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Name PERE MARQUETTE 18 (1st)MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Ship Information and Data RecordOfficial No. 150972BUILT: 1902 at *Cleveland, OH* by *American Ship Building Company* for *Pere Marquette Ry.Co.*Rig *Car ferry* Hull *Steel*

OPERATING DATA		DIMENSIONS			
ENGINES	BOILERS	GR. T	2909	NET T.	1722
Type:	Type:	LENGTH	338.0	BEAM	56.0
Cyl. & St.:	No.:	HATCHES		DRAFT	19.5
H.P.:	Size:	No.		SIZE	CENTERS
Rev.:	Press.:	Cap.			
Built by:	Built by:	COMPARTMENTS			
Year built:	Year built:	No.			
		Cap.			

HISTORY:

On September 9, 1910, the PERE MARQUETTE 18 foundered 20 miles east of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. She was taking on water and the pumps could not keep up. About 4:15 a.m., wireless messages were sent out for help. The three life boats were safely launched. At about 6:30 a.m. the PERE MARQUETTE 17 was sighted. The NO. 17 came up on the port side. The NO. 18 listed heavily to starboard, the stern started to go down, the bow raised and she sank rapidly. The people began jumping overboard. No. 17's life boats were lowered and the rescue continued. There were 61 on board, 28 were lost.

A second PERE MARQUETTE 18 was built in Chicago in 90 working days and entered service January 1911.

On June 9, 1977, the State of Michigan erected a historical marker at Ludington, Michigan, commemorating the September 9, 1910 loss.

For more information on her see the file.

ILLUSTRATIONS:

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