

TELEGRAMS:- "GRAND" SUNDERLAND.

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GRAND HOTEL,

SUNDERLAND.

5. 4. 37

Dear Malcolm,

The enquiring into the
loss of the "Taylor" has been going
on yesterday and today
until 5.30 p.m. and the
evidence will not be completed
until tomorrow evening.

I was in the witness box ^{on} Monday
for half an hour and
Fleetham and Moore about
15 minutes each.

The captain after being in
the box nearly all day was
released at the close of the
court to night to join a
new ship.

The Board of Trade Solicitor
has intimated that he is
going to suggest that the
"Taylor" was unseaworthy
when leaving on her last-
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voyage because

- (1) the hatchways were not properly battened down.
- (2) the timber deck cargo was not lashed as required by the regulations.
- (3) the vessel was lacking in stability.

I got the Sunderland office to phone today regarding the after peak which it is stated was used as a ballast tank although it is not recorded as such in the Register Book and await a reply in the morning.

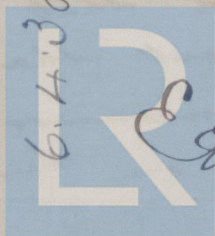
A preliminary judgment is to be given on Thursday and I hope to return to London that evening.

Yours sincerely
W. Ball

Referred to the Chief Ship
Surveyor.

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