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WRECK BOX

No. 66

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 6th May 1930

Vessel's Name

Steel S.S. "Kirkwood"

of London

Tons

Net 1579
Gross 2780

Built at Newcastle

When 1930

2

Casualty notice sent to Owner 2. 5. 30

Owner's reply 5. 5. 30

Owner's Name

Mr. France, Fenwick & Co. Ltd.

Address Fenchurch House, 5 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

+100H1

2.30

+1MC 2.30

Date of Casualty

26th April. 1930

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer was sunk by collision off the Elbe I light vessel during a fog on 26th April. She is stated to have sunk in 13 fathoms.

In reply to a casualty notice the Owners state that present advices, though unofficial, lead them to suppose that there is no prospect of salvage, and they have no objection to the vessel's class being expunged from the Register Book.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

KIRKWOOD.—London, Apr. 26.—The following information has been received: Steamer Kirkwood, owners W. France, Fenwick & Co., sank after collision with steamer **PRESIDENT HARDING**, off Elbe I. Light-vessel.

Hamburg, Apr. 26.—American steamer **PRESIDENT HARDING**, New York for Hamburg, has been in collision with British steamer Kirkwood, Tyne for Hamburg, cargo coal, off Elbe I. Light-vessel during a fog to-day. Latter vessel sank after collision. Former vessel damaged; at present at anchor off Elbe I. Light-vessel, detained by fog.

Hamburg, Apr. 26.—British steamer Kirkwood: Crew, with exception of a stoker named Appleby, saved by American steamer **PRESIDENT HARDING**. American steamer has stem damaged slightly; will proceed Hamburg as soon as weather clears.

Cuxhaven, Apr. 26.—The crew of the steamer Kirkwood are safe on board the American steamer **PRESIDENT HARDING**, with the exception of one of the firemen, who is missing. The collision occurred at 10 o'clock in the morning in a dense fog. The Kirkwood was rammed with such force that she immediately began to sink. —Reuter.

KIRKWOOD.—Berlin, Apr. 27.—American steamer **PRESIDENT HARDING**, which has just arrived at Hamburg, appears to have suffered considerable damage forward as the result of her collision yesterday with the steamer Kirkwood. She is holed on both sides. Divers are now ascertaining whether the vessel was damaged below the water-line, while other experts are at work to see whether she should be put into dry dock for repairs. The collision occurred as the Kirkwood lay at anchor in the fog, and her crew of 30, with the exception of a fireman, were rescued by the lifeboats of the American liner when the Kirkwood sank. —Reuter.

Hamburg, Apr. 27.—Steamer Kirkwood: Master reports vessel sunk in 13 fathoms, two miles W. by N. of Elbe I. Light-vessel. States vessel anchored at time of collision, no pilot on board. Bugsier state consider prospects of salvage unfavourable. Understand steamer **PRESIDENT HARDING** had pilot; drydocking Monday (Apr. 28). Understand 12 plates fractured, stem broken.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

KIRKWOOD.—Berlin, Apr. 30.—The Maritime Court at Hamburg has found the master of the steamer **PRESIDENT HARDING** not entirely blameless for the collision with the British steamer Kirkwood, as his vessel's speed was somewhat high, and he did not reverse when the collision occurred but merely stopped. On the other hand Captain McLaren, of the Kirkwood, was absolved from all responsibility for the collision.—Reuter.

Suggested Record, Sunk by Collision 4.30

Date of Committee

FRI. 9 MAY 1930

Committee's Minute

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