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# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 9289

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Date of writing this report 31st March 1937

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Aikoku Maru"* of *Ok.* Tons Gross *321*

Built at *Bd.* When *1920 - 2* Casualty notice sent to Owner *22/1/37* Owner's reply

Owner's Name *Oiya Shoji K.K.*

Address *36, Saiwaicho-dori 2chome, Nishi-ku, Osaka, Japan*

Case previously before  
Classing Committee. Date  
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.  
*+100 AI ss Kob N°3-432  
4.36 ss Kob N°1-36  
+LMC 4.36*

Date of Casualty *12th January, 1937.*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

*This vessel was reported to have become a total loss after stranding off Shakotan Cape on the 12th January during a snowstorm.*

*A casualty notice was sent to the Owners on the 22nd January, but no reply has been received.*

*The Kobe Surveyors state, however, they are informed by the Owners that the vessel was wrecked near Shakotan Point, Irika-mura, Hokkaido Japan, on the 12th January, & after breaking in two, was abandoned as a total loss by all concerned.*

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**AIKOKU MARU.** Tokyo, Jan. 12.—Thirty-two of the crew of the Japanese steamer Aikoku Maru, 321 tons, missing and believed drowned, according to news reaching Tokyo from Otaru. Eight other members of the crew have been saved. It is believed the vessel was driven on the rocks by a side off Shakotan in the Hokkaido Province—British United Press.

**AIKOKU MARU.** Yokohama, Jan. 13.—Japanese steamer Aikoku Maru broken in two and sunk during a heavy snowstorm yesterday off Shakotan Cape. Part of the crew lost.

London, Jan. 13.—The following cable has been received from Tokyo, dispatched at 6.25 p.m., Jan. 13: Steamer Aikoku Maru, Otaru for Shimizu, laden with coal, stranded and sank during snowstorm yesterday evening off Shakotan Cape, Hokkaido.

London, Jan. 13.—The following cable has been received from Kobe, dated Jan. 13: Japanese steamer Aikoku Maru stranded and sank Kamaishi, Hokkaido, Jan. 12; believed to be totally lost.

Tokyo, Jan. 13.—Two persons are dead and 31 are feared to have been drowned as a result of the wreck of the cargo steamer Aikoku Maru in a heavy snowstorm. The Aikoku Maru, with a cargo of 4000 tons of coal on board, sailed from Otaru in Hokkaido, for Shimizu, near Shizuoka, yesterday morning and ran aground in the blinding snow off Shakotan Cape. Shortly afterwards the stranded vessel broke in two and 31 of her crew of 40 took to the boats to reach the shore. No trace of them has been found and it is feared that they are all drowned. The remaining nine, including the first, second and third officers, put on lifebelts and swam ashore. The second officer and a sailor died from the cold soon after they reached the shore—Reuter.

**AIKOKU MARU.** Kobe, Jan. 21.—Raining into fierce blizzard, the Kobe Daiichi Kaisha's chartered steamer Aikoku Maru, which was bound for Shimizu harbour, Shizuoka Prefecture, on Otaru on Tuesday (Jan. 12), fully loaded with coal, struck Rosoku Island, off Shakotan, and sank. It is feared that at least seven of the crew of 40 have perished. Late on Tuesday night the bodies of three sailors of the 31 missing were washed ashore. It is believed that the others, among whom was the master, have perished. The loss is estimated at 1,000,000 yen, of which 500,000 yen is on the vessel and 700,000 yen on the coal.—The Japan Chronicle. (See pages of Jan. 13 and 14.)

**AIKOKU MARU.** London, Mar. 13.—The following cable has been received from Tokyo, dated Jan. 12 during voyage from Otaru to Shimizu and other ports. The Aikoku Maru, 321 tons gross, laden with coal, was stranded in a heavy snowstorm off the Shakotan Peninsula, Hokkaido, and subsequently she was broken down into the bottom.

Suggested Record *Wrecked 1.37*  
Date of Committee *FRI 2 APR 1937*

Committee's Minute *Wrecked 1.37*

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