

"NORA MAERSK".

This vessel and her machinery have been severely damaged by fire, and the case has been settled as a constructive total loss.

The cause of the fire was a blow-back from the Donkey Boiler furnace.

The Boiler was oil-fired, the fuel and air being supplied to the furnace by an air compressor.

The Oil Engine which worked the air compressor failed and the fire in the Boiler furnace was consequently extinguished.

The supply of oil to the oil fuel tank, however, continued. The tank overflowed into the discharge pipe from the air compressor, one branch of which led to the fuel tank, and another branch formed the air supply to the furnace. The furnace thus became flooded with fuel oil, which must have spread also in the vicinity of the boiler.

The engine defect was made good and the compressor again put into action, but on a torch being applied to the burner the overflow of oil ignited and the fire eventually spread throughout the vessel.



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