out.

1530 Senator SMITH.  
As a matter of fact it would not have taken any more time to say "we are sinking" than it would have taken to have told him "you are a fool"?

1531 Mr. BRIDE.  
I assume [Mr. Phillips](#) thought that if he did not get our first C.Q.D., which was sent slowly and carefully by Mr. Phillips, he would not get anything else.

1532 Senator SMITH.  
Do you think he understood your message that he was a fool?

1533 Mr. BRIDE.  
I doubt it. I think it was sent too fast for him.

1534 Senator SMITH.  
I gather from what you say that you have not much confidence in the ability of the operator on the *Frankfurt*?

1535 Mr. BRIDE.  
There ought to have been no question raised, sir, as to what he should have done as to our C.Q.D. call.

1536 Senator SMITH.  
Mr. Bride, you remained with Mr. Phillips at the apparatus how long?

1537 Mr. BRIDE.

	All the time.
1538	Senator SMITH. After the boilers were submerged, after the customary power had been submerged, did you have a reserve power on the <i>Titanic</i> ?
1539	Mr. BRIDE. The customary power was not submerged.
1540	Senator SMITH. Not submerged?
1541	Mr. BRIDE. No, sir; not submerged.
1542	Senator SMITH. At no time?
1543	Mr. BRIDE. Not to my knowledge.
1544	Senator SMITH. Was there a reserve power source?
1545	Mr. BRIDE. There was a reserve power on the top deck.
1546	Senator SMITH. But you had no occasion to use it?
1547	Mr. BRIDE. The motor and alternator that was working with our wireless set were running when we left the cabin, 10 minutes before the ship went down.
1548	Senator SMITH. Did you continue to send messages, or Mr. Phillips, up to the time you left the cabin?
1549	Mr. BRIDE. When we had finished with the <i>Frankfurt</i> , and we had thoroughly informed the <i>Carpathia</i> of our position, Mr. Phillips again went out to look and see how things were going outside. I tried to establish a communication with the <i>Baltic</i> , and it was not very satisfactory, and I judged myself, from the strength of her signals, that she was too far away to do any good and it was not worth taking any trouble, and I told her we were sinking fast and there was no hope of saving the ship.
1550	Senator SMITH. Told who?
1551	Mr. BRIDE. The <i>Baltic</i> .
1552	Senator SMITH. Did Mr. Phillips return from the deck?
1553	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1554	Senator SMITH. To the room?
1555	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1556	Senator SMITH. What did he say to you then?
1557	Mr. BRIDE. He told us he thought it was time we put on our lifebelts.

1558 Senator SMITH.  
Did you act upon his suggestion?

1559 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1560 Senator SMITH.  
And both of you put on lifebelts?

1561 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1562 Senator SMITH.  
At that time had all the lifeboats been lowered?

1563 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not say, sir.

1564 Senator SMITH.  
You paid no attention to the lifeboats?

1565 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Phillips told me that things looked very queer outside. Beyond that I knew nothing.

1566 Senator SMITH.  
How did you interpret the word "queer"?

1567 Mr. BRIDE.  
The sooner we were out of it the better.

1568 Senator SMITH.  
What did you do then, Mr. Bride?

1569 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Phillips sat down again at the telephone and gave a general call of C.Q.D., but I think that our lamps were running down; we did not get a spark. We could not tell, because the spark of our wireless was in an enclosed room. We could not hear at any time whether it was sparking.

1570 Senator SMITH.  
When Mr. Phillips sat down to the instrument did he have a life preserver on, and did you put one on?

1571 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1572 Senator SMITH.  
And did you put one on?

1573 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1574 Senator SMITH.  
Immediately?

1575 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1576 Senator SMITH.  
But after he had put the life preserver on he tried and succeeded, as I understand you, in sending a last message, and that message was C.Q.D.; and anything else?

1577 Mr. BRIDE.  
General C.Q.D., M.G.Y.; waiting for some one to answer.

1578 Senator SMITH.  
What did you do then, Mr. Bride?

..Crowd large  
..People agitated

1579 Mr. BRIDE.  
On Mr. Phillips's request I started to gather up his spare money and put on another coat, and made general preparations for leaving the ship.

1580 Senator SMITH.  
How did you expect to leave the ship?

1581 Mr. BRIDE.  
We had to wait until the [captain](#) told us, first.

1582 Senator SMITH.  
You had to wait until the captain told you?

1583 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir. He came along in a very short period afterwards and told us we had better look out for ourselves.

1584 Senator SMITH.  
You waited until the captain told you that you could leave the ship?

1585 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1586 Senator SMITH.  
How long was that before the ship disappeared?

1587 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should say it was just about a quarter of an hour.

1588 Senator SMITH.  
About 15 minutes?

1589 Mr. BRIDE.  
About 15 minutes.

1590 Senator SMITH.  
And the captain said you had better take care of yourselves?

1591 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1592 Senator SMITH.  
Did he indicate what he was going to do?

1593 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1594 Senator SMITH.  
Where was he when he said this?

1595 Mr. BRIDE.  
He came around to the cabin to tell us.

1596 Senator SMITH.  
He came around to the cabin?

1597 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1598 Senator SMITH.  
Was there anyone else on the deck?

1599 Mr. BRIDE.  
Oh, there were other people on the deck.

1600 Senator SMITH.  
With you?

1601 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes; they were running around all over the place.

1602 Senator SMITH.

..Crowd large  
..People agitated

How running around?  
1603 Mr. BRIDE.  
Several people looking for life belts and looking for refreshments.  
1604 Senator SMITH.  
I want to locate exactly the position of this operating room of yours with reference to the boat deck or upper deck. Is it at the rear of the A or B deck?  
1605 Mr. BRIDE.  
I believe on the [Titanic](#), sir, the boat deck was called A deck. There was no deck above that, with the exception of a little deck which covered the roofs of the houses that were on A deck.  
1606 Senator SMITH.  
These people that you say were running around were running around these decks, all of them?  
1607 Mr. BRIDE.  
The officers' quarters were situated together with the Marconi cabin, the officers' rooms, and other places, and the people were running around through these cabins. We had a woman in our cabin who had fainted.  
1608 Senator SMITH.  
A woman in your cabin who had fainted?  
1609 Mr. BRIDE.  
And we were giving her a glass of water there and a chair. We set her down on a chair, which she wanted badly, and then her husband took her away again.  
1610 Senator SMITH.  
You gave her a glass of water and revived her, and her husband took her away?  
1611 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1612 Senator SMITH.  
Did they have on life preservers?  
1613 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1614 Senator SMITH.  
But some of these passengers or person were without lifebelts at that time, and were looking for them?  
1615 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1616 Senator SMITH.  
You and your assistant had on lifebelts, and after this final message, C.Q.D. and M.G.Y., that was the last you saw of the wireless apparatus?  
1617 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1618 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see any lifeboats after that?  
1619 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

..Crowd large  
..People agitated

..Fill with anybody

1620 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know whether there was any on the ship at that time?

1621 Mr. BRIDE.  
There were no big lifeboats on the ship at that time. There was a collapsible boat on the top deck at the side of the forward funnel.

