

ANOTHER SHIP BURNT.THE STEAMER "MINERAL".

The steamer "Mineral" which was engaged in conveying Oil from Ceretus, 120 miles from Payta, Peru, to San Francisco, was burnt to the water's edge on the 4th inst. The "Mineral" is an iron tank steamer 29 years old, owned by Alfred Suart & Co. of 21 Saint Mark Axe, London, and was under the command of Captain Ryder. At the time of the accident, she had on board about 900 tons of crude Oil and was waiting more for the completion of her cargo. On Monday the 4th inst. fire broke out on board, and by closing up all crevices, placing canvas over the funnel etc., the flames were overcome and to all appearances the ship was saved. In the afternoon of the same day, when the men were about resuming their ordinary duties, one of them went down the fore-castle, and immediately ~~xx~~ an explosion took place and the forward tank was in flames. At that moment the Captain and balance of the crew were standing aft and going on board the boats then alongside, they were all saved. The man who went forward was picked up much burnt, and he stated that he had gone down the fore-castle to look for something and had lighted a lucifer; it is presumed that set fire to the gas which must have gathered there and caused the explosion.

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