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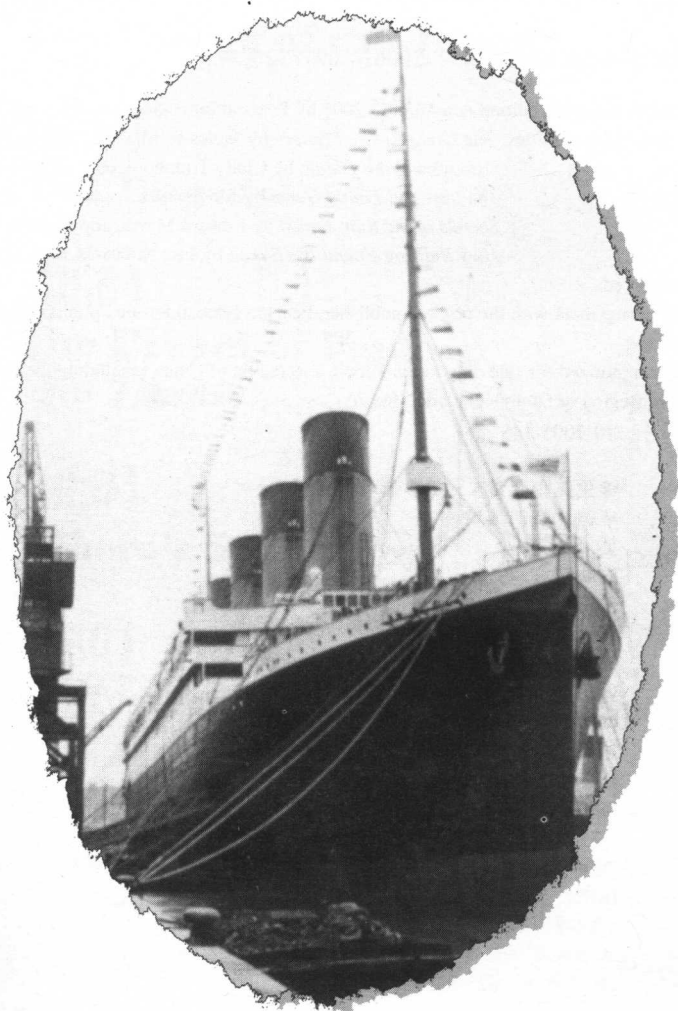
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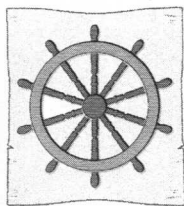
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For Dale, Mary-Kate, and Brianna,  
my *Titanic* experts.