1622 Senator SMITH.  
You mean over the officers' quarters?

1623 Mr. BRIDE.  
Over the officers' cabin, sir.

1624 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know what was done with that?

1625 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1626 Senator SMITH.  
What was done with it?

1627 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was pushed over on to the boat deck.

1628 Senator SMITH.  
What was done then with it?

1629 Mr. BRIDE.  
Went over the side.

1630 Senator SMITH.  
You never saw it?

1631 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes; I went over with it.

1632 Mr. BURLINGHAM.  
He says it went over the side.

1633 Senator SMITH.  
I understand what the second officer said about it. I want to know whether you saw it again?

1634 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir, it went over the side of the ship. It was washed off by a wave.

1635 Senator SMITH.  
It was washed over the side of the ship by a wave?

1636 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1637 Senator SMITH.  
And fell into the water?

1638 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1639 Senator SMITH.  
Bottom side upward?

1640 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1641 Senator SMITH.  
And how far were you from the water when you saw this boat fall?

1642 Mr. BRIDE.  
I was in the boat.

..Fill with anybody

1643 Senator SMITH.  
You were in the boat?

1644 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1645 Senator SMITH.  
It fell, the bottom side upward?

1646 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1647 Senator SMITH.  
What became of you?

1648 Mr. BRIDE.  
I was inside the boat.

1649 Senator SMITH.  
You were under the boat?

1650 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

1651 Senator SMITH.  
How long did you remain in the boat?

1652 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not tell you.

1653 Senator SMITH.  
About how long?

1654 Mr. BRIDE.  
It seemed a lifetime to me, really.

1655 Senator SMITH.  
I understand, but I would like to know, if possible, if at any time  
you got on top of the boat?

1656 Mr. BRIDE.  
I got on top of the boat eventually.

1657 Senator SMITH.  
Eventually?

1658 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1659 Senator SMITH.  
Before anyone else got on top of it?

1660 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1661 Senator SMITH.  
Who was on top of the boat when you got on?

1662 Mr. BRIDE.  
There was a big crowd on top when I got on. I had to get away  
from under the bottom.

1663 Senator SMITH.  
You remained under the boat how long?

1664 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should say about three-quarters of an hour, or a half.

1665 Senator SMITH.  
Was there breathing space under the boat when it was turned over  
in that way?

1666 Mr. BRIDE.

..Fill with anybody

Yes, sir.  
1667 Senator SMITH.  
So that you got away from it as quickly as you could?  
1668 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1669 Senator SMITH.  
You got out free from it, or did you cling to it, pulling yourself  
up to the side?  
1670 Mr. BRIDE.  
I freed myself from it and cleared out of it.  
1671 Senator SMITH.  
How did you get back to it, then?  
1672 Mr. BRIDE.  
Swam back, eventually.  
1673 Senator SMITH.  
Which side of the boat was that on, port or starboard?  
1674 Mr. BRIDE.  
On the port side of the Titanic.  
1675 Senator SMITH.  
Did you hear the second officer yesterday say that that boat came  
around from the starboard to the port side?  
1676 Mr. BRIDE.  
I was not here yesterday.  
1677 Senator SMITH.  
You can not say as to that?  
1678 Mr. BRIDE.  
It went straight over the port side, sir.  
1679 Senator SMITH.  
It went straight over the port side?  
1680 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was on the port side of the forward funnel. We pushed it on the  
port side of the boat deck, and it went over the port side of the  
Titanic.  
1681 Senator SMITH.  
Did it at any time get on the starboard side?  
1682 Mr. BRIDE.  
Not to my knowledge.  
1683 Senator SMITH.  
You say there were a number of people on the boat, on the  
bottom of the boat that was bottom-up when you got there?  
1684 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.  
1685 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know any of them?  
1686 Mr. BRIDE.  
I heard afterwards that the senior operator was on board.  
1687 Senator SMITH.  
Mr. Phillips?  
1688 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Phillips.

1689 Senator SMITH.  
Was on the boat?

1690 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes; I heard so afterwards.

1691 Senator SMITH.  
He did not survive, however?

1692 Mr. BRIDE.  
He did not survive.

1693 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know whether he died going from the Titanic to the [Carpathia](#)?

1694 Mr. BRIDE.  
He died on the way; yes. He died on board the upturned boat.

1695 Senator SMITH.  
What became of his body?

1696 Mr. BRIDE.  
As far as I know, it was taken on board the Carpathia and buried from the Carpathia.

1697 Senator SMITH.  
Buried at sea?

1698 Mr. BRIDE.  
Buried from the Carpathia.

1699 Senator SMITH.  
Did any one else die on that boat between the wreck and the Carpathia?

1700 Mr. BRIDE.  
There was a man lying aft that they said was dead when they took him onto the ship's boat.

1701 Senator SMITH.  
What did they do with his body?

1702 Mr. BRIDE.  
He was taken on board the Carpathia, as far as I know.

1703 Senator SMITH.  
They took his body to the Carpathia?

1704 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

1705 Senator SMITH.  
How many people were on that boat?

1706 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was estimated between 30 and 40.

1707 Senator SMITH.  
Were there any women on the boat?

1708 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1709 Senator SMITH.  
How many people were in the boat or on the boat when it fell from the upper deck on to the lower deck?

1710 Mr. BRIDE.  
There was not anybody in it. It was pushed over intentionally.

1711 Senator SMITH.

..Fill from A deck



Was it fastened to the boat davits?  
1712 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; it was resting on a proper bed there for it.  
1713 Senator SMITH.  
How did you get in it?  
1714 Mr. BRIDE.  
When it was pushed over on to the A deck, we all scrambled  
down on to A deck again. [Bride is referring to the boat deck]  
1715 Senator SMITH.  
You all scrambled in?  
1716 Mr. BRIDE.  
We did not scramble in. We scrambled down on to A deck and  
were going to launch it properly.  
1717 Senator SMITH.  
Then what happened?  
1718 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was washed overboard before we had time to launch it.  
1719 Senator SMITH.  
The boat was washed over?  
1720 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1721 Senator SMITH.  
You then went down with it?  
1722 Mr. BRIDE.  
I happened to be nearest it and I grabbed it.  
1723 Senator SMITH.  
You grabbed it and went down with it?  
1724 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1725 Senator SMITH.  
Did anyone else grab it?  
1726 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.  
1727 Senator SMITH.  
You went down with it alone?  
1728 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1729 Senator SMITH.  
It fell in such shape that you were under it?  
1730 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.  
1731 Senator SMITH.  
You say there were no women on that boat?  
1732 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.  
1733 Senator SMITH.  
When it reached the Carpathia or at any other time?  
1734 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.  
1735 Senator SMITH.

And there were about 35 or 40 people all together?

1736 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1737 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know any of the people that were on that boat besides Mr. Phillips and yourself?

1738 Mr. BRIDE.  
There was an officer [Lightoller], I believe, on the boat.

1739 Senator SMITH.  
An officer?

1740 Mr. BRIDE.  
And there was a passenger; I could not see whether he was first, second, or third.

1741 Senator SMITH.  
What kind of a looking man?

1742 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not say, sir.

