

British Wreck Commissioner's Inquiry

Day 6

Testimony of Charles Joughin

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Examined by the SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

5907. Were you chief baker on the "[Titanic](#)"?
- Yes.

5908. What was the staff of bakers under you?
- Thirteen.

5909. Thirteen, and yourself as chief baker?
- Yes.

5910. At the time when this accident happened, were you off duty?
- Yes.

5911. In your bunk?
- Yes.

5912. Did the shock wake you up?
- I felt the shock and immediately got up.

5913. I do not think we need find the place exactly, but tell us, more or less, are your quarters in the aft or the fore part of the ship?
- Amidship on the port side.

5914. Did you hear orders given which affected you?
- No, Sir, just general orders - orders passed down from the top deck to the lower deck.

5915. You heard orders being passed down from the top deck to the lower deck?
- Yes, what we call general orders.

5916. Those are called general orders, are they?
- Yes.

5917. I suppose that if provisions were wanted it would be your department to look after that would it not?
- No.

5918. What about bread?
- The boats are provided with hard bread, what we call biscuits.

5919. Did not you hear any orders given about provisions for the boats?
- Not directly from any Officer. Word was passed down from the top deck and I received it eventually through other channels.

5920. What was it?
- "Provision boats," or put any spare provisions you have in the boats, that was it.

5921. As I understand, the biscuits, the hard bread, would be in the boats already, or ought to be?
- Yes.

5922. And it would only be the soft bread you had to think about?
- Any surplus stuff we had around that was handy we would put into the boats.

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- 22 5923. You heard that order passed along. Did you take steps to send up some provisions to the boats?
- Yes.
- 23 5924. What was it you did, you and your men?
- I sent thirteen men up with four loaves apiece, 40 pounds of bread each as near as I could guess.
- 24 5925. And your staff, your men, had they got stations for the boats?
- Yes.
- 25 5926. And as far as you know did they know their stations?
- Yes.
- 26 5927. Did these thirteen bakers go up with these loaves?
- Yes.
- 27 5928. Did you go up on deck yourself?
- I stayed in the shop for a little while, and then I followed them up the middle staircase.
- 28 5929. Which deck did you come out on to?
- Eventually the boat deck.
- 29 5930. The top deck. The accident was at 11.40. Can you tell us the sort of time it was when you got to the boat deck? - How long do you think after the accident it was that you got to the boat deck? What time do you think it was?
- I should say about half-past twelve, as near as I could guess.
- 30 5931. That is the time, as I understand, when you got to the boat deck?
- About that time.
- 31 5932. The orders you speak of had been given, and you had already sent up the bread?
- Yes.
- 32 5933. And you followed your men afterwards at about 12.30?
- Yes.
- 33 5934. There is just another question about time you might help us over. You say it was half-past twelve when you got up to the boat deck. That was after these orders. Can you give us some sort of idea when it was you heard of the order for provisioning the boats?
- I should say about a quarter-past twelve.
- 34 5935. Then the order is obeyed, and you get up there about half-past twelve?
- Yes.
- 35 5936. When you got up to the boat deck had any order been given that you had heard about all hands going on deck?
- The order had been passed round previous to that.
- 36 5937. It had?
- Yes.
- 37 5938. That would be the general order, I suppose?
- The general order.
- 38 5939. Had that order about all hands on deck been given before your bakers went on deck?
- Oh, yes.
- 39 5940. Just two or three questions about what happened after that. Which was your boat?
- I was assigned to [No. 10](#).
- 40 5941. I do not think, my Lord, we have had any evidence about this boat yet. There are four boats on the afterpart of the boat deck on each side, and No 10 would be the first of the four?

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- The first one on the port side - the forward one.
- 41 The Commissioner:
The most forward boat on the port side.
- 42 The Solicitor-General:
No, the most forward boat of the aft boats.
- 43 The Commissioner:
Yes.
- 44 5942. (*The Solicitor-General.*) It may be convenient, to remind your Lordship that the next one to it, No. 12, was the one that the man [Poingdestre](#) was in, and the next one to that, No. 14, is the one that [Morris](#) and [Scarrott](#) were in, and this one we have not dealt with. (*To the Witness.*) Did you go to your boat, No. 10?
- Yes.
- 45 5943. And what did you find was the situation there?
- Everything orderly. The Chief Officer was there.
- 46 5944. Is that [Mr. Wilde](#)?
- Yes, Mr. Wilde.
- 47 5945. Were there passengers there?
- A good many passengers there.
- 48 5946. What was happening, how far had things got?
- They were getting the boat ready for getting the passengers in, and Mr. Wilde shouted out for the stewards to keep the people back, to keep the men back, but there was no necessity for it. The men kept back themselves, and we made a line and passed the ladies and children through.
- 49 5947. Who made the line?
- The stewards mostly - stewards and seamen; they were all together.
- 50 5948. I think I caught you to say that though Mr. Wilde gave the order to keep the men back there was really no necessity, they kept back themselves?
- Yes.
- 51 5949. Was the order good - the discipline good?
- Splendid.
- 52 5950. No. 10 was being got ready. When you saw it had anybody got into the boat yet?
- No.
- 53 5951. Now tell us about No. 10 in order: What happened?
- It was swung out, the stewards, firemen and sailors all got in a line. We passed the ladies and children through.
- 54 5952. Into No. 10?
- Into No. 10. Then we got it about half full, and then we had difficulty in finding ladies for it. They ran away from the boat and said they were safer where they were.
- 55 5953. You heard ladies saying that?
- I am sure of that.
- 56 5954. (*The Commissioner.*) "When the boat was half full we had difficulty in finding more ladies"?
- Right, Sir.
- 57 5955. "They ran away, saying they were safer where they were"?
- Yes.
- 58 5956. (*The Solicitor-General.*) Up to this time, could you tell me had you seen any third class passengers - women from the third class?
- Yes, Sir, plenty.

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- 59 5957. So far as you saw, was any distinction made between the different classes - first class ladies or second class ladies or third class ladies?
- None at all.
- 60 5958. Of course, at ordinary times this boat deck is a first class deck, a promenade, is it not?
- Yes.
- 61 5959. And the third class people would not get on to it?
- It is railed off just from the boats, and the saloon passengers use it as a sunning deck.
- 62 5960. But at this time were there any barriers up?
- No.
- 63 5961. You know the way, I suppose, that third class people would have to go in order to get on to this top deck, they would have to mount some stairs, would not they?
- They have to go up some stairs, but there was an [emergency door](#) from the third class into the second class leading up the broad staircase that was open very early.
- 64 5962. We will find where that is. There was an emergency door from there leading from the third class to the second class?
- From the third class alleyway, what we call the working alleyway, there is a wide door, and that was open early on.
- 65 5963. Could you tell us whether that door was open?
- It was open.
- 66 5964. Let us just fix this. It opens, you said, into the broad staircase?
- Yes.
- 67 5965. What staircase is that, who uses it as a. Rule?
- Second class passengers as a Rule while at sea.
- 68 5966. Is that the staircase - correct me if I am wrong - that runs up the funnel place, as it were?
- No, Sir, it runs up the centre of the ship to the second class smoke room and the decks.
- 69 5967. It is abaft of the fourth funnel?
- Oh, yes, it is abaft the after-funnel.
- 70 The Solicitor-General:
Will your Lordship look for a moment at the big section?.
- 71 The Commissioner:
It is all on this plan.
- 72 The Solicitor-General:
If your Lordship has got it I need not trouble.
- 73 The Commissioner:
This emergency door that you are talking about is, I think, on the same deck that the last Witness was telling us about.
- 74 The Solicitor-General:
Yes, I think it is, my Lord.
- 75 The Commissioner:
Then if you go up you get into what is called the second class entrance into the dining saloon - the second class dining saloon.
- 76 The Solicitor-General:
My Lord, may I suggest that I think it is a little abaft of that.
- 77 The Commissioner:
What is abaft of it?

