

- A.—Yes.
- Q.—How long was that before she touched the first time?
- A.—I should say about a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes.
- Q.—Did you answer that signal?
- A.—Yes.
- Q.—Did they take it down after you answered it?
- A.—No, not immediately.
- Q.—Was the ship's head going off as long as the signal was kept up?
- A.—Yes.
- Q.—Was the helm righted before the signal was taken down or after?
- A.—As soon as it was reported the signal was dropped.
- Q.—How did you answer those signals?
- A.—By hauling down the ensign and hoisting it again.
- Q.—Do you know if the Commodore, or the Commander, or the Master were sufficiently acquainted with those signals to know what was indicated before you reported it?
- A.—No, he looked at the book every time it was reported.
- Q.—Who looked at the book?
- A.—The Master.
- Q.—Had he a book in his hand?
- A.—Yes.
- Q.—Independent of yours?
- A.—I had none.
- Q.—What interval elapsed between the signal being made "Steer more to Port" and the order being given to Starboard the helm?
- A.—It could not be scarcely a minute.
- Q.—Did she answer her helm quickly or strongly?
- A.—Quickly.
- Q.—Was there any other signal made after that of "Steer more to Port?"
- A.—Yes, one.
- Q.—What was it?
- A.—Both arms of the Semaphore raised.
- Q.—What did that indicate?
- A.—Dangerous,—stand off.
- Q.—How long was that before the ship struck.
- A.—It could not have been two minutes. We did not have time to answer the signal.
- Q.—Was any order given in consequence of that signal.
- A.—Yes. Take the Starboard Topmast Studding Sail and Top-Gallant Sails and Royals in.
- Q.—Was that the first time the ship struck or the second?
- A.—The first.
- Q.—What interval had elapsed?
- A.—It could not have been above two or three minutes.
- Q.—Were all the orders attended to and all the duties performed without hesitation or confusion after the ship struck?
- A.—The same as at other times.
- Q.—When the signal was made to take the bar was any flag hoisted?
- A.—No.
- Q.—Is there a yard besides the Semaphore?
- A.—Yes, on the same signal staff.
- Q.—What is the signal to keep at sea?
- A.—Both arms of the Semaphore raised.
- Q.—Were you on the Bridge when the ship struck?
- A.—No.
- Q.—Where were you?
- A.—Aft. Going to haul down the ensign to answer the signal.
- Q.—Did you after the ship struck observe the Ninepin Rock?
- A.—Yes.
- Q.—State what its position was with respect to the Pilot Station.
- A.—A little open.
- Q.—How much open, taking the breadth of the rock?
- A.—I can't say the distance, it was open and that's all.
- Q.—Was the Ninepin Rock to the right or left of the Pilot Station?
- A.—From us to the right.
- Q.—Do you think there could have been any delay from the time of the signals being hoisted dangerous—"stand off," and its being seen on board the "Orpheus?"
- A.—No.
- Q.—What soundings did you hear called the last time the ship struck?
- A.—I can't say. I did not take notice.
- Q.—How long was it after the ship struck before you hoisted the Ensign Union down?
- A.—It might have been ten minutes or a quarter of an hour.
- Q.—Where was it hoisted.
- A.—At the Peak.