1743 Senator SMITH.  
Have you learned who it was?

1744 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; I heard him say at the time he was a passenger.

1745 Senator SMITH.  
Was it Col. Gracie?

1746 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not say. He merely said he was a passenger.

1747 Senator SMITH.  
Where did he get on?

1748 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not say. I was the last man they invited on board.

1749 Senator SMITH.  
Were there others struggling to get on?

1750 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1751 Senator SMITH.  
How many?

1752 Mr. BRIDE.  
Dozens.

1753 Senator SMITH.  
Dozens. In the water?

1754 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1755 Senator SMITH.  
With life preservers on?

1756 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1757 Senator SMITH.  
Was this one man the only passenger?

1758 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not say.

1759 Senator SMITH.

Did anyone say to you that anyone else was a passenger?

1760 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir, we did not have much to say to each other.

1761 Senator SMITH.  
You did not talk to one another?

1762 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1763 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know whether the other occupants of that boat were officers or seamen or stewards or employees?

1764 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should judge they were all employees. They were all part of the boat's crews.

1765 Senator SMITH.  
They were all in the water?

1766 Mr. BRIDE.  
They had all been in the water some time or other.

1767 Senator SMITH.  
They had been in the water at some time when they got onto the upturned boat?

1768 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

1769 Senator SMITH.  
When did you last see the captain? When he told you to take care of yourself?

1770 Mr. BRIDE.  
The last I saw of the captain he went overboard from the bridge, sir.

1771 Senator SMITH.  
Did you see the Titanic sink?

1772 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1773 Senator SMITH.  
And the captain was at that time on the bridge?

1774 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1775 Senator SMITH.  
What do you mean by overboard?

1776 Mr. BRIDE.  
He jumped overboard from the bridge. He jumped overboard from the bridge when we were launching the collapsible lifeboat.

1777 Senator SMITH.  
I should judge from what you have said that this was about three or four minutes before the boat sank?

1778 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes. It would be just about five minutes before the boat sank.

1779 Senator SMITH.  
About five minutes?

1780 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

1781 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know whether the captain had a lifebelt on?

1782 Mr. BRIDE.  
He had not when I last saw him.

1783 Senator SMITH.  
He had not?

1784 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1785 Senator SMITH.  
Did the bridge go under water at about the same time?

1786 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir. The whole of the ship was practically under water to the forward funnel, and when I saw her go down the stern came out of the water and she slid down fore and aft.

1787 Senator SMITH.  
The captain at no time went over until the vessel sank?

1788 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1789 Senator SMITH.  
He went with the vessel?

1790 Mr. BRIDE.  
Practically speaking; yes, sir.

1791 Senator SMITH.  
I would like to ask you, before I forget it, whether as this vessel went down there was much suction there?

1792 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1793 Senator SMITH.  
There was not?

1794 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1795 Senator SMITH.  
The fact that so few of the passengers and crew were picked up by the Carpathia with life preservers on would seem to indicate that they were sucked under these waves or this water as the ship disappeared. What is your judgment about that?

1796 Mr. BRIDE.  
I estimate I was within 150 feet of the Titanic; I was swimming when she went down, and I felt practically no suction at all.

1797 Senator SMITH.  
Mr. Bride, I appreciate the fact that you are not well. I want to thank you very much for your uncomplaining kindly attitude. I will not press you any farther today, but I wish you would hold yourself subject to the call of the committee and be ready to respond if we should want you again.

1798 May I have this understanding, Mr. Marconi?

1799 Mr. MARCONI.  
All right.

1800 **Day 10**

1801 **Testimony of Harold S. Bride, recalled**

1802 Senator SMITH.

[Mr. Bride](#) you were sworn in New York; and I hoped to have some of my colleagues here to examine you. There are one or two things I want to ask you. First, I would like to know how much you received for the story you gave to the New York Times.

1803 Mr. BRIDE.

I received a thousand dollars.

1804 Senator SMITH.

I want to ask whether, on the way from the scene of the disaster to New York, you were at the wireless apparatus aboard the *Carpathia*?

1805 Mr. BRIDE.

Yes, sir; I was at the wireless apparatus from Tuesday night to the time of docking.

1806 Senator SMITH.

All of the time?

1807 Mr. BRIDE.

I relieved [Mr. Cottam](#), watch and watch.

1808 Senator SMITH.

How much of that time did you spend at the apparatus?

1809 Mr. BRIDE.

Mr. Cottam spent a great majority of the time in the actual transmission, and I was preparing the messages for him for transmission, and myself I did a certain amount.

1810 Senator SMITH.

You had been injured on the *Titanic*?

1811 Mr. BRIDE.

Yes, sir.

1812 Senator SMITH.

And notwithstanding that, you relieved him?

1813 Mr. BRIDE.

Yes, sir.

1814 Senator SMITH.

I want you to tell again, because there seems to be a little confusion about it, when you last saw the [captain](#) of the *Titanic*?

1815 Mr. BRIDE.

The last I saw of the captain of the *Titanic*, he went overboard from the [bridge](#) about, I should think, three minutes before I left it myself.

1816 Senator SMITH.

Did he have a life preserver on?

1817 Mr. BRIDE.

I could not say, sir.

1818 Senator SMITH.

You said in New York the other day that he did not. Do you want to correct that?

1819 Mr. BRIDE.

Yes; I want to correct it. He had not a life preserver on the whole of the time when we were working; when he came into the cabin at frequent intervals. We had not a life preserver on.

1820 Senator SMITH.

How long was that before the ship sank?

1821 Mr. BRIDE.  
That was from the time of the beginning of the catastrophe to the end.

1822 Senator SMITH.  
At no time did you see him with a life preserver on?

1823 Mr. BRIDE.  
No.

1824 Senator SMITH.  
You spoke the other day of your mate, [Phillips](#), who was the chief operator, I believe -

1825 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1826 Senator SMITH. (*continuing*)  
and yourself, putting on life preservers, as I recollect, about 10 minutes before the boat sank?

1827 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes; I think it would be somewhere about that time before the boat sank; I could not say for certain.

1828 Senator SMITH.  
And you did not leave the ship until the captain gave your permission?

1829 Mr. BRIDE.  
No.

1830 Senator SMITH.  
Had everyone else gone?

1831 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; there were several people about.

1832 Senator SMITH.  
Passengers?

1833 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not say. I should think they would be passengers, or crew; there were quite a number of sailors who assisted in getting the collapsible off the top deck.

1834 Senator SMITH.  
Did any of them get into it?

1835 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; I think I was the only one that was in it.

1836 Senator SMITH.  
When did you get in, before it left the side of the *Titanic*?

1837 Mr. BRIDE.  
I was not exactly in it, either; I got hold of it. That was as far as I got.

1838 Senator SMITH.  
You got hold of it?

1839 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes.

1840 Senator SMITH.  
And as it fell into the water it fell over, upside down; is that correct?

1841 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1842 Senator SMITH.