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- 78 The Solicitor-General:
The staircase, my Lord. The second class staircase appears to me to be a little bit further aft than that.
- 79 The Commissioner:
Not according to my plan.
- 80 5968. (*The Solicitor-General.*) I think your Lordship is right; I beg your pardon. I see my Lord, now. (*To the Witness.*) Let us just fix this second class staircase into which the third class people get when this door is opened. Is it a stairway that rises through several decks up to the top?
- Yes, and there is a lift, an electric lift.
- 81 5969. There is an elevator alongside at the same place as the staircase?
- Yes.
- 82 5970. Your Lordship has got that, I think, on the plan?
- That is the [staircase](#) in yellow. (*Pointing on big plan.*)
- 83 5971. Is that the staircase and the elevator in the middle of it - the second class staircase (*Pointing on the big plan.*)?
- No, it is the one further aft, is it not? It is immediately behind the aft funnel. That is the staircase. (*Pointing on the plan.*)
- 84 5972. And the third class people come along their alleyway through this emergency door and get direct into that staircase (*Pointing on plan.*)?
- Yes.
- 85 5973. And all they have to do is to go straight up on to the boat deck?
- Yes, that is right.
- 86 5974. Just tell us, please, how is it you know that emergency door was open for them?
- Because I went down that way to my room after shutting the bakery door.
- 87 5975. You shut the bakery door, went down to your own room, and you saw this door was then open?
- Yes.
- 88 5976. When you went down to your room and found this door open, did you at that time see third class people coming up?
- Coming along the alleyway some women, with two bags in their hands. They would not let go of them.
- 89 5977. A number of third class passengers were coming up?
- Yes.
- 90 5978. You have already helped us about the time. Could you tell us at all what time you think that was? - You say it was half-past twelve when you got on to the boat deck yourself?
- That was just after I had passed the first lot of bread up, and I went down to my room for a drink, as a matter of fact, and as I was coming back I followed up my men on to the deck.
- 91 5979. Does that mean it would be about a quarter-past twelve?
- A little after that.
- 92 5980. Something between a quarter-past twelve and half-past twelve?
- Yes, about that.
- 93 5981. Now, just let us go back to boat No. 10 and finish it. You said that when it was about half full with women you could not find more women to pass along the line and put into the boat?
- We had difficulty in finding them.
- 94 5982. What was done; what happened?
- I myself and three or four other chaps went on the next deck and forcibly brought up women and children.

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- 95 5983. You went down to the A deck?
- Yes, to the A deck.
- 96 5984. And you mean you brought them up to the boat deck?
- Brought them up to the boat deck - there are only about ten stairs to go up.
- 97 5985. Did not they want to go?
- No, Sir. They were all sitting - squatting down on the deck.
- 98 5986. And you and three or four others brought them up?
- Yes.
- 99 5987. Did you put them into the boat?
- We threw them in. The boat was standing off about a yard and a half from the ship's side, with a slight list. We could not put them in; we could either hand them in or just drop them in.
- 100 5988. You said "a slight list." Was it the "Titanic" that had the list?
- Yes, Sir.
- 101 5989. A list to port?
- Yes, a list to port, and that made the boat swing out about a yard and a half.
- 102 5990. Supposing the ship was lying on an even keel with no list, how much space would there be between the rail and the boat?
- Just enough space to step into it.
- 103 5991. Did that fill your boat or was there still room?
- Eventually it was filled - pretty well filled anyway.
- 104 5992. Was it filled from the boat deck?
- Yes.
- 105 5993. You did not, I think, go away in the boat?
- No.
- 106 5994. Although it was your boat?
- I was supposed to be captain of the boat by the crew list.
- 107 5995. By the crew list you were in charge?
- Yes.
- 108 5996. Why was it that you did not get in?
- Well, I was standing waiting for orders by the Officer to jump in, and he then ordered two sailors in and a steward - a steward named [Burke](#). I was waiting for orders to get into the boat, but they evidently thought it was full enough and I did not go in it.
- 109 5997. Do you know who the two sailors were?
- No.
- 110 5998. (*The Commissioner.*) How many men were put on board this boat?
- As far as I could see only three - two sailors and a steward.
- 111 5999. (*The Solicitor-General.*) Two sailors and a steward named Burke?
- Yes. That is all I could see.
- 112 6000. As far as you could see, were all the rest women and children?
- Women and children.
- 113 6001. Was she lowered down?
- Yes.
- 114 6002. And went away from the side of the ship -
- I did not see her after she was lowered.
- 115 6003. That is No. 10. There would be three boats on the port side?
- Yes.
- 116 6004. Aft of that?

- Yes; Nos. 12, 14, and 16.
- 117 6005. Was work being done in connection with them at the same time?
- Yes, but a little later than us.
- 118 6006. Then, of those four, Nos. 10, 12, 14, and 16, was No. 10 the one that got into the water first?
- Yes.
- 119 6007. Did you stay by the davits of No. 10 till she was launched?
- Oh yes.
- 120 6008. And then where did you go?
- I went "scouting round," as we call it.
- 121 6009. I want to know if you saw anything of Nos. 12, 14, and 16?
- I did not see them go. I saw them filling up, but I went away. I went down below after that.
- 122 6010. No. 10 was your boat, and No. 10 had gone?
- Yes.
- 123 6011. And then you went below?
- Yes.
- 124 6012. As far as the boats are concerned, is that all you can tell us?
- As far as those boats, yes.
- 125 6013. Now I want to ask you a question about the boat list. You say you knew that you were supposed to be in command of No. 10?
- Yes.
- 126 6014. Had you seen a list like that up in the "Titanic" (*Showing list.*) - Yes, there was one in the kitchen, posted up on the Thursday with just the kitchen staff on it.
- 127 6015. The kitchen staff on the kitchen list was posted when?
- On the wall in the kitchen.
- 128 6016. Which day?
- On the galley, what call "D" deck.
- 129 6017. Which day?
- On the Thursday.
- 130 6018. And did that list show as regards the galley staff, the cooking staff how they were distributed among the different boats?
- Yes.
- 131 6019. You say it was on the Thursday, she left Queenstown on the Thursday, did she not?
- Yes.
- 132 6020. Now we just want to finish your experience. You say you went below after No. 10 had gone. Did you stay below or did you go up again?
- I went down to my room and had a drop of liqueur that I had down there, and then while I was there I saw the old doctor [possibly [Dr. O'Loughlin](#)] and spoke to him and then I came upstairs again.
- 133 6021. On to the boat deck?
- Yes, on to the boat deck.
- 134 6022. Just tell us shortly what you did?
- I saw that all the boats had gone - I saw that all the boats were away.
- 135 6023. That all the boats had gone?
- Yes, that all the boats had gone.
- 136 6024. Do you mean forward as well as aft?
- I could not see very well forward, and I did not look, because they went off

