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## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &amp;c.

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WRECK BOOK  
No. 77 (20 Nov)

No. 72840 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 100/32

Date of writing this report 19th December 1932

Vessel's Name Fleet SS "Tecumseh"

of Hong Kong

Tons {Net 4247  
Gross 6528

Built at Helsingborg When 1908 7

Casualty notice sent to Owner

Owner's reply

Owner's Name Standard Transportation Co Ltd

Address Union Building Hong Kong

Case previously before  
Classing Committee. { Date  
Last Minute

## Particulars of Classification.

HULL	543-1-21
Shell, deck, etc.	543-2-28
forward	BSJ-31
531	LMC-3-29

Date of Casualty 23rd November 1932 Carrying petroleum in bulk  
Total for oil fuel 2.09 F. Palm 100 F

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer went aground on a rocky bottom at Inhaca Point, Lourenço Marques on 23rd November. The Port Captain subsequently reported that tugs failed to move the vessel after four hours towing, and in his opinion she was a total wreck - She is badly holed fore and aft; tide flows in and out of vessel.

In a letter dated 6th December from the Society's New York office, it is stated they are informed by the Owners that the steamer is lying on a coral reef at Lourenço Marques "in a virtually" "abandoned state".

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

TECUMSEH. - Lourenço Marques, Nov. 24. - British tank steamer Tecumseh reported aground at Inhaca Point at 11 15 p.m. yesterday. Port Captain left to render assistance at 1 a.m. with tug Antonio Enes.

Lourenço Marques, Nov. 24. British tank steamer Tecumseh: Wireless information received states: "Ashore near Inhaca 11 45 p.m. yesterday, tug Antonio Enes standing by since 4 15. Agent advises towing to commence 10 30 a.m. half tide."

Lourenço Marques, Nov. 24. - British tank steamer Tecumseh: 11 30 a.m. wireless information received states: Making water forepeak, fore deck tank(s), No. 1 cofferdam, Nos. 1 and 2 tanks and boiler room tank(s). Vessel grounded at high water, rocky bottom, fear total loss.

Lourenço Marques, Nov. 24. - British tank steamer Tecumseh: Your representative visited vessel by air. Vessel appears to be hard and fast on rocky bottom. Port Captain reports that towage service unsuccessful, three ropes broken; he is returning to port for additional gear and tug trying again next tide to-night. Steamer Klipfontein sails to-morrow and is willing to assist in salvage operations if required. - Lloyd's Agents.

Lourenço Marques, Nov. 24. - British tank steamer Tecumseh: Agent advises wireless information received states attempt unsuccessful, 3 tug's hawsers parted; commenced discharging Nos. 1 and 2 tanks and trying again next tide. Suggest consult Lloyd's Agent. Trying to arrange for our surveyor to proceed to wreck immediately with Port Captain. - Lloyd's Agents.

TECUMSEH. - Lourenço Marques, Nov. 25. - British tank steamer Tecumseh: Agent advises midnight wireless information received states: "Position serious, vessel pounding, straining heavily, fresh breeze, heavy sea. All forward deep ballast tanks leaking, at present tight in all her ballast tanks aft, engine and boiler-room tanks full of water, main engine bed-plate broken, stokehold bulkhead threatening to collapse." Port Captain, pilot, our surveyor and agent left at 6 a.m. to-day, second tug following. Another attempt will be made to get her off next tide 12 mid-day. - Lloyd's Agents.

TECUMSEH. - Lourenço Marques, Nov. 26. - British tank steamer Tecumseh: Following received by wireless from our surveyor, Captain Degruyter: Tanks Nos. 1 to 4 and forepeak full of water, tanks Nos. 5 to 8 port side full; cargo No. 5 starboard 1 ft., Nos. 6 and 7 full of water, No. 8 probably full of water, engine-room cellular tanks flooded, main engine bed-plate broken both sides, low pressure column cracked or broken, cross bars broken, engines unable to work. Surveyor's opinion position quite hopeless. Attempts to get her off unsuccessful, Port Captain returned to port last night states tugs failed to move vessel after four hours' towing. His opinion vessel is a total wreck. - Lloyd's Agents.

TECUMSEH. - Lourenço Marques, Nov. 28. - British tank steamer Tecumseh was abandoned by the master on Saturday night (Nov. 26) owing to indications of bad weather. Our Surveyor reports that probably about only 400 to 600 tons of bunkers or cargo fuel left. Vessel badly holed fore and aft, tide flows in and out of vessel. - Lloyd's Agents.

Suggested Record of

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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