

"NORA MAERSK"

Shi.4081

This is a vessel of 6271 tons fitted with double acting two stroke oil engines and built in 1934.

The vessel and her machinery have been badly damaged by a fire which originated in the engine room and spread throughout the vessel.

The fire broke out while the vessel was at Zamboanga in the Philippine Islands last July and endured for about 12 days.

At the request of the Owner, the Shanghai Surveyor (Mr. Pickering) proceeded to Zamboanga and took charge of the repairs. The vessel was afterwards towed to Hong Kong where Mr. Pickering was joined by the local Surveyor in an inspection of the hull and machinery.

On the 14th instant Mr Pickering cabled that specifications had been completed and that the hull damage was most extensive but could be repaired and that the machinery was beyond repair.

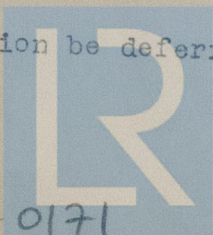
With regard to the machinery it may be noted that many of the parts are made of special qualities of heat resisting cast iron and steel and their prolonged exposure to the heat of the conflagration would entirely destroy the necessary special qualities of the materials.

From a report now received from Shanghai, it appears that the main engine bedplate and 6 columns are broken, the white metal in the bearings melted.

One of the auxiliary oil engines is extensively damaged, but the damage to other other auxiliary machinery is stated to be chiefly water damage.

The Owners have been kept fully advised of Mr. Pickering's examination.

It is submitted action be deferred.



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