	So that you were down under this overturned boat?
1843	Mr. BRIDE. Yes; sir.
1844	Senator SMITH. You swam out from under that boat, and at that time you saw the boat sink?
1845	Mr. BRIDE. Which boat?
1846	Senator SMITH. The <i>Titanic</i> .
1847	Mr. BRIDE. A short time after that I saw the <i>Titanic</i> sink.
1848	Senator SMITH. How many minutes afterwards?
1849	Mr. BRIDE. The time was long enough to give me a chance of getting away from the <i>Titanic</i> itself.
1850	Senator SMITH. From the side?
1851	Mr. BRIDE. The distance I estimate at 150 feet.
1852	Senator SMITH. You had time to get 150 feet away from the side, and then she sank?
1853	Mr. BRIDE. Yes.
1854	Senator SMITH. Then you found your way back to this overturned collapsible boat?
1855	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1856	Senator SMITH. And by that time you say it was crowded?
1857	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1858	Senator SMITH. And you got on?
1859	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1860	Senator SMITH. Between the time that you got into the water and the time that the <i>Titanic</i> went down I understood you to say you saw the captain still on the deck?
1861	Mr. BRIDE. No, sir; I said the captain left the <i>Titanic</i> a minute or two minutes before I left the <i>Titanic</i> myself. He left by way of the bridge.
1862	Senator SMITH. He must have left immediately after telling you to take care of yourself?
1863	Mr. BRIDE. No, sir because we did not leave the cabin immediately the captain told us to.
1864	Senator SMITH. What did you do?
1865	Mr. BRIDE.

..Fill from A deck {

- Phillips gave another call of C.Q.D., I believe, and, had an answer to it.
- 1866 Senator SMITH.  
From whom?
- 1867 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not say whom the answer was from. I could hear what Mr. Phillips was sending, but I could not hear what he was receiving.
- 1868 Senator SMITH.  
And he did not state to you from whom the answer came?
- 1869 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.
- 1870 Senator SMITH.  
And you had no means of fixing the source of that message?
- 1871 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir. I do not think there was an answer, because he would have told me if there had been.
- 1872 Senator SMITH.  
Was your C.Q.D. confirmed by any other ship's operator?
- 1873 Mr. BRIDE.  
Phillips called C.Q.D. and listened for an answer, but whether he got one or not I can not tell. He did not tell me he had an answer. He did not say he had not got an answer.
- 1874 Senator SMITH.  
And you never talked with him about it after that?
- 1875 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.
- 1876 Senator SMITH.  
Did you ever see him alive after that?
- 1877 Mr. BRIDE.  
I saw him walking aft as I was helping to get the collapsible onto A deck.
- 1878 Senator SMITH.  
And he got aboard the collapsible, too?
- 1879 Mr. BRIDE.  
I am told.
- 1880 Senator SMITH.  
As I recollect, you say he died before you got to the *Carpathia*?
- 1881 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.
- 1882 Senator SMITH.  
So you are unable to fix, by any means, the source of this answer that he got?
- 1883 Mr. BRIDE.  
I think he would have stated it if he had had an answer.
- 1884 Senator SMITH.  
Was that last C.Q.D. all you said, or all he said?
- 1885 Mr. BRIDE.  
That was the last, because we were of the opinion at the end that we were not getting a spark, owing to the poor supply of power.
- 1886 Senator SMITH.  
The power had been impaired?
- 1887 Mr. BRIDE.

The power was being impaired all the time.

1888 Senator SMITH.  
And you were not getting your full spark?

1889 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1890 Senator SMITH.  
That interfered somewhat with the results?

1891 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1892 Senator SMITH.  
Do you recollect being in communication with the *Mount Temple* during Sunday evening?

1893 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; I can not recollect it.

1894 Senator SMITH.  
I want to fix this fact in the record, so that there can be no question about it. What was the hour when the *Californian* tried to get you Sunday evening?

1895 Mr. BRIDE.  
With the ice report?

1896 Senator SMITH.  
Yes.

1897 Mr. BRIDE.  
It was in the vicinity of 5 o'clock. It may have been before or it may have been after that time.

1898 Senator SMITH.  
And at that time you were figuring up your accounts?

1899 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1900 Senator SMITH.  
And did not reply to the *Californian* for 30 minutes.

1901 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should not say it was 30 minutes. It was nearer 20 minutes.

1902 Senator SMITH.  
And when you did reply, what information did you get?

1903 Mr. BRIDE.  
The *Californian* transmitted the ice report to the *Baltic*, and when the *Baltic* had acknowledged to the *Californian* the receipt of the ice report, I did the same.

1904 Senator SMITH.  
Then the *Californian*, that had been trying to get you about 5 o'clock to give you these ice reports, was unable to give you directly a warning about the ice?

1905 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1906 Senator SMITH.  
You got it through the *Baltic*?

1907 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; I read it as it was being sent to the *Baltic*.

1908 Senator SMITH.  
I understand; but I think the record shows that the message was sent out by the

*Californian* on Sunday about 5 o'clock to the *Titanic*, or communication was undertaken with the *Titanic*, about that time to warn you of ice. Am I right?

1909 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1910 Senator SMITH.  
They were unable to do so because you did not respond promptly to their message.

1911 Mr. BRIDE.  
To the first call.

1912 Senator SMITH.  
Whereupon the *Californian* got into communication with the *Baltic*?

1913 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1914 Senator SMITH.  
And you picked up the message from the *Californian* to the *Baltic*?

1915 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1916 Senator SMITH.  
At what hour?

1917 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should say it would be about 20 minutes after the *Californian* had called me with the report.

1918 Senator SMITH.  
What did that message say?

1919 Mr. BRIDE.  
It stated, as far as I can recollect it, that the *Californian* had just passed three large icebergs, and he gave the latitude and longitude?

1920 Senator SMITH.  
Of his ship?

1921 Mr. BRIDE.  
Of the *Californian*, when she passed the icebergs.

1922 Senator SMITH.  
Do you recollect the position of the *Californian*?

1923 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1924 Senator SMITH.  
When you received that message did you take it to the bridge?

1925 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

1926 Senator SMITH.  
To whom did you deliver it?

1927 Mr. BRIDE.  
To the officer on watch, sir.

1928 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know who that officer was?

1929 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

1930 Senator SMITH.  
Was it [Mr. Murdoch](#)?

1931	Mr. BRIDE. I could not say who it was.
1932	Senator SMITH. Was it the captain?
1933	Mr. BRIDE. No, sir.
1934	Senator SMITH. You are positive you delivered it?
1935	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1936	Senator SMITH. In person?
1937	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1938	Senator SMITH. Who took it, Phillips or yourself?
1939	Mr. BRIDE. I took it myself, sir.
1940	Senator SMITH. Did you receive any other messages on Sunday warning the <i>Titanic</i> of ice?
1941	Mr. BRIDE. Not to my knowledge, sir.
1942	Senator SMITH. I believe you do not recollect having received anything from the <i>Amerika</i> ?
1943	Mr. BRIDE. No; sir.
1944	Senator SMITH. Do you know whether the captain was on the bridge when you delivered that message?
1945	Mr. BRIDE. I did not see him on the bridge when I delivered that message.
1946	Senator SMITH. Now let us fix exactly the first message you received after you sent out your first C.Q.D. call. What was the first reply you received?
1947	Mr. BRIDE. The first reply we received was from the <i>Frankfurt</i> .
1948	Senator SMITH. Of the North German Lloyd Line?
1949	Mr. BRIDE. I could not say what company she belonged to.
1950	Senator SMITH. Was that an immediate reply?
1951	Mr. BRIDE. I should think so, sir.
1952	Senator SMITH. Did the <i>Frankfurt</i> give her position?
1953	Mr. BRIDE. No, sir.
1954	Senator SMITH.