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- first, as far as I could understand.
- 137 6025. At all events, all the boats had gone?
- Yes.
- 138 6026. Yes, what next?
- I went down on to "B" deck. The deck chairs were lying right along, and I started throwing deck chairs through the large ports.
- 139 6027. What did you do with the deck chairs?
- I threw them through the large ports.
- 140 6028. Threw them overboard?
- Yes.
- 141 6029. They would float, I suppose?
- Yes.
- 142 6030. I think one sees why. Just to make it clear, why did you do that?
- It was an idea of my own.
- 143 6031. Tell us why; was it to give something to cling to?
- I was looking out for something for myself, Sir.
- 144 6032. Quite so. Did you throw a whole lot of them overboard?
- I should say about 50.
- 145 6033. Were other people helping you to do it?
- I did not see them.
- 146 6034. You were alone, as far as you could see?
- There was other people on the deck, but I did not see anybody else throwing chairs over.
- 147 6035. Now by this time was the list of the ship the same, or do you think she was worse?
- She had gone a little more to port.
- 148 6036. And about being down by the head, could you tell at all?
- I did not notice anything. I did not notice her being much down by the head.
- 149 6037. Do you mean that the list to port was more serious than -?
- I thought so.
- 150 6038. Than being down by the head?
- I thought so, yes.
- 151 6039. Then, after having thrown these deck chairs overboard, did you go up to the boat deck again?
- I went to the deck pantry.
- 152 6040. Tell us what happened?
- I went to the deck pantry, and while I was in there I thought I would take a drink of water, and while I was getting the drink of water I heard a kind of a crash as if something had buckled, as if part of the ship had buckled, and then I heard a rush overhead.
- 153 6041. Do you mean a rush of people?
- Yes, a rush of people overhead on the deck.
- 154 6042. Is the deck pantry on A deck?
- Yes.
- 155 6043. So that the deck above would be the boat deck?
- Yes, I could hear it.
- 156 6044. You could hear it?
- Yes.
- 157 6045. People running - yes?

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- When I got up on top I could then see them clambering down from those decks. Of course, I was in the tail end of the rush.
- 158 6046. (*The Commissioner.*) Clambering down, climbing down from where?
- These rails here and steps. They came down this way. (*Showing on model.*)
- 159 6047. (*The Solicitor-General.*) They had run along as far aft as they could on the boat deck?
- Yes.
- 160 6048. Did you see them clambering down to get on to the A deck so as to get further aft?
- Their idea was to get on to the [poop](#).
- 161 6049. You say that you heard this sound of buckling or crackling. Was it loud; could anybody in the ship hear it?
- You could have heard it, but you did not really know what it was. It was not an explosion or anything like that. It was like as if the iron was parting.
- 162 6050. Like the breaking of metal?
- Yes.
- 163 6051. Was it immediately after that sound that you heard this rushing of people and saw them climbing up?
- Yes.
- 164 6052. What did you do?
- I kept out of the crush as much as I possibly could, and I followed down - followed down getting towards the well of the deck, and just as I got down towards the well she gave a great list over to port and threw everybody in a bunch except myself. I did not see anybody else besides myself out of the bunch.
- 165 6053. That was when you were in the well, was it?
- I was not exactly in the well, I was on the side, practically on the side then. She threw them over. At last I clambered on the side when she chunked them.
- 166 6054. You mean the starboard side?
- The starboard side.
- 167 6055. The starboard was going up and she took a lurch to port?
- It was not going up, but the other side was going down.
- 168 6056. It is very difficult to say how many, I daresay, but could you give me some idea, of how many people there were in this crush?
- I have no idea, Sir; I know they were piled up.
- 169 6057. What do you mean when you say, "No idea." Were there hundreds?
- Yes, there were more than that - many hundreds, I should say.
- 170 6058. (*The Solicitor-General.*) You said this vessel took a lurch to port and threw them in a heap. Did she come back; did she right herself at all?
- No, Sir.
- 171 6059. She took a lurch and she did not return?
- She did not return.
- 172 6060. Can you tell us what happened to you?
- Yes, I eventually got on to the starboard side of the poop.
- 173 6061. (*The Commissioner.*) Will you point out to me where you got to?
- This is where I eventually got to. (*Showing on the model.*)
- 174 6062. You got on to the poop, did you?
- Along here (*Showing.*)
- 175 6063. (*The Solicitor-General.*) What you said, I think, was that you got to the starboard side of the poop?
- Yes, on the side of the ship.

176 6064. On the side of the ship?
- Yes.

177 6065. Is that on the bulwark itself?
- I do not know what you call it, Sir. It is the side.

178 6066. (*The Commissioner.*) "I got on the side of the ship by the poop"?
- Yes.

179 6067. (*The Solicitor-General.*) You see on the model that part of it is painted black and part of it is painted white. Do you mean you were on the part that is painted black or the part that is painted white?
- I got along here (*Showing.*), and eventually got hold of the rails here. This side here was like this. This side, instead of being like this, was like that. (*Showing on model.*)

180 6068. You got hold of the rail. Let Mr. Wilding turn the model up till you say how far you think it had gone. (*Mr. Wilding turned the model.*)?
- I should say about that, but then the forward part is sloping. (*Showing on model.*)

181 6069. The forward part is down by the head?
- Yes.

182 6070. Did you find anybody else holding that rail there on, the poop?
- No.

183 6071. You were the only one?
- I did not see anybody else.

184 6072. Were you holding the rail so that you were inside the ship, or were you holding the rail so that you were on the outside of the ship?
- On the outside.

185 6073. So that the rail was between you and the deck?
- Yes.

186 6074. Then what happened?
- Well, I was just wondering what next to do. I had tightened my belt and I had transferred some things out of this pocket into my stern pocket. I was just wondering what next to do when she went.

187 6075. And did you find yourself in the water?
- Yes.

188 6076. Did you feel that you were dragged under or did you keep on the top of the water?
- I do not believe my head went under the water at all. It may have been wetted, but no more.

189 6077. Are you a good swimmer?
- Yes.

190 6078. How long do you think you were in the water before you got anything to hold on to?
- I did not attempt to get anything to hold on to until I reached a collapsible, but that was daylight.

191 6079. Daylight, was it?
- I do not know what time it was.

192 6080. Then you were in the water for a long, long time?
- I should say over two, hours, Sir.

193 6081. Were you trying to make progress in the water, to swim, or
just keeping where you were?
- I was just paddling and treading water.

194 6082. And then daylight broke?
- Yes.

195 6083. Did you see any icebergs about you?
- No, Sir, I could not see anything.

196 6084. Did it keep calm till daylight, or did the wind rise at all?
- It was just like a pond.

