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Extract of Telegrams received from MERSKLINE M A N I L A.

Nora at Zamboanga fire broke out engine room three pm Sunday at one am Monday still burning American army rendering assistance Captain reports engine room burned out engine probably absolutely disabled several plates bulged.....

20/7.36 10.50

Nora engine absolutely disabled fire still uncontrollable spread to shelterdeck three in lumber cooling room starboard officers quarters boatdeck will probably burn tonight stop USA Navy at our request willing assist but unfortunately no suitable vessel available stop Norwegian Soli at Zamboanga offers assistance we suggested Captain use Soli assist extinguish fire only as can arrange tow to Manila tenthousand Pesos.....

20/7.36 6.10

.....Soli alongside hope control fire today.....

21/7.36 4.30

Fire due explosion boiler left Cebu eighteenth am sugar Tabacalera stowed lowerholds two five copra procter one hemp hansonorth Newyork insular lumber two on top sugar Shanghai insular lumber shelterdeck three stop fire still uncontrollable spread to passenger accommodation bridge probably hold two fear total loss may we beach vessel if necessary.....

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Silkroom two hemp sugar hold two now burning probably wood number one Soli left as too hot go alongside sugar five 700 accessible attempt discharge means bringing lighters from Ililo instruct stop tug Trabajador arrives Zamboanga tonight captain informs will probably beach vessel.....

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Trobajador arrived Zamboanga terms lloyds salvage agreement nora now burning fiercely all over except four five beaching vessel tomorrow.....

24/7.36 16.30

Nora beached caldera bay twentysixth morning one two four burning three engineroom out expect extinguish one two four tomorrow by partial flooding 700 sugar believed intact.....

27/7.36 4.45

Nora on bottom eight feet water hold one sixteen feet two three four five water rising all cargo damaged and of little value one two three four still burning engineroom burntout and flooded fear total loss all accomodation completely burntout tank tops bulkheads collapsed decks and shell severely buckled from one to four very extensive repairs and renewals necessary at present state inspection no underdeck inspection yet possible.

27/7.36 5.55

.....hope have all fire out tonight and start salvage cargo immediately.....

28/7.36 5.25

.....expect refloated sunday..

30/7.36 4.50

noted captain reports quote bridge and boatdeck superstructure refrigerated compartment engineroom casing three tweendeck bulkhead three hatchcoaming sixty percent shelterdeck plating beams and girders fifty percent bulkward forty percent tweendeck plating beams girders about llo shellplates and twenty percent frames completely destroyed stop fifty shellplated off fair thirty percent mainmast four samsonposts destroyed stop anticipate extensive repairs way two three <sup>and</sup> engineroom tanktops main bulkheads and bottom plating stop main engine auxiliary under water anticipate very extensive damage stop electrical instalation tele-

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motor gear destroyed four winches number three extensive repairs  
stop refrigerating and boiler under water probably destroyed  
unquote

31/7.36 5.27

pickering due zamboanga sixth will report fully soonest yard  
representatives returned hongkong today cannot report more than  
m 3 bottom damage only conjecture as possible resting on coral

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3/8.36 15.55

captain reports ship refloated copra not burned wet only stop  
newyork lumber seventyfive percent burned shanghai more or less  
damaged sugar hemp apparent total loss

4/8.36 5.10

captain reports quote mainmotor six columns cracked all whitemetal  
crankcase and chainbox melted fuelpumps entirely destroyed  
blowercase cracked stop auxiliary motor one dismantled shaft  
and armature hongkong number two whitemetal melted damages ex-  
tensive number three and refrigerating machinery damaged water  
only stop lubricating and cooling waterpumps damaged by water  
fuel valve coolingpumps destroyed unquote.....

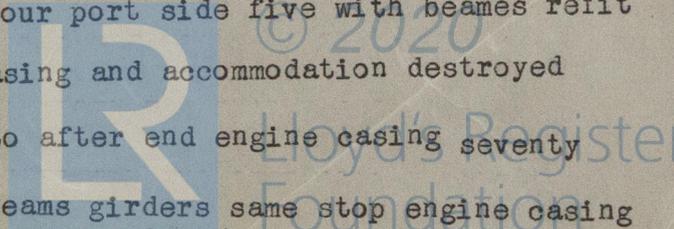
6/8.36 11.35

.....expect waterout seaworthy tenth.

7/8.36 4.47

lloyds general examination chief damages as follows shelter  
deck from middle number one hatch to middle two fifty percent  
renew fifty percent refit beams girders same stop middle hatch  
two to middle engine casing all renew stop hatch three coamings  
buckled stop abreast hatch four port side five with beames refit  
stop salon bridges engine casing and accommodation destroyed  
stop/<sup>second</sup>deck middle hatch one to after end engine casing seventy  
percent renew thirty refit beams girders same stop engine casing

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and refrigerated chambers renew stop five plates with beams  
abreast number four port refit stop third deck number three  
thirtyfive percent renew remainder refit beams girders same  
stop engine casing and after bulkhead fifty percent renew stop  
deep tanks all bulkheads slightly buckled stop shell plates  
about fourtyfive renew twentyseven refit frames to deal with  
stop engine main bedplate broken other damages as previously  
stated stop recommended towing hongkong for detailed survey  
via manila

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