	You are positive of that?
1955	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1956	Senator SMITH. Did you or did Mr. Phillips take the <i>Frankfurt</i> message?
1957	Mr. BRIDE. Mr. Phillips.
1958	Senator SMITH. Were you present at the time?
1959	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1960	Senator SMITH. What was the reply?
1961	Mr. BRIDE. Mr. Phillips told me to write in the log the result of the replies as he told me, and the reply was, "O.K. Stand by." That was the reply the <i>Frankfurt</i> gave to our C.Q.D. and position.
1962	Senator SMITH. What is the meaning of "Stand by"?
1963	Mr. BRIDE. It tells you that he has not finished corresponding with you.
1964	Senator SMITH. Did you infer from that that he had not enough information?
1965	Mr. BRIDE. You infer from "Stand by" that he is going to report, or he is getting something for you, and he will call you again in a minute or so.
1966	Senator SMITH. Does that mean, "Hold on; I will talk with you later"?
1967	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1968	Senator SMITH. Did he talk with you later?
1969	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1970	Senator SMITH. What did he say?
1971	Mr. BRIDE. He said: "What is the matter?"
1972	Senator SMITH. And that is all. I do not think I shall ask you to repeat what you said to him. You do not wish to change it, as I understand. You did not hear from him again.
1973	What ship did you next hear from?
1974	Mr. BRIDE. The <i>Carpathia</i> , sir.
1975	Senator SMITH. How long after this last message from <i>Frankfurt</i> ?
1976	Mr. BRIDE. Mr. Phillips just called "C.Q.D.," and gave our position and the <i>Carpathia</i>

	responded immediately.
1977	Senator SMITH. At that time you did not know, and you do not know now, how far the <i>Frankfurt</i> was from you?
1978	Mr. BRIDE. No, sir.
1979	Senator SMITH. Did the <i>Carpathia</i> give her position?
1980	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1981	Senator SMITH. With the first response to the C.Q.D.?
1982	Mr. BRIDE. No, sir; we waited about two minutes for the <i>Carpathia's</i> position.
1983	Senator SMITH. What did The <a href="#">Carpathia</a> say in response to the C.Q.D. call?
1984	Mr. BRIDE. Phillips told her we were sinking fast, and to report it.
1985	Senator SMITH. When the <i>Carpathia</i> replied to this, what did she do? Did she give you her position?
1986	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1987	Senator SMITH. Anything further?
1988	Mr. BRIDE. She said she was coming to our assistance full speed, or words to that effect.
1989	Senator SMITH. After that did you have any communication with any other ship?
1990	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1991	Senator SMITH. Except the <i>Carpathia</i> ?
1992	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir; with the <a href="#">Olympic</a> and the <a href="#">Baltic</a> .
1993	Senator SMITH. I believe you said they gave you their positions?
1994	Mr. BRIDE. Yes, sir.
1995	Senator SMITH. I have forgotten whether you recalled them or not.
1996	Mr. BRIDE. I do not recall them.
1997	Senator SMITH. At that time did you know, or did you have any means of knowing, or were you advised by the captain or anyone else, which one of these ships was in closest proximity to the <a href="#">Titanic</a> ?
1998	Mr. BRIDE.

Yes, sir. We were told that the Carpathia was the nearer; but the captain did not express any opinion on the Frankfurt, because he had not got their position. It was Mr. Phillips who expressed the opinion that the Frankfurt was nearer, and he was judging by the relative strength of the signals.

1999 Senator SMITH.  
How do you account the fact that the Titanic was not in communication with the Californian after about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon?

2000 Mr. BRIDE.  
The Titanic had not been in communication with the Californian because there was no necessity for it.

2001 Senator SMITH.  
How do you account for the fact that the Californian did not receive the C.Q.D. call?

2002 Mr. BRIDE.  
The operator might not have been on watch.

2003 Senator SMITH.  
If the operator had been on watch on the Californian and the Californian was only 19 miles away, and your C.Q.D. call had been received, the entire situation might have been different?

2004 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

2005 Senator SMITH.  
Mr. Bride, did you receive, or did Mr. Phillips to your knowledge receive, a wireless message from the Californian at 11.15, ship's time or about 10 o'clock New York time, Sunday evening, saying, "Engines stopped. We are surrounded by ice"? Now, think hard on that, because I want to know whether you took that message.

2006 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Phillips was on watch at the time.

2007 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know whether he received a message of that kind?

2008 Mr. BRIDE.  
He did not say so, sir.

2009 Senator SMITH.  
And you have no means of knowing?

2010 (The witness did not answer.)

2011 Senator FLETCHER.  
What do you mean by saying there was no necessity for keeping in communication with the Californian?

2012 Mr. BRIDE.  
If the Californian had anything for us he would call us, or if we had anything for the Californian we would call him; and there was no necessity for us to call the Californian unless we had business with him, or vice versa, because it would then interrupt other traffic.

2013 Senator FLETCHER.  
The Californian said he was endeavoring to communicate with

you and you stopped him and said he was jamming . Do you know about that?

2014 Mr. BRIDE.  
No; the chances are he might have been jamming during the evening, when the senior operator was working Cape Race.

2015 Senator FLETCHER.  
But you can not say that you on the Titanic knew of all that he was endeavoring to communicate?

2016 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

2017 Senator SMITH.  
Do you know whether when this message or communication was attempted at 10 o'clock, New York time, Sunday night, saying that the engines had stopped and they were surrounded by ice, the Californian operator was told "Keep out; am working Cape Race"?

2018 Mr. BRIDE.  
I heard nothing about it at all, sir.

2019 Senator SMITH.  
Would Mr. Phillips have made a memorandum of such a message if he had received it?

2020 Mr. BRIDE.  
He would have if the Californian had persisted in sending it.

2021 Senator SMITH.  
Did you ever see any record of that kind?

2022 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

2023 Senator SMITH.  
The records of the Titanic are all lost?

2024 Mr. BRIDE.  
I had a glance at the log for that evening as I was writing it up at the time of the disaster.

2025 Senator SMITH.  
At the time of the disaster?

2026 Mr. BRIDE.  
But I can not recollect any communication with the Californian having been noted down.

2027 Senator SMITH.  
After 5 o'clock?

2028 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

2029 Senator SMITH.  
The Californian's log shows, that they sent that message to the Titanic at 11.15 ship's time, or 10 o'clock New York time.

2030 Mr. BRIDE.  
I may have overlooked it.

2031 Senator SMITH.  
If you had heard such a message as that you would have regarded it as important, would you not?

2032 Mr. BRIDE.

I should have taken it myself; yes, sir.

2033 Senator SMITH.  
Were you working with Cape Race, or was Phillips, to your knowledge, just before the collision with the iceberg?