197 6085. Then you spoke of a collapsible boat. Tell us shortly about
it?
- Just as it was breaking daylight I saw what I thought was some
wreckage, and I started to swim towards it slowly. When I got
near enough, I found it was a collapsible not properly upturned
but on its side, with an Officer and I should say about twenty or
twenty-five men standing on the top of it.

198 6086. (The Commissioner.) With an Officer and what?
- I should say roughly about twenty-five men standing on the top
- well, on the side, not on the top.

199 6087. (The Solicitor-General.) Do you know which Officer it
was?
- Yes, Mr. Lightoller.

200 6088. Mr. Lightoller and you think about twenty or twenty-five
people?
- Yes.

201 The Commissioner:
"Men," he said.

202 6089. (The Solicitor-General.) Yes, men, my Lord?
- Yes, all men.

203 6090. You said something about its being turned on its side?
- Yes.

204 6091. I wish you would explain what you mean?
- It was like as if one of those lifeboats was on its side, floating
on its side. (Pointing to model.)

205 6092. Then they were not in the boat, were they?
- No.

206 6093. They were -?
- Standing on the side, holding one another's shoulders.

207 6094. Did you swim towards it?
- Yes.

208 6095. Was there any room for you?
- No, Sir.

209 6096. You agree, do you, that there really was not room for you?
- There was not room.

210 6097. And so they could not take you in?
- There was no room for any more. They were standing on it
then.

211 6098. Did you stay near it?
- I tried to get on it, but I was pushed off it, and I what you call
hung around it.

212 6099. How much later on was it that you were picked up?
 - I eventually got round to the opposite side, and a cook that was on the collapsible recognised me, and held out his hand and held me - a chap named Maynard.

213 6100. Was he able to pull you out of the water, or was he only just able to help to support you?
 - No.

214 6101. He gave you a hand, and you kept treading water?
 - No. My lifebelt helped me, and I held on to the side of the boat.

215 6102. You had been wearing a lifebelt?
 - Yes, all the time.

216 6103. So that your feet would be in the water?
 - Yes, and my legs.

217 6104. And you supported yourself by your lifebelt. I do not want to be harrowing about it, but was the water very cold?
 - I felt colder in the lifeboat - after I got in the lifeboat.

218 6105. You were picked up, were you, by a lifeboat later on?
 - We were hanging on to this collapsible, and eventually a lifeboat came in sight.

219 6106. And they took you aboard?
 - They got within about 50 yards and they sung out that they could only take 10. So I said to this Maynard, "Let go my hand," and I swam to meet it, so that I would be one of the 10.

220 6107. Did you swim to it, and were you taken in?
 - Yes, I was taken in.

221 6108. You have said you thought it was about two hours before you saw this collapsible, and then you spent some time with the collapsible. How long do you suppose it was after you got to the collapsible that you were taken into the lifeboat?
 - I should say we were on the collapsible about half-an-hour.

222 6109. That means that for some two and a half hours you were in the water?
 - Practically, yes.

223 6110. We may be able to identify this boat?
 - I do not know it.

224 The Attorney-General:
 We can identify it, I think.

225 6111. (The Solicitor-General.) This lifeboat that took you aboard - did it also take some men off the collapsible?
 - Yes.

226 6112. How many?
 - I could not tell you, Sir.

227 6113. You did not notice?
 - I climbed in and then she went alongside the collapsible afterwards, after I had got in, but I did not notice how many she took.

228 6114. Do you know an able seaman named Lucas?
 - No, Sir.

229 6115. Who has given some evidence here?
 - No.

230 6116. Can you tell me this. Did this lifeboat that took you aboard,
and also took some others aboard, keep you in it until you got to
the "Carpathia," or were any people transferred?
- All kept in it till we got to the "Carpathia."

231 6117. You do not know who was in command of the boat that
picked you up?
- Mr. Lightoller left the collapsible and then took charge of the
boat till we reached the "Carpathia."

232 6118. And you say the collapsible kept company with the
lifeboat, did it?
- I do not know what became of that afterwards, Sir. It was half
under water while we were on it. I do not know whether it
righted itself. I do not know what became of it at all.

233 6119. After you and some of the others were taken on board this
lifeboat, did that lifeboat rescue any other people that you know
of?
- No, Sir; it could not have done.

234 6120. It was too full?
- It was filled right up.

235 6121. There was just room for Lightoller to get on board and take
command?
- There was only room for Mr. Lightoller to stand on the forward
part. He had to stand on top and give orders.

236 6122. There was Mr. Lightoller and there was yourself. Do you
know whether it took others on board, and how many?
- It took a few more off the collapsible, but I did not recognise
them.

237 6123. And this boat into which you got, the boat Lightoller took
command of, what were the people who were in it - women, or
men or what?
- Mostly women. Bride was one that I recognised.

238 6124. The Marconi operator?
- The Marconi boy. He was one that was taken off the same
collapsible.

239 6125. He was on this collapsible, was he?
- Yes, Bride and Maynard. Those two I recognised.

240 6126. Maynard was the cook?
- Yes.

241 Examined by Mr. SCANLAN.

242 6127. Do you know whether any of the crew assigned to this
boat, No. 10, went with her?
- I do not know.

243 6128. You were captain of it?
- I was supposed to be the captain of it.

244 6129. Can you give any explanation of the fact that from the
evidence of yourself and most of the Witnesses it does not appear
that practically any of the men went with the boats to which they
were stationed?
- Of course I could not say about other boats, but I know I sung
out the names of all the victualling department connected with

the boat, and they were every man there.

245 6130. If there had been a boat drill or a boat muster, would it have helped the members of the crew to know their stations?

- They know their stations very well. They knew exactly what to do, because they had been drilled already on the "Olympic."

246 6131. They had not all been on the "Olympic," I take it?

- A great many of them - in fact most of them. It was practically a crew from the "Olympic."

247 6132. Was there any light in No. 10 when she went off?

- I did not see any.

248 6133. Was there any light in the boat you got on to?

- It was daylight.

249 6134. A crew of two sailors and one steward went with No. 10?

- That is all I saw.

250 6135. Is that all?

- That is all I saw.

251 6136. Was that sufficient for a big lifeboat?

- I do not know anything about lifeboats, Sir.

252 6137. But you were captain of one?

- I am not skilled in boats; I am put down as in charge; but, then, I would always give way to a man with nautical knowledge in the boat.

253 6138. How many men would you expect with you in a boat of which you would have charge?

- I should say about seven or eight.

254 6139. When this boat, No. 10, was being sent off, was there space in the boat to take in a proper crew?

- The space was there, but it was filled up with women and children.

255 6140. Do you know if all the four collapsible boats were sent off from the ship before she sank?

- I do not know, Sir.

256 Examined by Mr. ROCHE.

257 6141. You were nearly two hours or three hours in the water, so I understand, and you can help us about a matter that has aroused a good deal of interest. How much assistance did you get from your lifebelt? Did it support you without your treading water yourself?

- Yes.

258 6142. It did?

- Yes - splendid.

259 The Commissioner:

You cannot say.

260 Mr. Roche:

There have been a good many questions about it - whether that is so or not. That was with regard to a lifebuoy, it is true, but there have been many questions raised about this, and this gentleman is in a better position than practically anyone ever has been to give an opinion about it.

