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February 5th, 1920.

U. S. Local S. S. Inspectors,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

I, Lionel Henry Conary, former Chief Officer of the S. S. "MIELERO", respectfully wish to make a report on the sinking of the said vessel.

On January 26th, 1920, at 7:00 A.M. while said vessel was enroute from Matanzas to Philadelphia, with a cargo of molasses, in bulk, and in approximately the following position, Lat. 31-45' N. Long. 78-40' W., while encountering bad weather and heavy seas, without any warning, said vessel broke in half, amidships, and within thirty minutes the after part of said vessel sank, and within the next five minutes the forward part of vessel also sank.

Immediately stopping engine, and calling all hands, two life boats were lowered, without mishap, and Captain having charge of life boat No. 1 with 22 persons, and I having charge of life boat No. 2, with 18 persons.

We remained in sight of each other until dark and when we were again in communication with the Captain's boat on the afternoon of January 28th, when we both decided to steer to westward. When we were in our boat 4 days and 18 hours, we were picked up by the S.S. "OZETTE" and transferred next day to the S.S. "SUCROSA" and brought to Baltimore.

I truly declare I can give no reason for the accident and also said vessel was not overloaded.

Yours respectfully,



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