

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

R. B. Wreck Book, p. 63/38 Date of writing this report 9th December, 1938 49
 Steel Twin S.S. "KIA-WO" of Shanghai Tons {Gross 1311
 YEAR. MONTH. Net 694
 Shanghai When 1925 - Casualty notice sent to Owner 5-10-38 Owner's reply 13/10/38
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.
 Victoria, Hong Kong.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

KIA-WO.—Hankow, Sept. 27.—British steamer Kia-Wo went ashore below Chungking on Sept. 26; holed in engine-room and after compartment. Position critical, water falling; salvage gear from Chungking arrives to-day.

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KIA-WO.—Chungking, Sept. 27.—The British gunboat Gannet to-day went to the aid of the British steamer Kia-Wo, which had gone fast aground after striking a submerged rock in the Yangtze Gorges. A radio message received here stated: Badly ashore, Kuangyintan Rapid, require assistance. It is reported that the vessel had been holed, but succeeded in getting wire ropes ashore at the foot of the Kuangyintan Rapid.—Reuter. (See issue of Sept. 28.)

LL 29/9

Hankow, Sept. 28.—Steamer Kia-Wo on a reef 259 miles above Ichang. Holed, making water in after compartment, engine-room and No. 1 hold. Pumps have water under control at present. Salvage appliances have been dispatched from Chungking, expert labour leaving Ichang to-morrow. Salvage prospects uncertain at present. Owners making every effort.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

KIA-WO.—Hankow, Sept. 29.—Steamer Kia-Wo: There is danger of buckling or breaking amidships between two reefs. Owners endeavouring to obtain shores to jam from outside. Arrangements for salvage under owners' instructions who are employing labour and material available.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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KIA-WO.—Hankow, Sept. 30.—Steamer Kia-Wo: Centre keelson broken No. 1 hold after compartment, bows sagging.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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KIA-WO.—Hankow, Oct. 3.—Steamer Kia-Wo shored up, probably safe for winter as river level has fallen. Lies high and dry on a reef.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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KIA-WO.—Shanghai, Jan. 7.—Steamer Kia-Wo: Contract signed John Tah (for refloating by slipway method. Rock cutting permit obtained, work commencing forthwith.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (Note.—Kia-Wo stranded below Chungking on Sept. 26.)

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KIA-WO.—Shanghai, Apr. 4.—Steamer Kia-Wo: First ship move 172 ft. completed.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (Note.—Kia-Wo stranded below Chungking on Sept. 26. See issue of Jan. 10.)

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KIA-WO.—Shanghai, Apr. 11.—Steamer Kia-Wo now at position for launching.—Lloyd's Agent, Hankow, per Salvage Association. (Note.—Kia-Wo stranded below Chungking in September.)

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Particulars of Classification.
 A1 LMC 7.37
 7.37 TS 3,3709
 S.S. No. 13-737
 For Service on the Yangtze River
 Fitted for oil fuel F.P. above 150°F

26th September, 1938.

This vessel is reported to have stranded after striking a submerged rock in the Yangtze River, below Chungking, on the 26th September, 1938. She was holed in the engine room, No. 1 hold and the after compartment. The centre keelson under No. 1 hold was broken and the bows sagging.

Owing to the falling river level the vessel has been shored up and lies high and dry on a reef.

In reply to the special casualty notice, the Owners have referred the matter to their London Representatives, who called at this office on the 8th instant, with correspondence on the case, from which it appears that it is proposed to cut a channel in the rocks 180 feet long by 40 feet wide and 20 feet deep, down which to launch the vessel before the river rises to become a raging torrent.

It is estimated this work will occupy from four to five months, and must be completed by the end of next April, when the river rises.

The Representative stated that the Underwriters have approved of the above proposed operations, but they are to be frequently advised of the progress, in case it is not considered worth while to proceed.

A photo of the stranded vessel is attached hereto.

2nd February, 1939.

Lloyd's Agents at Shanghai reported on the 7th January that a contract had been signed to float this vessel by the slipway method.

Permission has been obtained to cut the rocks and work to commence forthwith.

27th April, 1939.

Lloyd's Agents at Shanghai reported on the 11th instant that this vessel is now at the position for launching.

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