261 6143. (The Commissioner.) What is this lifebelt made of - is it

cork?
 - Cork.

262 6144. That you tie round you?
 - These were a new patent, better than the old ones. You slipped it over your head, and it was like a breastplate and a backplate, and you tied two straps.

263 The Attorney-General:
 One can be produced, no doubt.

264 6145. (Mr. Roche.) It is very important to get it cleared up. This is the idea of the new patent, that instead of keeping it down here they put them on the body?
 - Mine fitted here. (Showing.)

265 6146. Did your men know how to get them on?
 - Everybody knew, it was so simple.

266 6147. Did you show any of them?
 - There was no necessity to show.

267 6148. Did it in fact support you throughout without your treading water?
 - Oh, no, you had to assist it.

268 6149. (The Commissioner.) But you would not have sunk if you had not done anything?
 - No. It is only a case of keeping your head with one of those lifebelts.

269 6150. (Mr. Roche.) And simply treading water and paddling?
 - Just paddling and you keep afloat indefinitely, I should say.

270 6151. Now a few questions about two other matters. You mustered your own staff and got them up?
 - Yes.

271 6152. Did you do that of your own accord, or did you get directions to do so?
 - I did it of my own accord.

272 6153. You had no directions from anybody else?
 - There was a general order; I got no special directions.

273 6154. What was the general order; that is what I want to know?
 - All hands out - all hands out of your bunks. There were six of my men working.

274 6155. In this crowd of several hundreds that you told my Lord about, were you able to distinguish at all who they were, or what they were, whether they were all passengers or sailors or crew?
 - I could not make out.

275 6156. You could not make out who they were at all?
 - They were all mixed up.

276 Examined by Mr. HARBINSON.

277 6157. You have told us about the means of access from the third class quarters to the boat deck?
 - I said from the third class quarters into the second class, and from the second class there is a wide staircase up on to the second class deck.

278 6158. And ultimately to the boat deck?
 - Yes.

279 6159. It leads to the boat deck?
- Yes.

280 6160. And there is an elevator there also?
- Yes.

281 6161. As a matter of fact, once the dynamos are flooded, and the wires are wet, that would prevent the elevator working, would not it?
- I do not know anything about that.

282 The Solicitor-General:
There are the stairs.

283 Mr. Harbinson:
There are also, of course, the wide stairs.

284 The Commissioner:
The stairs that were indicated [there](#). (Pointing on the plan.)

285 6162. (Mr. Harbinson.) You said to my friend that this crew had served on the "Olympic." Do you seriously suggest that the crew was transferred from the "Olympic" to the "Titanic"?
- No.

286 6163. (The Commissioner.) He did not say that?
- I said a good many of them.

287 6164. You said a good many of them had been on the "Olympic"?
- A great many. Ten out of my 14 had all been on the "Olympic."

288 6165. (Mr. Harbinson.) That is only in the baking department?
- That is one department only; but I know the stewarding was practically the same.

289 6166. You do not suggest that the fact that some of the crew had been on the "Olympic" would dispense with the necessity of the boat drill that my friend has referred to, and having further instructions given them as regards their positions in the boat?
- No, that would not, but the previous experience on the "Olympic" would help them. That is what I mean to say.

290 6167. But it would not take the place of proper and adequate instructions?
- It would do, it certainly would.

291 6168. Would it?
- They would have the past experience to go on.

292 6169. Do you suggest that the fact of their having been previously on the "Olympic" would dispense with the necessity of the proprietors of the White Star Line giving proper instructions, and prescribing an adequate code for the members of the crew when they joined the "Titanic"?
- No, I would not suggest that.

293 Mr. Laing:
What do you call a code of regulations?

294 6170. (Mr. Harbinson.) As regards their proper positions in the boat, and what they should all do in case of emergency. (To the Witness.) I think you have described quite a number of passages that lead from the third class sleeping apartments to the second class apartments, and then up to the boat deck. There are quite a maze of passages, I believe, in this ship?

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- I only described one passage, and that is what we call, on the ship, Scotland Road, the wide alleyway that leads from two or three sections of the third class. It opens into an emergency door leading into the second class. It is a wide alleyway.
- 295 6171. At normal times is that emergency door kept closed?
- At normal times, yes. It is kept private.
- 296 6172. Would I be right in thinking that at normal times the third class passengers would have no right of access to this door at all?
- No, not in normal times.
- 297 6173. They would be forbidden to approach it?
- They could walk past it, but it is never open. It is a kind of slide.
- 298 6174. So that, unless on this particular occasion special instructions were given to them as to the route they should follow they would not know where to go, would they?
- They would not know unless they were given instructions.
- 299 6175. Did you hear any such instructions given?
- Yes.
- 300 6176. By whom?
- I saw the interpreter passing the people along that way, but there was a difficulty in getting them along because some of the foreign third class passengers were bringing their baggage and their children along.
- 301 6177. Who was the interpreter?
- I do not know his name.
- 302 6178. You do not know his name?
- No.
- 303 6179. Where was he standing?
- He was standing just abaft this emergency door leading into the third class.
- 304 6180. He was pointing or directing those who came to the door?
- Passing them along.
- 305 6181. That is at the door, but my point is this. Did you see or know of anyone going to the third class quarters and giving instructions there to the third class passengers?
- No, Sir, I did not. I am out of that altogether.
- 306 6182. As to the course they should follow in order to escape?
- I did not hear any orders.
- 307 6183. You did not hear any directions being given to these people to go to this door, when further instructions would be given to them?
- I only saw and heard the interpreter doing his business.
- 308 6184. At what time was that?
- That was when I was going down to my room after I had sent the first load of bread up, about a quarter-past twelve, or between a quarter and half-past twelve.
- 309 6185-6. Did you see any notice posted up or painted up in the neighbourhood of this emergency door giving instructions as to what third class passengers should do in case of danger?
- We are not allowed in the passengers' quarters.

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- 310 6187. (The Commissioner.) Have you ever been in this place in this ship before?
- I beg your pardon.
- 311 6188. Had you ever been along this Scotland Road alleyway?
- Yes.
- 312 6189. Before this voyage?
- I had been along it in Belfast while no passengers were on, but while passengers are on board the ship we are not allowed in their quarters.
- 313 6190. And you did not stop to look for any notices put up, if there were any?
- No.
- 314 6191. (Mr. Harbinson.) You know the "Olympic"?
- Yes.
- 315 6192. Are there any on the "Olympic," do you know?
- I do not know.
- 316 6193. You say at the time this passage seemed to be obstructed by third class passengers bringing their luggage?
- Yes.
- 317 6194. Would that lead to any confusion?
- It would.
- 318 6195. Did it, as a matter of fact?
- There did not seem to be much confusion, only it hampered the steward; it hampered the interpreter and the men who were helping him, because they could not prevail on the people to leave their luggage.
- 319 6196. What width is this staircase that has been referred to leading up to the boat deck from the second class department?
- That is within three yards of the emergency door.
- 320 6197. Is it a wide staircase?
- Yes, very wide. About six could go up abreast, I should say.
- 321 6198. I gather that unless some special instructions were given to these third class passengers in their cabins it would be impossible for them to know of any proper means of exit and escape?
- Just outside of this emergency door there are two wide staircases leading from the third class quarters right on to the poop deck.
- 322 6199. That is not to the boat deck?
- The well deck.
- 323 6200. How would they get from the well deck to the boat deck?
- That would be a difficulty, because they would have to get up two or three ladders, two or three staircases.
- 324 6201. They would have to go up two or three staircases. As a matter of fact, when you came across to the boat deck, did you see some of the people on this poop deck?
- Very few on the poop deck.
- 325 6202. Where were the people whom you saw?
- In the well deck.
- 326 6203. All in the well deck?
- Yes.