## Chapter 1

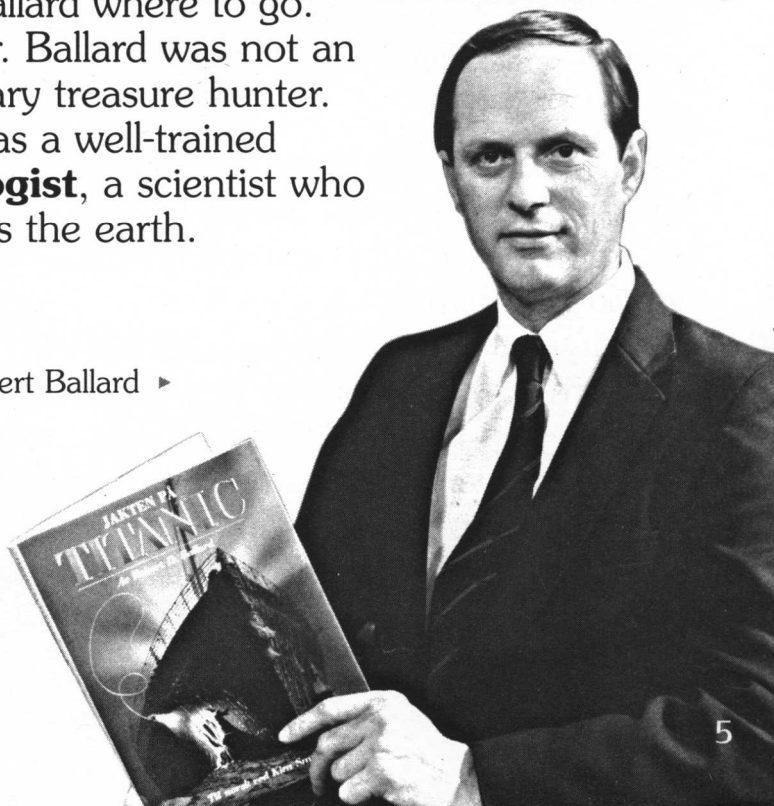
# Treasure Hunt

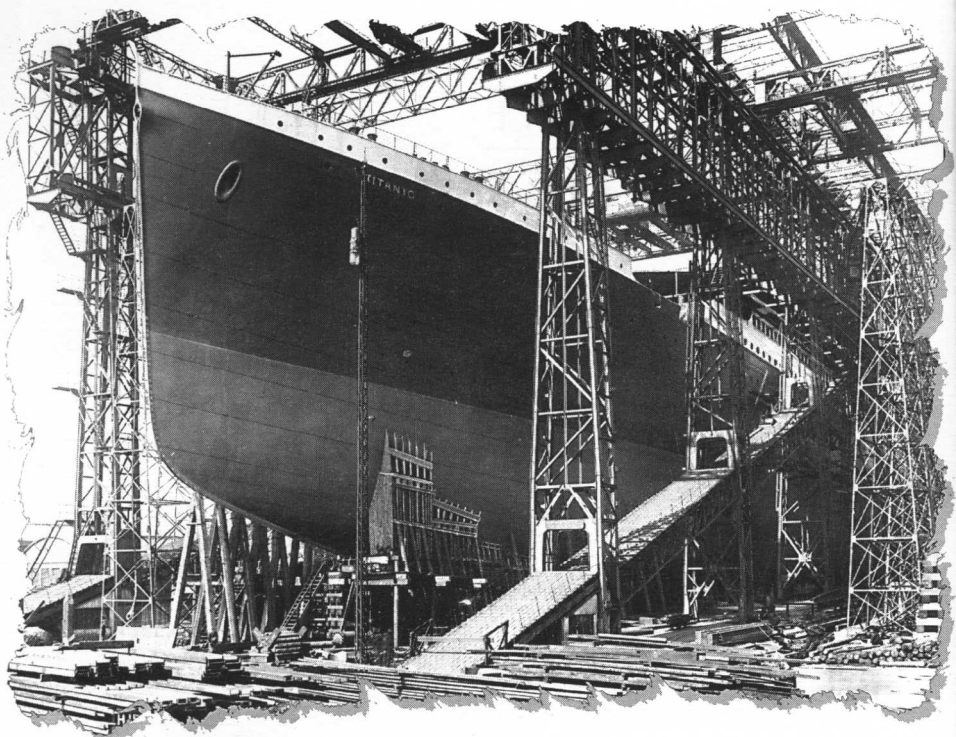
In August 1985, a ship called the *Knorr* **set out** to discover hidden treasure. **On board** was a man who was a scientist and a dreamer. His name was Dr. Robert Ballard.

Other people had tried and failed to find the treasure. It lay on the ocean floor,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles under the water. There is no light that far down. There would be nothing to show Dr. Ballard where to go.

Dr. Ballard was not an ordinary treasure hunter. He was a well-trained **geologist**, a scientist who studies the earth.

Dr. Robert Ballard ►





▲ Building the *Titanic*

Dr. Ballard had dreamed of making this trip since 1973. He spent 12 years getting together the money, the ship, and the machines that would help him in his search.

He also was not looking for ordinary treasure. His goal was to find the *Titanic*, a famous ship that had sunk 73 years before.

There were many stories and many mysteries about the sinking of the *Titanic*. Many years later, people were still **fascinated** by it.

