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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 9340

No. 32226 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 62/37
 Date of writing this report 16th July 1937
 Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Sandgate Castle" of London Tons Net 4725 Gross 7634
 Built at Sunderland When 1922 - 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner 14/7/37 Owner's reply
 Owner's Name Union-Castle Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.
 Address 3 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SANDGATE CASTLE.—New York, June 26.—Wireless message received states that steamer Sandgate Castle is reported on fire.

London, June 26.—The owners of the steamer Sandgate Castle have received the following wireless message via American steamer President Pierce: SOS 2 46 p.m., G.M.T., lat. 36 51 N., long. 60 5 W., 'tween decks on fire. Ships in vicinity please stand by Sandgate Castle.

New York, June 26.—Mackay Radio Corporation has picked up the following wireless message from the master of the American steamer President Pierce: Sandgate Castle on fire in lat. 36 51 N., long. 60 5 W., about 177 miles from us. Going to her assistance. Crew now taking to boats.—British United Press.

New York, June 26.—The London steamer Sandgate Castle, 7634 tons gross, belonging to the Union-Castle Mail Steamship Company, is on fire at sea between 800 and 900 miles south-east of New York. The Sandgate Castle left New York on Wednesday (June 23) for Cape Town with a general cargo. First news was contained in an SOS message sent out at 3 30 p.m., B.S.T., to-day, which was picked up by the steamer President Pierce, belonging to the Dollar Steamship Company, and steamer California, of Glasgow, which belongs to the Anchor Line. It was relayed and was picked up on shore by the Mackay Radio Station from the California at 4 25 p.m., B.S.T. Steamer Blaispex is also proceeding to assist.—Router.

New York, June 26.—Wireless reports: British steamer Sandgate Castle on fire in 'tween decks about 700 miles south-east of New York, crew took to lifeboats late to-day. British steamer California, 9930 tons net, American steamer President Pierce and cutter Icarus proceeding to her assistance.

New York, June 26.—The steamer President Pierce has reached the steamer Sandgate Castle, according to the Mackay Radio Station. The President Pierce has wirelessed; it is stated: I am about ahead of the Sandgate Castle and going to pick up the boats as soon as I come up with them. They are around us now. The ship has not yet sunk, but is burning and low in the water.—Router.

London, June 27.—The owners of the steamer Sandgate Castle report that the vessel was completely burnt out. The crew are safe on board the steamer President Pierce, which is proceeding to New York. The vessel carried no passengers.

SANDGATE CASTLE.—New York, June 27.—Crew of steamer Sandgate Castle picked up in lifeboats last night by steamer President Pierce.

New York, June 27.—The burnt-out hull of the steamer Sandgate Castle, which is lying about 700 miles east of New York, and 350 miles north-east of Bermuda, has been reported to the coastguards as dangerous to shipping. The President Pierce, which rescued the crew, is due to reach New York at 11 p.m., B.S.T., to-morrow.—Router.

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 Classing Committee.

Date
 Last Minute

SS. Co. No. 3-10.35

Particulars of Classification.

+100 A1
 Shelter DR. +LMC 10.35
 W. fld. BS 10.36

Date of Casualty

26th June, 1937

5.37
 Fitted for oil fuel 10.22
 FP above 150°F.

Recis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported on fire in 'tween decks when in lat. 36.51 N., long. 60.5 W., (about 700 miles south-east of New York) on the 26th June.

The crew abandoned the vessel, & it was later stated that the burnt out hull was still afloat in lat. 39.6 N., long. 59.11 W.

A casualty notice was sent to the Owners on the 14th July, but no reply has been received.

20th July, 1937.

A reply has now been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners in which it is stated that the vessel is presumed to have foundered.

It is anticipated that in a few days the Underwriters will have accepted the vessel as lost.

Suggested Record

Abandoned on fire 6.37

Date of Committee

FRI 16 JUL 1937

Committee's Minute

Abandoned on fire 6.37

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SANDGATE CASTLE.—Jersey City, N.J., June 28.—The survivors from the British steamer Sandgate Castle, gutted by fire during the week-end in the Atlantic, arrived here this evening on board the steamer President Pierce. No one had a tangible theory of the cause of the fire, which is said to have broken out in the engine-room and spread rapidly through the cargo. This contained motor cars and cases of oil and paraffin.—Reuter.

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Jersey City, N.J., June 29.—Captain Bergen, master of the steamer Sandgate Castle, stated that he had managed to save the ship's papers and log but little else. Much had to be left in the lifeboats, which could not be hoisted on board the steamer President Pierce owing to bad weather. Arrangements are now being made for the crew to proceed to England. Some of them expect to sail in the Aquitania to-morrow.—Reuter.

New York, June 29.—The Mackay Radio Corporation has picked up a message from the steamer Ideford (?) stating that she had sighted the steamer Sandgate Castle in lat. 38 5 N., long. 59 35 W. The Sandgate Castle, the message added, was still burning.—British United Press.

SANDGATE CASTLE.—New York, June 29.—British tank motor vessel Canadolite reports by wireless that at 12 30 p.m., G.M.T., on June 28, in lat. 37 50 N., long. 59 58 W., she passed steamer Sandgate Castle on fire. (See later report in issue of June 30.)

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SANDGATE CASTLE.—New York, July 1.—The master of the Italian steamer Conte di Savoia reported to-day that the steamer Sandgate Castle was still burning when sighted yesterday. The ship was drifting to the NE. with the Gulf Stream and was a danger to navigation. He said he circled the derelict for 45 minutes until he was confident that there was no one on board.—British United Press.

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London, July 2.—The owners of the steamer Sandgate Castle have received a cable from New York stating that the Mackay Radio Service, in reporting the message received from the steamer Conte di Savoia, gives the position of the Sandgate Castle on June 30 as lat 38 6 N., long. 59 11 W.

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