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

Nora at Zamboanga fire broken out engineroom three pm Sunday
at one am Monday still burning American army rendering assist-
ance Captain reports engineroom burned out engine probably ab-
solutely 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 Tabaca-
lera 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 pas-
senger 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.....

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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 bulk-
heads 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 bulk-
head three hatchcoaming sixty percent shelterdeck plating beams
and girders fifty percent bulkward forty percent tweendeck pla-
ting beams girders about llo shellplates and twenty percent frames
completely destroyed stop fifty shellplated off fair thirty per-
cent mainmast four samsonposts destroyed stop anticipate exten-
sive repairs way two three ^{and} engineroom tanktops main bulkheads
and bottom plating stop main engine auxiliary under water anti-
cipate 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 whitmetal
crankcase and chainbox melted fuelpumps entirely destroyed
blowercase cracked stop auxiliary motor one dismantled shaft
and armature hongkong number two whitmetal 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/^{second}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 fortyfive 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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