fascinated

A. influenced

B. extremely interested

C. moved

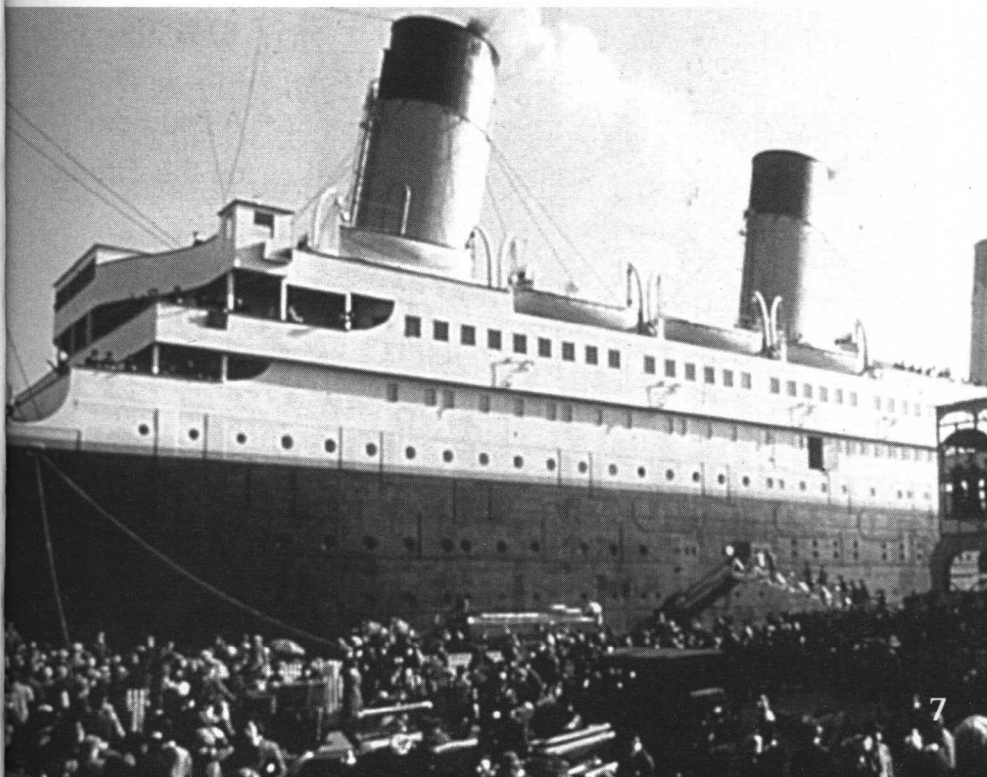




When the *Titanic* **set sail** on April 10, 1912, it was the largest passenger ship ever built. It was named for the Titans, huge **make-believe** people who were once said to rule the earth.

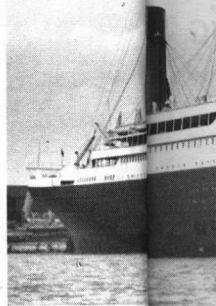
*Titanic* was a good name for this ship. It was the largest **movable** object ever made—nearly 900 feet long and as tall as an 11-story building. The ship was longer than the Washington Monument is high. The steam from its 29 boilers rose from three huge funnels along the top. A fourth funnel was just for appearance.

▼ The ship about to sail in the movie *Titanic*





Inside, the *Titanic* was like a floating palace. It had its own Grand Staircase as well as a **gym, elevators,** and a swimming pool. There were two barber shops and a restaurant with 49 tables. Also on board were some very valuable things. One was a rare book covered with jewels. Another was an expensive car.



