

SHIPMASTER MAKES PORT BEYOND LIFE



CAPT. WILLIAM H. HOFFMAN

HEAD OF DETROIT SHIPMASTERS DIES

Capt. Willian H. Hoffman Succumbs to Complications Following Pneumonia.

Complications following an attack of pneumonia, which compelled him to relinquish his command on the steamer C. W. Kotcher before the close of navigation last fall, brought death to Capt. William H. Hoffman, president of Detroit lodge No. 7 of the Shipmasters' association yesterday. The end came at his home, 193 Rosedale court, the direct cause of death being heart disease.

The body will be removed tomorrow to the lodge rooms of the Shipmasters' association, 234 Jefferson avenue, where all friends of the dead, whether members of the Shipmasters or not, may have the opportunity of showing a final token of respect. The body will lie in state in the lodge rooms from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 10 o'clock Tuesday forenoon, the hour set for the funeral service. The funeral will be under the auspices of the Shipmasters' lodge, with Rev. W. S. Sayres officiating. Interment will be in Woodlawn.

Capt. Hoffman was 40 years old. He began his career on the lakes at the age of 15 and when 21 years old was master of the lumber steamer Saginaw. Later he sailed the Cadillac, the Choctaw and the Presque Isle of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron company's fleet, and in 1907 brought out the steamer C. W. Kotcher, of which he was part owner and had since been master. Up to within a few days preceding his death he had been confidently expecting to resume command of the steamer at the opening of navigation.

Following his first attack of pneumonia, Capt. Hoffman so far recovered that he was able to visit the Shipmasters' lodge rooms just after Christmas. A few days afterward he suffered a relapse.

Besides his widow, he leaves a young son and a daughter.

Capt. Hoffman was a member of Palestine lodge, F. & A. M.; of Moslem temple, Mystic Shrine, and of the Michigan Sovereign consistory. By his death Detroit lodge of the Shipmasters suffers its first loss of a president in active duty.