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S.S. "DON RICARDO"



Port TALCAHUANO, Chile, S.A.

May 26th., 1944.

This is to Certify that

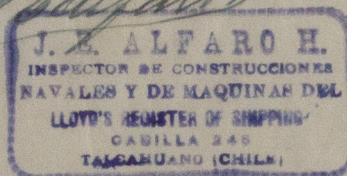
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the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of

Messrs. Gibbs & Co., Lloyd's Agents and Owners, proceed to Lots, Caleta Chambeque on the 9th., inst. and following dates, in company of Mr. Ralph, Manager to Lloyd's Agents at Concepcion, for the purpose of examining damages sustained by the above named vessel which drifted ashore on Chambeque rocks and found that she was lying flat on solid rocks midship, in an extension of about 40 feet. Bottom and double bottom plates were found to be buckled up in way of transversal Bunker and Boiler Rooms.- Bulkheads in that part badly bent and broken at the base of them, as well as pillars, etc.: water was flooding in abundantly, invading Boiler and Engine Rooms, transversal Bunker and N°2 Hold.- Ships pumps could not be put in action.- Bow and Poop were floating, menacing ship to be broken in to two parts.

In observing next day, at High and Low Tide, ship was found not to move, owing to the weight of water inside her. Cracks and budes in Hull and Decks indicate probability vessel will break in half.- Diver could not penetrate under ship to look for damages owing to her position and tug boats or other vessels could not get alongside for pumping or helping on account of there being not sufficient depth and waves breaking roughly around.

Later on, after all kind of measures had been taken and seeing that ship was broken practically in two and there being not hope whatever of refloating her, all that could be done was to salvage and take ashore all movable gear as Capstan, windlasses, boats, boons, wireless, etc., etc., proceeding to make a complete list of them.-



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