▼ The *Titanic*'s gymnasium



gym

A. theater

B. cafeteria

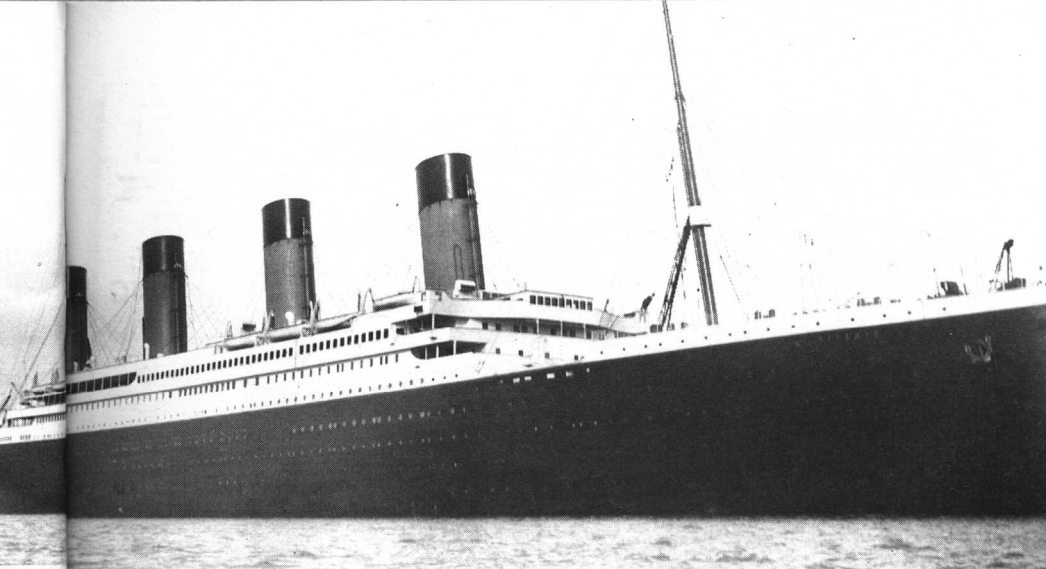
C. a room for physical exercise

▼ A bedroom on the *Titanic*



Key: C





▲ The *Titanic* ready to sail

This was the *Titanic*'s first **voyage**. It was set to sail from Southampton, England, to New York City in the United States. Traveling on the ship were 2,224 people. Some of them were the richest and most famous women and men in England and America.

The great ship was said to be **unsinkable**. Yet late on April 14, 1912, the *Titanic* hit an **iceberg** and began filling with water. About three hours later, it sank. Because there were not enough **lifeboats** to save everyone, 1,513 people lost their lives.



"All the News That's  
Fit to Print."

# The New York Times.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Fair, with  
light rain, about 40 to 50.  
Wind: West, 10 to 15.  
Bar: 30.10.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1912—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES.

ONE CENT

## TITANIC SINKS FOUR HOURS AFTER HITTING ICEBERG; 866 RESCUED BY CARPATHIA, PROBABLY 1250 PERISH; ISMAY SAFE, MRS. ASTOR MAYBE, NOTED NAMES MISSING

Col. Astor and Bride,  
Isidor Straus and Wife,  
and Maj. Butt Aboard.

### "RULE OF SEA" FOLLOWED

Women and Children Put Over-  
board Lifeboats and Are Supposed  
to be Safe on Carpathia.

### PICKED UP AFTER 8 HOURS

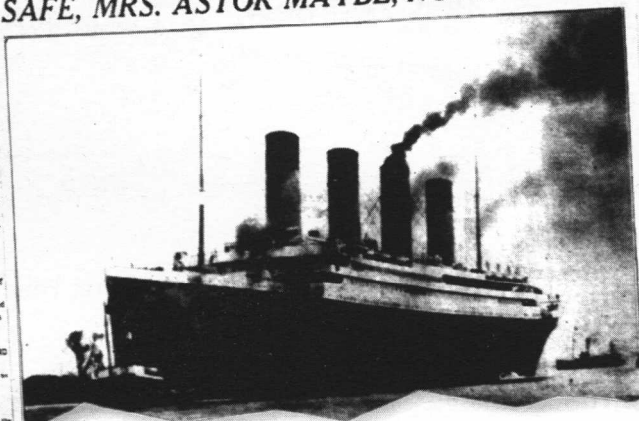
Vincent Astor Calls at White Star  
Office for News of His Father  
and Leaves Weeping.

### FRANKLIN HOPEFUL ALL DAY

Manager of the Line Insisted  
Titanic Was Undeniable Even  
After She Had Gone Down.

### HEAD OF THE LINE ABOARD

A. Bruce Ismay Reaching First Trip to  
Sigsbee Ship That Was to  
Rescue All Aboard.



Biggest Liner Plunges  
to the Bottom  
at 2:20 A. M.

### RESCUERS THERE TOO LATE

Except to Pick up the Few Multi-  
stressed Who Took to the  
Lifeboats.

### WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST

Commander Carpathia Rushing to  
New York with the  
Survivors.

### SEA SEARCH FOR OTHERS

The California Strands By on  
Chance of Picking up Other  
Boats or Rafts.

### OLYMPIC SENDS THE NEWS

Only Ship to Reach Within Week  
sage to Bring Other the  
Shore.

▲ Front page headlines

Many things were known about what happened to the *Titanic*, but there were still mysteries about the way the ship sank. Where was it, exactly, when it went down? Did the *Titanic* break in two as it sank, as some **survivors** had said? Was it lying in one piece at the bottom of the ocean? Was it possible to find any of the treasures that were on board? Were there any bodies still lying on the ocean floor?

