

**VERDICT AGAINST THE MATE OF THE OGDENSBURG.**—The coroner of Erie (Pa.) held an inquest upon the body of a little girl brought into that port from the wreck of the steamer Atlantic by the propeller Ogdensburg. A verdict was rendered against the first mate of the propeller. After stating the manner of the death of the deceased, the verdict proceeds:

“The jurors aforesaid find that DeGrass McNett, the first mate of the propeller Ogdensburg, was then on duty, and was on deck. That the night was calm and clear. That from his own evidence he saw the lights of the Atlantic when she was from three to four miles off, and until the collision; that he saw the two boats approach each other, yet gave no orders to the wheelsman until within three or four rods of the Atlantic. That by his own evidence, if he had directed the wheelsman a short time sooner, the collision would have been avoided; but he did not, because he believed the Ogdensburg was in her proper course and the Atlantic was not. Without determining whether there was carelessness or not on the part of those on duty on the Atlantic, the jury would not faithfully discharge their duty did they not find DeGrass McNett, first mate of the Ogdensburg, guilty of gross carelessness and wicked disregard of human life. The jurors aforesaid find that the deceased came to her death by means of such carelessness.”