2034 Mr. BRIDE.  
As far as I recollect Phillips had finished working with Cape Race about 10 minutes before the collision with the iceberg. He made no mention of the fact when I turned out.

2035 Senator SMITH.  
I think you told me the other day in New York the time that elapsed after the collision or impact before you sent the C.Q.D. call out. I want to be sure I have it, so I am asking it again.

2036 Mr. BRIDE.  
I could not call it to mind now, sir.

2037 Senator SMITH.  
What is your best recollection?

2038 Mr. BRIDE.  
My best recollection would be somewhere in the vicinity of 10 minutes, sir, because Mr. Phillips and I were discussing one or two things before the captain came and told us to call for assistance.

2039 Senator SMITH.  
What were you discussing?

2040 Mr. BRIDE.  
We were discussing what Mr. Phillips thought had happened to the ship and the working of Cape Race.

2041 Senator SMITH.  
Did the captain come personally?

2042 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

2043 Senator SMITH.  
To the operating room?

2044 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

2045 Senator SMITH.  
And he told you or told Phillips to send this call out?

2046 Mr. BRIDE.  
He told Phillips to send the call out.

2047 Senator SMITH.  
And he came frequently to your operating room after that and urged you to send out the C.Q.D. again?

2048 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

2049 Senator SMITH.  
Do you recollect the captain of the Carpathia testifying the other day that he got your C.Q.D. call at 10.45, New York time?

2050 Mr. BRIDE.  
I did not hear that, sir.

2051 Senator SMITH.  
Assuming that you got into immediate communication with the

Carpathia when you sent out your C.Q.D. call, the message would have been completed in an instant, would it not?

2052 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

2053 Senator SMITH.  
If this collision occurred at 9.50, New York time, and the Carpathia received your C.Q.D. call at 10.25, New York time, considerable time had elapsed between the time you sent out your call and the time it was received?

2054 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

2055 Senator SMITH.  
How do you account for that?

2056 Mr. BRIDE.  
Maybe it was a difference between the clocks of the two ships.

2057 Senator SMITH.  
You mean that the time may have been set back on one and not on the other?

2058 Mr. BRIDE.  
That is New York time you are talking about?

2059 Senator SMITH.  
I am talking about New York time.

2060 Mr. BRIDE.  
You see, on these ships each operator has a clock for the purpose of keeping New York time and Greenwich time on the way across.

2061 Senator SMITH.  
I will read what the captain says, and see if we can work this out.  
[Link to testimony]

2062 At 12.35 a. m. on Monday I was informed of the urgent distress signal from the Titanic.

2063 Question. By whom?

2064 Capt. ROSTRON. By our wireless operator, and also by the first officer. The wireless operator had taken the message and run with it up to the bridge and gave it to the first officer, who was in charge, with a junior officer with him, and both ran down the ladder to my door and called me. I had only just turned in. It was an urgent distress signal from the Titanic, requiring immediate assistance, and giving me his position. The position of the Titanic at the time was 41° 46' north, 50° 14' west. I can not give you our correct position.

2065 Question. Did you give the hour?

2066 Capt. ROSTRON. Yes, 12.35. That was our apparent time. I can give you the New York time, if you would rather have it?

2067 Question. Yes; please do so.

2068 Capt. ROSTRON. The New York time at 12.35 was 10.45 p. m., Sunday night. Immediately on getting the message I gave the order to turn the ship around, and immediately I had given that order I asked the operator if he was absolutely sure it was a distress signal from the Titanic. I asked him twice.

2069 Assuming that the message was received a few moments before  
it was handed to the captain - and they seem to have responded  
very promptly - they did not get your message until 10.45 New  
York time, or 12.35 ship's time. Fifty-five minutes elapsed  
between the time you say you gave the signal and the time Capt.  
Rostron says he received it.

2070 Mr. BRIDE.

There must be a mistake in the time somewhere.

2071 Senator SMITH.

I wish you would think hard and if you can straighten that out in  
some way. I do not like to leave that discrepancy.

2072 Mr. BRIDE.

I have no recollection of the time these various incidents took  
place, but I can give you a fairly good estimate of the times  
between the incidents.

2073 Senator SMITH.

No; but you have fixed as best you could the interval between the  
time of the collision and the time the captain came to your room  
and told you to send out the C. Q. D. call?

2074 Mr. BRIDE.

Yes, sir.

2075 Senator SMITH.

You have fixed that, to the best of your recollection, as 10  
minutes?

2076 Mr. BRIDE.

Yes, sir.

2077 Senator SMITH.

But there is a wide discrepancy. We are all agreed as to the hour  
when the collision took place, but there is a discrepancy of 55  
minutes between the time of the collision and the time the  
wireless was received on the Carpathia.

2078 Mr. BRIDE.

That may be due simply to difference in the times kept by the  
two ships.

2079 Senator SMITH.

When it was 12 o'clock and 35 minutes on board the Carpathia, it  
should have been the same time on board the Titanic, which was  
only 53 miles away.

2080 Let me refresh your recollection a little. The captain of the  
[Mount Temple](#), who brought his wireless records here, says that  
the Mount Temple received the C. Q. D. call at 10.25, New York  
time, and the Mount Temple was further away from the Titanic  
than the Carpathia. Then I think Cape Race received the C. Q. D.  
call about the same time the Mount Temple received it. I do not  
want, if it is possible to avoid it, to leave this discrepancy of 55  
minutes between the time this call was sent out and the time the  
Carpathia received it.

2081 Mr. BRIDE.

This discrepancy is in ship's time, I assume. The difference is  
between the time of the two ships and because the New York

time was not taken.

2082 Senator SMITH.  
Let us take the ship's time. By ship's time the Titanic struck the iceberg at what hour?

2083 Mr. BRIDE.  
Twenty minutes to 12.

2084 Senator SMITH.  
At 11.40; everybody seems to be agreed on that. The captain of the Carpathia received the wireless message from the Titanic at 12.35, ship's time.

2085 Officer Boxhall, you were astir that night, as I recollect it?

2086 Mr. BOXHALL.  
Yes, sir.

2087 Senator SMITH.  
And I have an impression that you said in your testimony that the C. Q. D. call was sent out about 35 minutes after the ship struck?

2088 Mr. BOXHALL.  
Approximately about that time, sir, as near as I can tell. The Carpathia's time you mentioned there a few moments ago as 12.35. That was the apparent time, and his clocks have been altered at midnight. That ship was bound east, and his clocks had been altered.

2089 Senator SMITH.  
Twenty-five minutes?

2090 Mr. BOXHALL.  
No; it would be more than 25.

2091 Senator SMITH.  
The first time they were changed?

2092 Mr. BOXHALL.  
His clocks were altered probably about thirty-odd minutes at midnight that night.

2093 Senator SMITH.  
That may account for this one message. But your testimony shows that the first C.Q.D. call went out about 35 minutes after the collision.

2094 Mr. BOXHALL.  
Yes, sir.

2095 Senator SMITH.  
Mr. Bride, did you or did Phillips do any business between the time of the collision and the time when the C.Q.D. call went out?