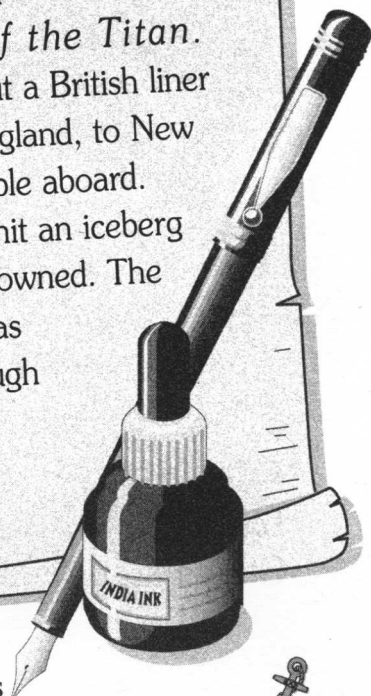
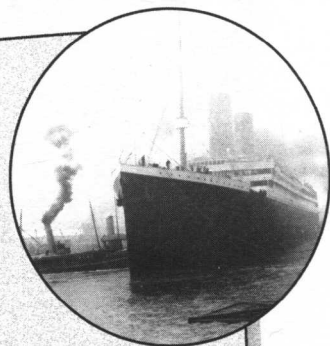


Dr. Ballard was **determined** to find the answers to some of these questions. The sinking of the *Titanic* was one of the great **tragedies** of this century. The story of how the lost *Titanic* was found tells about one of the great discoveries of the century.

## Legends of the *Titanic*

A novel written in 1898 predicted the fate of the *Titanic*. The book was called *Futility, or The Wreck of the Titan*. The author wrote a story about a British liner sailing from Southampton, England, to New York in April with 2,000 people aboard.

In the book, the *Titan* hit an iceberg and sank. Nearly everyone drowned. The reason for so many deaths was because there were not enough lifeboats.



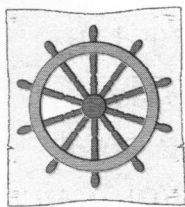
tragedies

A. sad stories

B. happy stories

C. interesting stories

Key: A



## Chapter 2

# The Voyage of the *Titanic*



◀ John Jacob Astor walking with his wife, Madeleine, and their dog, Kitty

The *Titanic*'s passengers came from **all walks of life**. John Jacob Astor was the wealthiest man

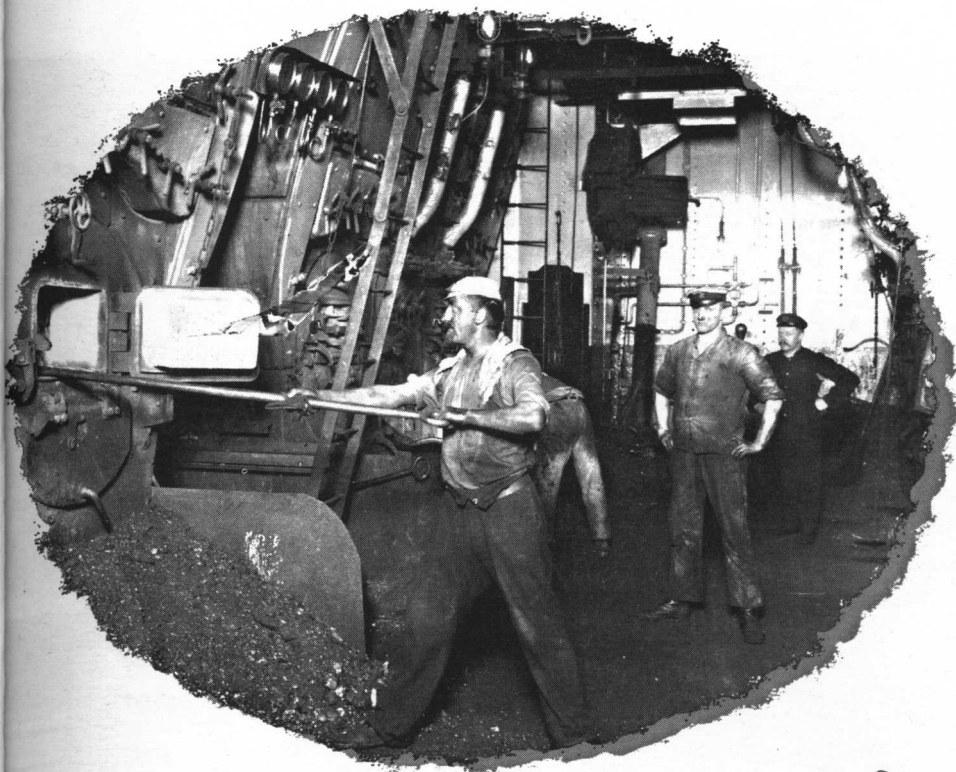
on board. A multi-millionaire, he was traveling with his wife and their dog.