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- 327 6204. And they would get from the well deck to the boat deck?
- This was at the finish I saw the people. I never saw them in that quarter of the boat till the end.
- 328 6205. And you do not know?
- I saw third class passengers coming straggling through the kitchen, and they even had their baggage then.
- 329 6206. What part of the boat was the kitchen in?
- On D deck, that is just the deck above the emergency door we are speaking about.
- 330 6207. How would they get from D deck to the boat deck?
- Just a short staircase, which, under ordinary conditions is private for the crew, but I suppose they walked through it. One man had two bags slung over his shoulder and one in his hand, an Italian, or some nationality like that.
- 331 6208. When the boat gave this lurch that you have described to us you say a great many people were thrown into one bunch. Have you any idea of the class of passengers they were?
- I could not say.
- 332 Examined by Mr. EDWARDS.
- 333 6209. You said when you went down to the pantry that you saw some water there. Did I understand you rightly about that?
- When I went down to my quarters.
- 334 6210. Which deck is that on?
- E deck.
- 335 6211. What time was this?
- After 1 o'clock.
- 336 The Commissioner:
How long before the vessel went down?
- 337 6212. (The Solicitor-General.) You suggested he said that he saw some water. I thought he said he went to get a drink of water?
- I went to the pantry, I said, to get a, drink of water.
- 338 6213. (Mr. Clement Edwards.) I want to clear up the point about it - the water that he drank and the other that he saw. (To the Witness.) You went down to your quarters, you said?
- Yes.
- 339 6214. And you there saw some water?
- Yes.
- 340 6215. What time would that be?
- A decent bit after one.
- 341 6216. (The Commissioner.) What did you say?
- A decent bit after one.
- 342 6217. What water did you see, and where was it?
- There was not very much water. It would just cover my feet, that is all. The list of the ship sent it down against my settee in the room.
- 343 6218. Sent it down from where?
- I could not say where it came from.
- 344 6219. Was this place of yours on the port side of the ship?
- Port side, amidships.
- 345 6220. (Mr. Clement Edwards.) Would you see the direction from

- which this water was coming?
- I should say it came from forward.
- 346 6221. Was there much of it?
- No, not much; it just went over my ankles I should say.
- 347 6222. Two or three inches?
- That is all.
- 348 6223. Was it flowing at all rapidly?
- No.
- 349 6224. You have said that when you were down, I think in the pantry, or was it again when you were in your quarters, you heard a noise that you thought was the cracking, the breaking of the ship? What time would that be?
- A few minutes after I had been to my room, I should say - after half-past one.
- 350 6225. So that before you heard this noise like the breaking of the ship you had seen this water, on E deck in your quarters?
- Yes.
- 351 6226. Are there any bulkhead doors in the alleyway outside your room?
- One immediately outside.
- 352 6227. Is that forward or aft?
- Forward of my room.
- 353 6228. And the water was coming from forward?
- The water was coming from forward.
- 354 6229. So that if that bulkhead door had been closed it might possibly have kept the water out?
- The door was not closed, but just about that time I saw two men coming and they said they were going to close it, but I did not see it closed.
- 355 6230. Was it closed after they said that?
- I do not know; I walked upstairs.
- 356 6231. You went up on deck?
- Yes.
- 357 6232. Your boat you told us was No. 10, and you were in charge?
- That is the one I was sent to.
- 358 6233. You said that boat was a yard and a half from the ship's side. Was there any difficulty in getting the women into that boat?
- Yes. That was through the list to port. Under ordinary conditions there would be no difficulty.
- 359 6234. But the boat was slung away from the ship through the list?
- Yes.
- 360 6235. Did you assist to get some women into the boat?
- I assisted to get most of them.
- 361 6236. You said you went down to the next deck to bring or try to force women up. Will you tell us - did you do that?
- Yes.
- 362 6237. Who did you bring up?
- I brought up two children and the mother - and a mother and a

child, and other stewards were bringing up other women.
363 6238. What did you do with the children when you put them into
the boat?
- Handed them into the boat or dropped them in.
364 6239. Threw them in?
- Threw them in.
365 6240. And what did you do with the mother?
- We wanted to throw her in, and I think she preferred to try and
step in.
366 6241. What happened?
- She missed her footing.
367 6242. What happened then?
- This steward named Burke got hold of her foot and she swung
head downwards for a few minutes, but she was got into B deck.
Somebody caught her into B deck - no, A deck.
368 6243. Did you ever see her again?
- No.
369 6244. The children were saved?
- The children were saved.
370 6245. You said that you never went into your boat. Why did not
you go, seeing that you were in charge?
- I would have set a bad example if I had jumped into the boat.
None of the men felt inclined to get into the boat.
371 6246. You simply stood back to assist the women and children to
get in?
- We stood back till the Officers should give us the word, and we
never got it, so that we never jumped for the boat.
372 6247. When you found your boat had gone you said you went
down below. What did you do when you went down below?
- I went to my room for a drink.
373 6248. Drink of what?
- Spirits.
374 The Commissioner:
Does it very much matter what it was?
375 Mr. Cotter:
Yes, my Lord, this is very important, because I am going to
prove, or rather my suggestion is, that he then saved his life. I
think his getting a drink had a lot to do with saving his life.
376 The Commissioner:
He told you he had one glass of liqueur.
377 6249. (Mr. Cotter.) Yes. (To the Witness.) What kind of a glass
was it?
- It was a tumbler half-full.
378 6250. A tumbler half-full of liqueur?
- Yes.
379 6251. When you were on the poop did you see anybody
attempting to come up on to the poop after you - following you
up?
- It was an impossibility for them to get on to the poop.
380 6252. Are there no ladders going on to the poop?

- But the ship was like that. (Showing.) The ladders would be astern. The people were all on the port side in one bunch. There was nobody on the starboard side; in fact you could not see.

381 6253. It has been stated that she turned practically perpendicular. I want to ask your opinion about that, because I think it is very important. Did you see the propellers come out of the water at all?

- She was not far out of the water at any stage that I saw.

382 6254. So that to say that she stood up like that - (Showing.) - would be wrong?

- It would be absolutely wrong.

383 6255. She simply glided away?

- She went down that fashion (Showing.) It was a glide. There was no great shock, or anything.

384 6256-66. She simply glided away?

- She simply glided away. [TIP Note: Numbers 6256-66 were all given to this one question in the original transcript.]

385 6267. When you got into the water and had swum to the collapsible boat you were pushed off, you say?