2096 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

2097 Senator SMITH.  
You just talked between yourselves?

2098 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir.

2099 Senator SMITH.  
Did you attempt to do any business with the wireless?

2100 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

2101 Senator SMITH.  
Did you take the exact time from a watch or clock when the collision occurred?

2102 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

2103 Senator SMITH.  
You did not?

2104 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

2105 Senator SMITH.  
Did you have a watch or clock in your room?

2106 Mr. BRIDE.  
We had two clocks, sir.

2107 Senator SMITH.  
Were they both running?

2108 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir; one was keeping New York time and the other was keeping ship's time.

2109 Senator FLETCHER.  
The difference was about 1 hour and 55 minutes?

2110 Mr. BRIDE.  
There was about 2 hours difference between the two.

2111 Senator SMITH.  
Mr. Franklin, in his testimony, says (reading from a memorandum):

2112 "Received from Associated Press from Cape Race 3.05 a. m., Monday, April 15. 10.25 p. m., E. S. T."

2113 That is ship's time.

2114 "Titanic called C.Q.D.; reported having struck iceberg and required immediate assistance. Half an hour afterwards reported that they were sinking by the head."

2115 This time, 10.25, corresponds with the time given by Capt. Rostron, and by Capt. Moore, of the Mount Temple, they having intercepted this message to Cape Race. In view of all this I would like to know whether you care to modify or elaborate or change your statement that the captain came to the operating room 10 minutes after the accident, or about that, and told you to put out the C.Q.D. call? Think it over.

2116 Mr. BRIDE.  
I said the captain came to the cabin 10 minutes after the accident. The captain came to the cabin after I had turned out 10 minutes, and I turned out after the collision had occurred.

2117 Senator SMITH.  
I assume you were in bed?

2118 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes sir.

2119 Senator SMITH.  
Between the time you turned out and the captain gave the order to send this message -

2120 Mr. BRIDE.

2121 It was just about 10 minutes.  
Senator SMITH.  
I do not know that I care to press that matter any further. Your statement stands that it was about 10 minutes. It might have been a little more.

2122 Mr. BRIDE.  
As far as I recollect; Mr. Phillips did not tell me when it was that he felt the ship striking; but to the best of my recollection it was 10 minutes after I had turned out that the captain came in and told us to get assistance.

2123 Senator SMITH.  
I think that is all, Mr. Bride. You may be excused. Do you want to return to New York?

2124 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes; I should like to, very much.

2125 Senator SMITH.  
I do not think we have any objection.

2126 Mr. BRIDE.  
I would like to say, sir, that there is a rumor being circulated that Mr. Cottam and I were taking the baseball scores when we were returning to New York.

2127 Senator SMITH.  
It does not appear in the record.

2128 Mr. BRIDE.  
It does not appear in the record, but it is unfounded, and there is no truth in it at all.

2129 Senator SMITH.  
If you would like to have that appear, we should be glad to put it in.

2130 Mr. BRIDE.  
I should certainly like to have it in.

## 2131 **Day 14**

### 2132 **Testimony of Harold S. Bride, recalled**

2133 *(Before Senator William Alden Smith, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.)*

2134 Senator SMITH.  
I have forgotten just the hour when you took the wireless instrument after you went aboard the [Carpathia](#), [Mr. Bride](#). Did you take it right away?

2135 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir; it was Tuesday evening, about 6 o'clock.

2136 Senator SMITH.  
You did not take it before that time at all?

2137 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

2138 Senator SMITH.  
You were not well enough?

2139 Mr. BRIDE.  
I was in the hospital, sir.

2140 Senator SMITH.

You were in the hospital on board the ship?

2141 Mr. BRIDE.  
On the *Carpathia*; yes, sir.

2142 Senator SMITH.  
Did you ever see that message, signed Bruce Ismay and addressed "Islefrank"? (*Exhibiting message.*)

2143 Mr. BRIDE.  
I can not say whether I have seen it or not.

2144 Senator SMITH.  
It is rather an important message. If you had seen it you would probably remember it, would you not?

2145 Mr. BRIDE.  
There were several important messages sent.

2146 Senator SMITH.  
You can not recollect that?

2147 Mr. BRIDE.  
No, sir.

2148 Senator SMITH.  
When do you expect to go home, Mr. Bride?

2149 Mr. BRIDE.  
I had arranged to go home this morning, but when I got down to the [Caronia](#), I could not find room on board, and on the [Minnetonka](#) they had no room for me.

2150 Senator SMITH.  
You mean you wanted to go as a passenger?

2151 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir. I think I shall wait and go back on the [Baltic](#).

2152 Senator SMITH.  
Who is the wireless operator aboard the *Baltic*?

2153 Mr. BRIDE.  
Mr. Balfour is the senior operator, sir. He is the traveling inspector, also for the Marconi Co.

2154 Senator SMITH.  
Then is [Cottam](#) going home?

2155 Mr. BRIDE.  
He is going back as the third operator on the *Caronia*.

2156 Senator SMITH.  
Is that a large ship?

2157 Mr. BRIDE.  
Yes, sir; she is one of the best.

2158 Here is a paper, sir, that may be of interest to you. It is a report which I have made to Mr. Cross, the traffic manager of the Marconi Co.

2159 Senator SMITH.  
Yes; this is interesting. (*Reading:*)

2160 No. 294 WEST NINETY-SECOND STREET,  
New York City, N. Y., April 27, 1912.

2161 W. R. Cross, Esq.,

2162 DEAR SIR: Hearing of the conflicting reports concerning the loss of the [Titanic](#), which are being spread around, I think it is advisable for me to give

you, to the best of my ability, a true account of the disaster, so that the Marconi Co. may be in full possession of all the facts.

2163 I regret to say my memory fails me with regard to the time of the occurrence or any of the preceding incidents; but otherwise I am sure of all my statements.

2164 The night before the disaster [Mr. Phillips](#) and myself had had a deal of trouble, owing to the leads from the secondary of the transformer having burnt through inside the casing and make contact with certain iron bolts holding the woodwork and frame together, thereby earthing the power to a great extent. After binding these leads with rubber tape, we once more had the apparatus in perfect working order, but not before we had put in nearly six hours' work, Mr. Phillips being of the opinion that, in the first place, it was the condensers which had broken, and these we had had out and examined before locating the damage in the transformer.

2165 Owing to this trouble, I had promised to relieve Mr. Phillips on the following night at midnight instead of the usual time, 2 o'clock, as he seemed very tired.

2166 During Sunday afternoon, toward 5 o'clock, I was called by the [Californian](#) (call letters MWL) with an ice report, but I did not immediately answer, as I was writing up the abstracts; and also it used to take us some considerable time to start up the motor and alternator, it not being advisable to leave them working, as the alternator was liable to run hot.

2167 I, however, acknowledged the receipt of the report when "MWL" transmitted it to the *Baltic*, and took it myself to the officer on watch on the bridge.

2168 Neither Mr. Phillips nor I, to my knowledge, received any further ice reports.

2169 About 9 p.m. I turned in and woke on my own accord just about midnight, relieving Mr. Phillips, who had just finished sending a large batch of telegrams to [Cape Race](#).