Another wealthy passenger was Isidor Straus. He owned Macy's, the biggest **department store** in the world. He and his wife, Ida, were returning to the United States after a vacation.



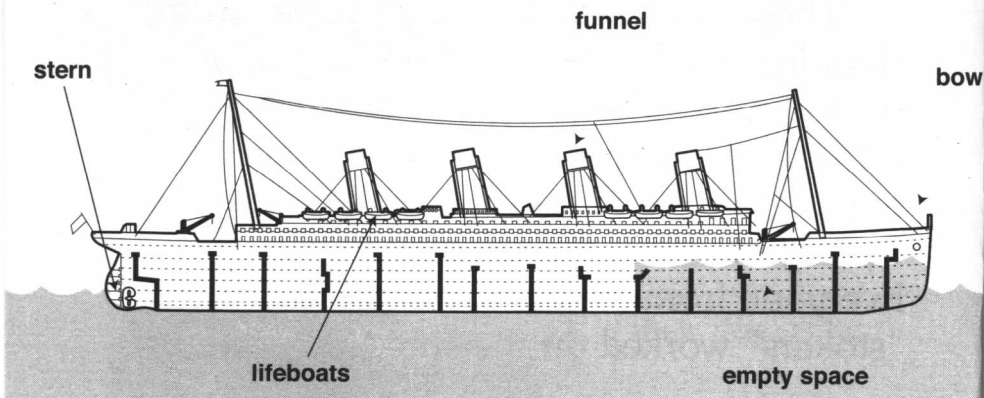
There were also ordinary people on the ship, like the teachers and bankers in second class. The people in third class were mostly **immigrants**. They were hoping to make a new life in America. Then there were the **crew** members. Everyone from maids, to bakers, to “stokers” worked on the ship.

- ▼ Stokers like these people worked in the ship’s boiler rooms shoveling coal.





## Diagram of the *Titanic*



- ▲ Side view of the *Titanic* showing 16 empty spaces that were supposedly watertight

People could not imagine any accident that could sink the *Titanic*. It had 16 empty spaces in its bottom. Each space was said to be **watertight**. If one filled with water, its doors would close, **trapping** the water. The ship was made so that it would float if any two of those spaces were full of water. In fact, it would float even if the first four spaces were flooded. No one thought that could happen.

