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Extract from Seattle, Wash., report No. 552 dated 10th December 1917 relating to the steamer "NIELS NIELSEN".

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Found two tunnel top plates badly indented at upper seam, one tunnel stiffener buckled and set down, wood sheathing in way of same splintered and broken.

Recommended :- that the plates and stiffener be cut out and renewed, also the wood sheathing on tunnel be renewed for full length of hatchway. To enable the vessel to proceed on this voyage temporary repairs have been effected by cutting out the loose rivets, securing with screw bolts, recaulking seam and replacing wood sheathing. Permanent repairs will be effected at the first convenient opportunity to the Owners. This in my opinion merits approval.

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