- Yes.

386 6268. Who pushed you off?

- I do not know.

387 6269. Did you say anything when you were pushed off?

- No.

388 6270. You made no statement to anyone?

- No.

389 6271. What condition were you in when you got to the "Carpathia"?

- I was all right barring my feet, they were swelled.

390 6272. Were you able to walk up the ladder?

- No.

391 6273. How did you get up?

- On my knees.

392 (After a short Adjournment.)

393 Examined by Mr. LAING.

394 Mr. Laing:
May I mention a matter to your Lordship. The White Star Line will gladly welcome any gentleman who is appearing here in Court on behalf of those to whom your Lordship has allowed representation, to visit the "Olympic" on Monday at twelve o'clock, if they can conveniently be there at that time.

395 The Commissioner:
The gentlemen do not appear to be all here at present, but I will mention it in a quarter of an hour or so, when I see them here.

396 Mr. Laing:
We desire to extend a welcome to those gentlemen who are appearing here in Court on behalf of the representation your Lordship has allowed.

397 The Commissioner:
Yes, I understand.

398 6274. (Mr. Laing - To the Witness.) With regard to questions which have already been asked you about your boat No. 10, you, as I understand, were captain of that boat and had a crew of some seven hands allotted to No. 10?
 - That was only out of the kitchen department.

399 6275. Seven of your department were allotted?
 - That is seven out of the kitchen and the bakery and butchers' department. That does not constitute the crew.

400 6276. You were the captain and there were seven of your department allotted to that boat?
 - Seven out of three departments, that is the cooking, baking, and butchering departments.

401 6277. When you got up on the boat deck you were there, and were your seven people there too?
 - Yes.

402 6278. And was Mr. Wilde the Chief Officer, there?
 - Yes.

403 6279. And was Mr. Wilde having this boat filled with women and children?
 - Yes, those were his orders.

404 6280. Were his orders being carried out?
 - Yes.

405 6281. Was the sea, as you have described it, like a pond?
 - Yes.

406 6282. And when this boat was full, or nearly full, did Mr. Wilde pick out the men to go in her to look after her?
 - Yes, he said "I want oarsmen."

407 6283. How many did he want?
 - He picked out two sailors and a steward.

408 6284. Three of them went with the boat?
 - As far as I know. I did not see any more.

409 6285. Had you heard that help was given or was expected?
 - We all knew - at least the word was passed round - that there were four or five ships rushing to us. The word was passed round, but there was nothing official.

410 6286. But you knew pretty well that help was expected and was coming?
 - Yes.

411 6287. And with the sea as it was, do you think three men were enough to keep this boat afloat?
 - I did under the circumstances, because there was no necessity for rowing. They were only there to calm the women, I thought.

412 6288. Calm the women and keep the boat floating until help arrived?
 - Yes.

413 6289. Was that the idea, do you think which Mr. Wilde was carrying out?
 - I do not know what he thought.

414 6290. Then there is another matter I want to ask you about. As to water, you say, as I understand, you only saw water on the

alleyway?

- I did not see it in the alleyway; I saw it in my room. My room is in what we call the skin of the ship, and the water was on the lower port side, just enough to cover my feet, that was all.

415 6291. (The Commissioner.) Your room is against the skin of the ship?

- Yes.

416 6292. On the port side?

- Yes.

417 6293. And the water that you are talking about was on the port side of your room?

- Yes, the extreme port side.

418 6294. Did the water extend over the whole of the floor of your room?

- Oh, yes, but the bulk of it was on the port side.

419 6295. You have said it was deep enough to come to your ankles; Where was it deep enough to come to your ankles?

- On the port side.

420 6296. On the side which was nearest amidships, what water was there there?

- I could not say, but I suppose a fraction less, that is all.

421 6297. (Mr. Laing.) Was there enough to wet your feet, and that sort of thing?

- Yes, that is all.

422 6298. You have told us that you saw some men coming along to close the watertight doors on the alleyway?

- Yes.

423 6299. Do you know who the men were?

- No.

424 6300. Was it the last time that you were in the alleyway that you saw them coming?

- Yes.

425 6301. And were they closing these doors?

- They were setting about it.

426 6302. (The Commissioner.) With spanners?

- Yes, one large spanner. The spanner is alongside the door in a click ready for use.

427 6303. (Mr. Laing.) The spanner is kept there so that anybody can use it?

- Yes.

428 6304. That was the last time you were down the alleyway?

- The last time I was on E deck.

429 Re-examined by the SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

430 The Solicitor-General:

I think, in view of this last bit of evidence about the water, it is worthwhile finding out where this Witness's room is.

431 The Commissioner:

Exactly.

432 6305. (The Solicitor-General - To the Witness.) Your room is on E deck, I understand?

- On E deck, amidships.

433 The Solicitor-General:
Has your Lordship got the plan we have called No. 3?

434 The Commissioner:
I have got the plan of E deck.

435 The Witness:
To save confusion, I was occupying, and have occupied on the
"Olympic" and the "Teutonic," the confectioner's room because it
is a better room.

436 6306. (The Solicitor-General.) That is a little bit further aft?
- Yes.

437 6307. There is a room which is marked on my plan,
"Confectioner and Second Baker"
- That is right, that is the room I occupied.

438 The Solicitor-General:
Does your Lordship see "Confectioner and Second Baker"?

439 The Commissioner:
I do.

440 The Solicitor-General:
That is his room.

441 6308. (The Commissioner - To the Witness.) Was the room that
you occupied abaft of the bulkhead?
- Yes.

442 6309. Just abaft of it?
- Immediately abaft the bulkhead.

443 6310. (The Solicitor-General.) Has your room got a porthole?
- Yes, one.

444 6311. The portholes on E deck are not the bottom row, but the
bottom row but one, I think. Mr. Wilding tells me that is so.
Because F deck has also got portholes. That was, or had been, a
calm evening, I think?
- Yes.

445 6312. Though it was cold, do you know whether your porthole
was open or not?
- It was closed.

446 6313. On E deck are the portholes in practice opened from time
to time?
- Very, very often we keep them open the whole of the passage.

447 6314. You say yours was closed, in fact?
- Yes, on account of the weather, it being a wee bit cold, I
suppose.

448 6315. So far as you know, though, of course, you could only
speak of what you heard or saw, was there any order given after
the accident about closing the porthole?
- I never heard any order.

449 6316. I suppose when this ship is riding on an even keel the
water would be some distance below your porthole?
- Yes, a considerable distance.

450 6317. And, of course, below the portholes on the deck below?
- Yes.

451 The Commissioner:
Does this model which I see here indicate the waterline on this particular voyage?

452 The Solicitor-General:
Yes, my Lord, I think it does, by the dotted line.

453 The Commissioner:
Is it the top of the pink?

454 The Solicitor-General:
I am told by Mr. Wilding it is a little lower than the top of the pink.

455 Mr. Laing:
It is just a little below the pink.

456 The Commissioner:
Is it marked on this model? If it is I cannot see it.

457 Mr. Laing:
No, my Lord, it is not.

458 The Solicitor-General:
I understood it was.

459 Mr. Laing:
But we could have it put on if it is any convenience.

460 The Commissioner:
It might be some convenience if you would have the waterline marked on this model.

461 Mr. Laing:
We will put it on with a little strip of paper.

462 The Solicitor-General:
Where one does see it, is on the upper of the two plans on this side of the room. There is the waterline indicated.

