

554. Can you say where they could be hung?—I do not know.
555. You see, when you make a formal complaint you should say what should be done to remedy it?—They could not be hung out.
556. Were the blankets dirty when handed out to you?—They were dirty.
557. Were they flopping about on the floor or were they folded up?—They were folded up.
558. Were they dark with the dirt, or what was it?—When you slept in them that night you could smell them.
559. What smell was it?—It was mouldy.
560. And was your hammock dirty?—Yes.
561. Somebody had used it, and it had not been washed when given to you?—Yes.
562. What signs were there to show that the blankets were not clean?—To look at them.
563. How do you mean?—If a blanket was clean it would be nice and white.
564. Did you complain about this to anybody?—I did not complain to anybody.
565. Then, you think there was no officer on the ship who was responsible for handing you dirty blankets?—No, sir.
566. Did they refuse to give you clean blankets when you asked for them?—No, sir.
567. How many days did the voyage last?—Twenty-six.
568. Had you bad fish on many of the days?—Once, until I was in the hospital, and did not know anything about the rest.
569. What was the matter with the fish?—It was upon the deck for three days, and when it was cooked you could smell it.
570. Was it putrid?—Yes.
571. Were you obliged to eat it?—No, sir.
572. Did you make a complaint about it?—Yes.
573. What happened then?—We got bully beef.
574. Then, you did not go empty on that occasion?—No.
575. You got a good square meal?—Yes.
576. How long were you in the hospital?—About five days.
577. During what part of the voyage?—Before we got to Albany.
578. What was the matter with you?—I do not know.
579. How were you treated in the hospital?—I was well treated.
580. Comfortable?—Yes.
581. Plenty to eat?—I got plenty of milk and soda.
582. Was that the proper diet?—Yes.
583. You say the water was closed off half an hour after you got there?—Yes, during most of the voyage.
584. At what time did you get up?—The reveille was sounded about a quarter to 7, and I got up a quarter of an hour afterwards.
585. You are sure that the water was turned off in half an hour?—I think, about that.
586. If others have stated that it was turned on for two hours, would you be wrong or would they be wrong?—It could not be said it was turned on for two hours.
587. When you got up at 7 o'clock was it turned off then?—In half an hour.
588. You got up a quarter of an hour after reveille sounded?—Yes.
589. You think the water was turned off, at any rate, three-quarters of an hour after reveille went?—Yes; far too soon for the number of men.
590. And you were too late to get a wash?—We always had to bustle in.
591. But you say that long before 8 o'clock the water was shut off?—Yes.
592. And if there is evidence from a number of people that it was running till 8 o'clock or past 8 o'clock, that evidence is wrong?—It is wrong.
593. You are sure it was not running long after 7 o'clock?—No, it was not.
594. How many hammocks was there room for over a table?—Nine or ten.
595. When you got past the end of the table, what about the centre of the ship?—I could not say.
596. Were there hammocks between the tables on both sides?—Yes.
597. How many was there room for there?—About four more hammocks between the two tables.
598. How far were the tables apart?—I do not know.
599. Do you know the width of this room, or the length of the room—I mean the room in which we are now sitting?—I do not know.
600. You surely have some sort of an idea: was that centre place the length of this room or the width of it?—I do not think it was the length of this room.
601. Was it the width of the room?—I think, a little bit more.
602. Would it be 20 ft., or less, or more?—I do not know.
603. Supposing it to be 20 ft., would there be room to hang four hammocks there?—No, not across.
604. But lengthwise?—We did not hang them that way.
605. Why?—There were no hooks.
606. Only about four hammocks could be hung in that part of the ship?—Yes.
607. Did the men complain that there was not sufficient sugar with the tea and coffee?—Yes, at our table.
608. Did you buy food?—Yes.
609. How often?—Every night.
610. Did you make a contract?—Yes.
611. There was a good deal of buying food?—Yes; we had to do it.