

## CAPT. FOLEY EXPLAINS.

### Tells Examining Board of Fierceness of the Fire.

The following special telegram to the News Tribune was received at a late hour last night:

Houghton, Mich., May 12.—Local steamboat inspectors Gooding and York of Marquette, have begun an investigation of the loss of the steamer Bon Voyage by fire on Lake Superior near the Portage Lake canal Friday night. Captain Foley, of the Bon Voyage, denies the rumor that the steamer was on fire once or twice during the last voyage. He says the pipes grew hot, but there was no fire. The fire started when the boat was two miles from land and seven or eight from the canal. The boat was dry, and the fire gained such headway that ten minutes after the first alarm the bell cord was burned off. Captain Foley explains the loss of the passengers and the escape of the crew by saying that the lost ones were aft while the crew went forward, so that when the fire spread the seamen could do nothing toward helping them.

The body of Mrs. Leah Sharpe, aged 58, the mother of Mrs. B. Altman, was recovered today. The steamboat inspectors promise a strict investigation of the fire, and say they will attempt to get the evidence of every person on board the boat at the time.