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CONFLICTING STORIES TOLD (Continued from Page 1) not the right disappear?" asked Sir Adolph.

The calling of Captain Anderson next found the object of a bombardment of the witness. Mr. Tuftens said that directly Captain Anderson came on the bridge from below the Empress came out of the fog.

Witness contended that he could not see that when the fog came down there was any danger that was why he did not at once call his master. He still thought his judgment was right.

"I should have done so if the captain had not," claimed Mr. Tuftens. Witness, in reply to queries, said he thought the Stordast penetrated the Empress about twelve feet.

"What caused it to go so far in?" asked Mr. Aspinall. "The speed of the Empress," said witness.

Mr. Aspinall referred to witness' claim that an Empress crew had refused to return to the wreck. Witness said he did not know them at all and would not say they acted cowardly.

used this way. He had thirty of his own available for rescue work. To Mr. Haight, witness said with the boats as they were when they saw each other first, he did not think there was any danger, if he did go a little to starboard, and he interpreted the rules of the sea to give him sufficient way to keep a good steering.

The witness repeated emphatically that he had only started his engines in the fog in order to give his ship steerage-way. He said that his course was decided by the fact that there was no other steamer in the river, but the Empress at the time to complicate matters. He said that he hardly felt the impact when it came and disagreed with Captain Kendall, who suggested that the Stordast rebounded after the collision.

Captain Andersen, master of the Stordast, said he had been in command of her for three years. He went below at 11 o'clock and was roused at three by the chief officer telling him it was getting hazy and that the Father Point light was just being shut out. He went right up and looked into the compass. It showed the ship was heading west by south. He did not look at the telegraph to see the speed the ship was going.

"What was the force of the blow?" "I hardly felt it." "Did you lose your balance?" "Not at all." "Had the impact altered your course?" "It had turned the bow to starboard."

"I stopped my engine just as soon as the ship emerged to examine my injuries. My next order was slow ahead and port the helm, as I wanted to get near shore and beach the ship in case we sank. The stop of the engines was only for a minute. The quicker way to shore was under the port wheel. I heard a hail from the Empress. Some one was shouting 'Don't go to starboard. The ships were very close then. The Empress how had begun to cross our bow.'"

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