trapping

- A. preventing ... from escaping
- B. letting ... out
- C. compressing

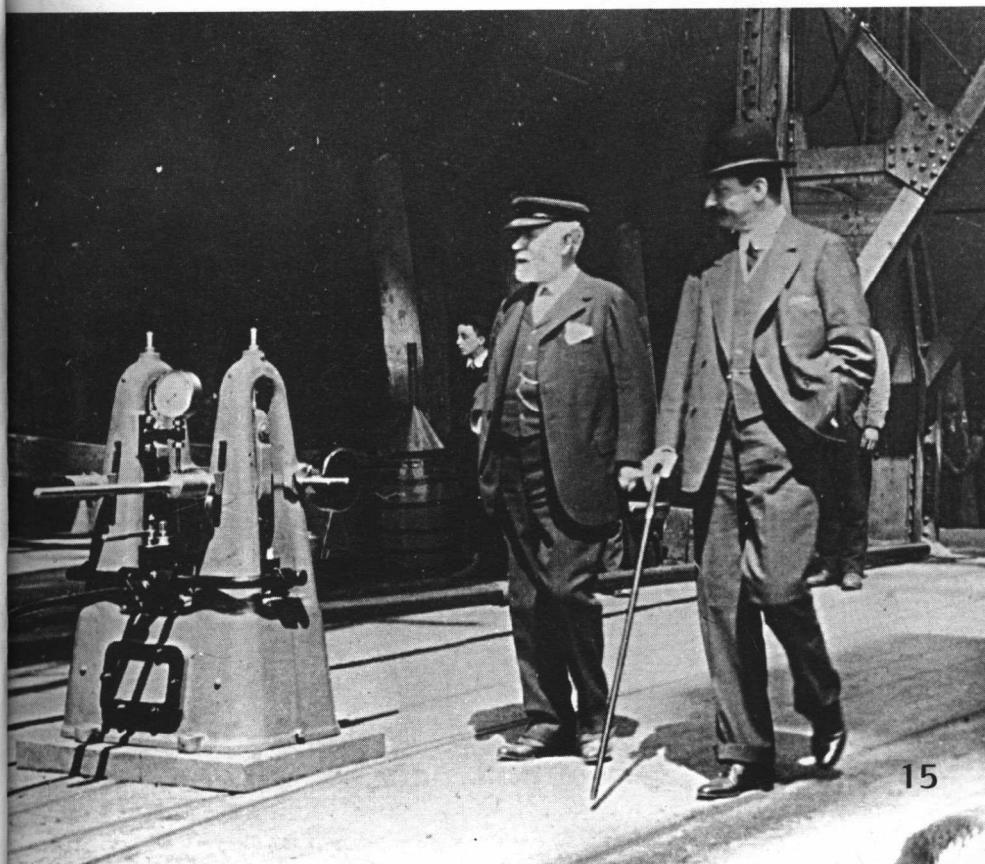
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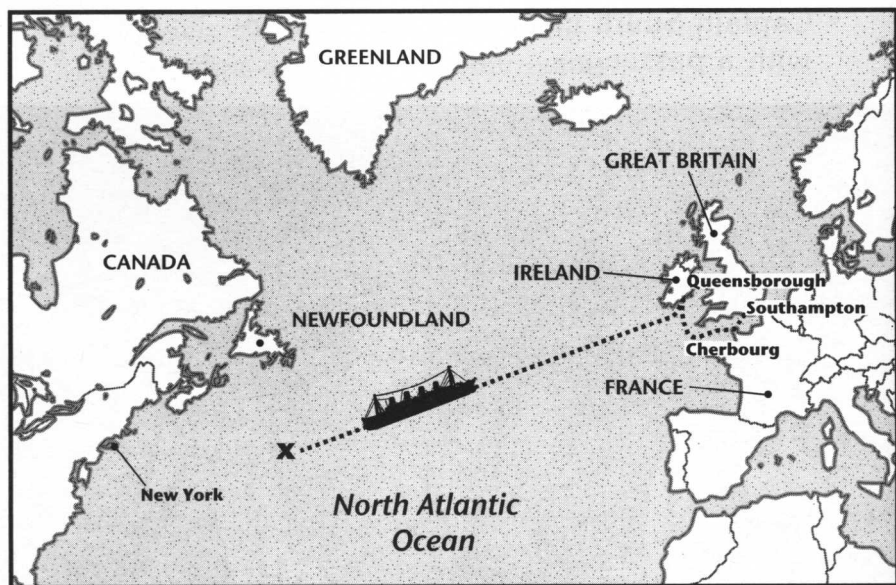
Thomas Andrews, one of the passengers, was sure the ship was safe. He was a director of the company that built the ship! J. Bruce Ismay was the head of the White Star Line, which owned the *Titanic*. He was on board, too.

The captain, Edward J. Smith, had worked for the White Star Line for over 30 years. He was **looking forward to** the end of the voyage. He planned to retire after the trip was over.

- ▼ Captain Smith inspecting the *Titanic* with a passenger



The first five days of the *Titanic's* voyage were very normal. The ship made stops at ports in France and Ireland to **pick up** passengers and mail. Then it sailed off across the Atlantic Ocean toward America. Captain Smith expected to reach New York on April 17. By the fourth day, the ship was already **approaching** Newfoundland, near Canada. Then came the fifth day, Sunday, April 14.



- ▲ *Titanic's* route from Southampton to where it sank