2170 Mr. Phillips told me that apparently we had struck something, as previous to my turning out he had felt the ship tremble and stop, and expressed an opinion that we should have to return to Belfast.

2171 I took over the telephone from him, and he was preparing to retire when [Capt. Smith](#) entered the cabin and told us to get assistance immediately.

2172 Mr. Phillips resumed the phones, after asking the captain if he should use the regulation distress call "C Q D." The captain said "Yes," and Mr. Phillips started in with "C Q D," having obtained the latitude and longitude of the *Titanic*.

2173 The [Frankfurt](#) was the first to answer. We gave him the ships position, which he acknowledged by "OK, stbdi."

2174 The second answer was from the [Carpathia](#) who immediately responded with his position and informed us he was coming to our assistance as fast as possible.

2175 These communications I reported myself to the captain, who was, when I found him, engaging in superintending the filling and lowering of the lifeboats.

2176 The noise of escaping steam directly over our cabin caused a deal of trouble to Mr. Phillips in reading the replies to our distress call, and this I also reported to Capt. Smith, who by some means managed to get it abated.

2177 The [Olympic](#) next answered our call, but as far as I know, Mr. Phillips did not go to much trouble with her, as we now realized the awful state of affairs, the ship listing heavily to port and forward.

2178 The captain also came in and told us she was sinking fast and could not last longer than half an hour.

2179 Mr. Phillips then went outside to see how things were progressing, and  
meanwhile I established communication with the *Baltic*, telling him we were  
in urgent need of assistance.

2180 This I reported to Mr. Phillips on his return, but suggested "M B C" was to far  
away to be of any use.

2181 Mr. Phillips told me the forward well deck was under water, and we got our  
lifebelts out and tied on each other, after putting on additional clothing.

2182 Again Mr. Phillips called "C Q D" and "S O S" and for nearly five minutes got  
no reply, and then both the *Carpathia* and the *Frankfurt* called.

2183 Just at this moment the captain came into the cabin and said, "You can do  
nothing more; look out for yourselves." Mr. Phillips resumed the phones and  
after listening a few seconds jumped up and fairly screamed, "The ----- fool.  
He says, 'What's up old man?'" I asked "Who?" Mr. Phillips replied the  
*Frankfurt* and at that time it seemed perfectly clear to us that the *Frankfurt's*  
operator had taken not notice or misunderstood our first call for help.

2184 Mr. Philips reply to this was "You fool, stbdi and keep out."

2185 Undoubtedly both Mr. Phillips and I were under a great strain at this time, but  
though the committee inquiring into the facts on this side are inclined to  
censure that reply, I am still of the opinion that Mr. Phillips was justified in  
sending it.

2186 Leaving Mr. Phillips operating, I went to our sleeping cabin, and got all our  
money together, returning to find a fireman or coal trimmer gently relieving  
Mr. Phillips of his lifebelt. There immediately followed a general scrimmage  
with the three of us.

2187 I regret to say that we left to hurriedly to take the man in question with us, and  
without a doubt he sank with the ship in the Marconi cabin as we left him.

2188 I had up to this time kept the PV entered up, intending when we left the ship  
to tear out the lot and each to take a copy, but now we could hear the water  
washing over the boat deck, and Mr. Phillips said, "Come, let's clear out."

2189 We had nearly the whole time been in possession of full power from the ship's  
dynamo, though toward the end the lights sank and we were ready to stand by,  
with emergency apparatus and candles, but there was no necessity to use  
them.

2190 Leaving the cabin, we climbed on top of the house comprising the officers'  
quarters and our own, and here I saw the last of Mr. Phillips, for he  
disappeared walking aft.

2191 I now assisted in pushing off a [collapsible lifeboat](#), which was on the port side  
of the forward funnel, onto the boat deck. Just as the boat fell I noticed Capt.  
Smith dive from the [bridge](#) into the sea.

2192 Then followed a general scramble down on the [boat deck](#), but no sooner had  
we got there than the sea washed over. I managed to catch hold of the boat we  
had previously fixed up and was swept overboard with her.

2193 I then experienced most exciting three or four hours anyone could reasonably  
wish for, and was in due course, with the rest of the survivors picked up by the  
*Carpathia*.

2194 As you have probably heard, I got on the collapsible boat a second time,  
which was, as I felt it, upturned.

2195 I called Phillips several times, but got no response, but learned later from  
several sources that he was on this boat and expired even before we were  
picked off by the *Titanic's* boat.

2196 I am told fright and exposure was the cause of his death.

2197 As far as I can find out, he was taken on board the *Carpathia* and buried at sea from her, though for some reason the bodies of those who had died were not identified before burial from the *Carpathia*, and so I can not vouch for the truth of this.

2198 After a short stay in the hospital of the *Carpathia* I was asked to assist Mr. Cottam, the operator, who seemed fairly worn out with work.

2199 Hundreds of telegrams from survivors were waiting to go as soon as we could get communication with shore stations.

2200 Regarding the working of the *Carpathia*.

2201 The list of survivors, Mr. Cottam told me, had been sent to the [Minnewaska](#) and the [Olympic](#).

2202 When we established communication with the various coast stations, all of which had heavy traffic for us, in some cases running into hundreds of messages, we told them we would only accept service and urgent messages, as we knew the remainder would be press and messages inquiring after some one on the *Titanic*.

2203 It is easy to see we might have spent hours receiving messages inquiring after some survivor, while we had messages waiting from that survivor for transmission.

2204 News was not withheld by Mr. Cottam or myself with the idea of making money, but because, as far as I know, the captain of the *Carpathia* was advising Mr. Cottam to get off the survivors' traffic first.

2205 Quite 75 percent of this we got off.

2206 On arrival in New York Mr. Marconi came on board with a reporter of the New York Times. Also Mr. Sammis was present, and I received \$500 for my story, which both Mr. Marconi and Mr. Sammis authorized me to tell.

2207 I have forgotten to mention that the United States Government sent out a ship, as they said, to assist us named the [Chester](#).

2208 Several messages passed between the commander of that vessel and the *Carpathia*, and resulted in the captain telling us to transmit the names of the third class passengers to the *Chester*.

2209 Though it has since been reported that the most expert operator in the United States Navy was on board the *Chester*, I had to repeat these names, nearly in all, several times to him taking up nearly a couple of hours of valuable time, though I sent them in the first place slowly and carefully.

2210 I am now staying with relatives and waiting orders from the Marconi Co. here, who have been most considerate and kind, buying me much needed clothes and looking after me generally.

2211 I am glad to say I can now walk around, the sprain in my left foot being much better, though my right foot remains numbed from the exposure and cold, but causes me no pain or inconvenience whatever.

2212 I greatly appreciate the cable the company so kindly sent me and thank them for the same.

2213 Trusting this report will be satisfactory until my return to England, I beg to remain.

2214 Yours, obediently,

2215 HAROLD S. BRIDE

2216 Mr. BRIDE.

I should like to have the letter back, Senator. That is my personal copy.

2217 Senator SMITH.

Certainly. I shall return it to you.

2218

That is all, Mr. Bride. We are very much obliged to you for coming again today.

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(Witness Excused.)