463 The Commissioner:
There I see it - those two blue lines, one on the right and the other on the left, you mean?

464 6318. (The Solicitor-General.) Yes. (To the Witness.) Do you see the plan there?
- Yes.

465 6319. E deck would not be the line immediately above that, but the line above that again?
- Oh, no - I could tell you from the model here, but I cannot tell you from that.

466 The Commissioner:
I am afraid I threw you out of your line of question.

467 6320. (The Solicitor-General.) It was only to see where we were, my Lord. (To the Witness.) Now, with regard to this water, did you think that the water was sea water, or did you suppose that owing to the ship having a list, water had poured from somewhere inside the ship?
- My idea was she had shipped some water forward, or a quantity of ice that had melted and had run down; but I did not give it a second thought, because it was not serious.

468 6321. Was there anywhere else on E deck that you saw any indication of water at all?

- No.

469 6322. (The Commissioner.) I should like to ask a question about it. Did the water come under the door of your cabin?

- The door was open.

470 6323. Then it was flowing from the passage; it must have come in from the passage outside?

- It must have come in, yes. There is a scupper just at the outside.

471 6324. That passage outside is what you call an alleyway, is it not?

- Yes.

472 6325. Is that what you call Scotland Road alleyway?

- Yes.

473 6326. That was a fairly wide passage?

- Eight or nine feet, I think, I am not sure.

474 6327. Was there water on the floor of that passage?

- Very little.

475 6328. As the ship listed over to port the water flowed down into your cabin and left the alleyway from which it came fairly dry?

- Yes.

476 6329. Did you see or believe that more water was coming in while you were standing there?

- I could not see any coming; I did not know where it came from at all.

477 6330. Had your cabin a coaming?

- A very small one; less than two inches.

478 6331. Two or three inches?

- That is all, a wooden coaming like a doorstep.

479 6332. (The Solicitor-General.) After you had been in your room and seen this water there, you came out again in the alleyway, I understand, did you not?

- No, I went up the middle staircase, what we call the crew's staircase.

480 6333. Did you return to that same deck at all, or was it your last visit?

- That was my last visit.

481 6334. And you told me you did not see water on that deck anywhere else?

- Nowhere else.

482 6335. The only other thing is this. You say you saw men coming to close watertight doors; that is to say, those doors do not shut automatically?

- That is right.

483 6336. Was that on E deck?

- Yes, immediately outside my room.

484 6337. Watertight doors?

- Yes.

485 6338. On E deck?

- Yes.

486 6339. Was one aft of your room?

- Immediately forward.

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..Reluctant to go boat

- 487 6340. Immediately forward of your room?
- Yes.
- 488 6341. Then was it that watertight door, which you see on the plan
is in the alleyway, which is in front of your room?
- I am not sure, but I think it is No. 23 door.
- 489 6342. I do not know their numbers, but was it the one just
forward of your room?
- Yes, in the alleyway.
- 490 6343. And you actually saw them doing that?
- Yes, they were working on it.
- 491 6344. You are quite right; it is No. 23 door?
- We used to call it the skidoo door, on account of the number.
That is how I remember the number.
- 492 6345. (The Commissioner.) I do not understand that?
- It is an American joke.
- 493 6346. Will you explain it?
- I could not explain it, my Lord.
- 494 6347. (The Solicitor-General.) At any rate it connects No. 23
with something about skidoo?
- Yes.
- 495 6348. Did the men working at No. 23 door tell you they had got
orders about it?
- No, I did not speak to them.
- 496 6349. You do not know whether they were closing or had closed
any other watertight doors?
- No, I do not know.
- 497 6350. You spoke of seeing an interpreter in the third class part of
the ship trying to get the third class people to come along and go
up to the deck?
- Yes.
- 498 6351. Did I catch you rightly to say the interpreter was doing it
and men were helping him?
- I could see two or three stewards.
- 499 6352. You could?
- Yes.
- 500 6353. Third class stewards?
- I suppose they were, I am not quite sure.
- 501 6354. Trying to persuade the people?
- Yes.
- 502 6355. And where was it these people that you saw were standing?
- In the alleyway, just abaft the emergency door leading into the
second class.
- 503 6356. That is also on E deck?
- Yes.
- 504 6357. Are the third class cabins which are abaft of that also on
the E deck?
- There are some on E deck, and there are some on F deck below
that.
- 505 6358. (Mr. Clement Edwards.) There is a question which I did
not examine into, but which has arisen, if, your Lordship will

permit me. (To the Witness.) When you saw this water in your compartment did it lead you to any conclusion as to the special danger in which you thought the ship was?

- No, not anything special. If it had been higher I should have thought something about it, but under the circumstances I thought it might have been a pipe burst, because there was a pipe burst on the "Olympic" from the engineers' quarters and we got the same water. It might have been the same thing.

506 The Commissioner:
I think all the representatives of the different classes are here now, and I want to say that Mr. Laing, at the sitting of the Court this afternoon, mentioned that the White Star Company would place the "Olympic" on Monday at the disposal of the gentlemen who are here representing the different classes, so that if they choose to go and see her at 12 o'clock on that day they will be able to go over the steamer.

507 Mr. Edwards:
May I say, my Lord, on behalf of my friends, we appreciate this, but it would considerably help us, and in the end I think might help the Court, if passes were also provided for experts to accompany the counsel and representatives who are engaged in this case, not in the sense of experts who may be called as Witnesses, but rather as experts who with their special knowledge may fortify the counsel on matters of technical importance.

508 The Commissioner:
What do you say to that, Mr. Laing?

509 Mr. Laing:
My clients do not think that is a reasonable request to make. Their invitation is to the gentlemen who are representing the parties, like ourselves.

510 The Commissioner:
I think you ust be satisfied with the ordinary order, which is to the gentlemen who represent the interests. I think that is sufficient.

511 6359. (The Solicitor-General - To the Witness.) There is one other thing. You may be able to tell us about the electric light in the afterpart of the ship. You have described how you heard the breaking of the metal, the rending of metal, followed by this rush of people to the poop. At the time when you heard the rending of metal, were the electric lights burning in the part of the ship you saw?

- The electric lights were burning right to the very last. I saw the time by my watch at a quarter-past two.

512 6360. You looked at your watch?

- Yes.

513 6361. You were carrying it?

- Yes, I had it in this pocket. I was transferring it from this pocket to my stern pocket.

514 6362. And you looked at it as you did it?

- Yes.
515 6363. Were you holding on to the rail at the time?
- No, I was getting towards the rail. It was a quarter-past two
then.
516 6364. And the electric light was burning then?
- Yes.
517 6365. So that there was never a time when you were on that ship
when there was not electric light where you were?
- Right to the very finish that I saw.
518 6366. (The Commissioner.) Your opinion is it was burning until
the afterpart of the ship went down. Do you mean that?
- Yes, I saw it.
519 (The Witness withdrew.)