

BODY OF SECOND

VICTIM FOUND IN

WRECKED VIKING

Samuel Fagel, 21, Engineer of Craft, Drowned in Engine Room of Steamer.

When the crushed and waterlogged hull of the fishing steamer Viking, anchored in the Sixth avenue slip, was explored yesterday, following the collision with the scow Ajax, off Lester Park early yesterday morning, as narrated in Monday's News Tribune, the body of Samuel Fagel, age 21, engineer of the ill-fated craft, was found in the engine room. He had been caught in the inrush of waters without a chance of escape.

The body of William Cook, the pilot, who was hurled from the wheel house by the impact of the collision, has not been recovered. Fagel was the son of the owner, J. S. Fagel, 21 Second avenue East.

The hull of the Viking was shattered by the impact of the collision. It was towed to the Sixth avenue slip and is now afloat only by reason of lines fore and aft. The drowned engineer never had a chance to escape as the craft filled rapidly and was kept afloat only by line from the tug and the Ajax.

The coast guard called to the assistance of the men aboard the Viking searched the lake in the neighborhood of Lester Park where the accident occurred, until daylight yesterday morning for the body of William Cook.

After a search in the water-filled hold of the Viking, the coast guards found the body of Samuel Fagel. For a time it was thought there might be still another body in the engine room but investigation proved otherwise.

Signals Crossed.

According to the account of the accident given by Capt. George Lower of the tug Ferris, which was towing the Ajax at the time of the collision, the tug and scow were off Lester Park when the Viking hove into sight, evidently bent on passing immediately behind the tug. Captain Lower states that he sounded the warning signal, but the Viking continued on its course. Captain Lower then realized, he said, that the Viking was trying to pass between the tug and scow, evidently mistaking it for two separate boats. He reversed the tug in the hope of slacking the line sufficiently to allow the small boat to pass over. This might have been successful, but just as the Viking reached the tow line the pilot evidently noticed the scow bearing down upon him and started backing water.

Then the Viking and the Ajax crashed.

Falls Into Water.

Captain Cook was seen to fall from the pilot house into the water, but whether he jumped to escape the crash or was knocked overboard can never be determined. Captain Lower stopped his craft and made fast to the sinking Viking, but it was so wrecked it broke away. It was again made fast, and when no sign was found of the pilot they proceeded to Duluth, where the coast guard was notified.

The Viking was owned by J. S. Fagel, 21 North Second avenue East. It was returning from Knife river with a cargo of fish.

The tug Ferris and scow Ajax belong to the Barnett & Record company and was bound for Cross river after a load of gravel.

The body of Samuel Fagel was turned over to the coroner. William Cook formerly was employed by the steamer Liberty of the Scandia Fish company. He has no relatives so far as is known.