

WRECK REPORT.

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DETROIT & CLEVELAND NAVIGATION CO.

Detroit, June 3, 1912.

Hon. J. B. Whelan,
Collector of U. S. Customs,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The following is reported on the log of steamer "Eastern States" leaving Buffalo, Saturday evening June 1, 1912:

"At 7:22 P.M. Pilot House notified that a man was over board; we stopped and backed up; lowered life boat No. 8 in command of First Officer Peter Schonicsen, but unable to find any trace of the man; got under way again at 8:02 P.M."

Our further investigation shows this man's name was Pertok, (John), coal passer, and it is evident that he committed suicide by jumping from starboard midship gangway. He was seen by Deck Watchman John Truske just as he jumped; alarm was immediately sounded; Special Officer A. Mitchell threw a life preserver over immediately.

This man deliverately planned suicide as he left a note and addresses of relatives whom he wished notified, with his friend F. Smith, a fireman, on board. The note was written in Polish.

The life boat was manned by the following: First Officer, P. Schonicsen; Night Patrolman A. Wehenkel; 1st Asst. Engineer F. Steeper; Asst. Steward, A. Blum; Deckhands T. Carroll and D. Manning; *D.V.* H.M. Euebe of Buffalo, N.Y. and Purser J.R.H. Beaton. A thorough search was made for over thrity minutes but no trace of the man was found.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Co.
A.A. Schantz,
General Manager.