

Report of Survey for Repairs, &c., of Engines and Boilers.

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

8034

No. 52488 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 29/30

Date of writing this report 7th August

1930

Vessel's Name

Steel S.S. "Rhine Maru"

of Kobe

Tons

Net 4112

Gross 6577

Built at

Kobe

When

1922

MONTH

5

Casualty notice sent to Owner

29.4.30

Owner's reply

Owner's Name

Kawasaki Dockyard Co. Ltd.

Address

14 Higashi Kawasaki Cho 2, Chome, Kobe Japan

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Date of Casualty 28th March 1930

Précis of particulars of Casualty

SEE LIMITATION LIST.

This steamer went ashore on rocks at Point Sur, south of San Francisco. Salvage operations were undertaken, but on 16th April it was stated that salvage was hopeless. On 26th April it was reported that damage had badly increased, and that the Salvors had abandoned work. A casualty notice was sent to the Owners on 29th April, but no reply has yet been received.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

RHINE MARU.—San Francisco, Mar. 28.—Japanese steamer Rhine Maru ashore Point Sur; holds reported full of water. Crew being taken off. Steamer Peacock proceeding immediately her assistance.

12.3.30

San Francisco, Mar. 29.—Japanese steamer Rhine Maru: Position unchanged, steamer resting on rocks amidst ships, sea washes over vessel. Crew landed here this morning. Steamer Peacock due to arrive midnight. Salvage agreement arranged on the basis of "no cure no pay."

RHINE MARU.—San Francisco, Mar. 31.—Japanese steamer Rhine Maru: Salvage steamer with barges now at the wreck expects commence discharge of cargo undamaged 'tween deck to-day. Favourable weather continues.

17.4

RHINE MARU.—San Francisco, Apr. 2.—Japanese steamer Rhine Maru: Expect completion of discharge 600 bales of cotton to-night which are going forward San Francisco. Favourable weather continues, water in engine-room controlled, salvage pumps fitted.

17.4

RHINE MARU.—San Francisco, Apr. 10.—Japanese steamer Rhine Maru: Salvage operations suspended for several days on account of bad weather; one lighter motor launch sunk; salvage of cargo continuing to-day, weather improving. Cargo discharged consists of 2143 bales of cotton, 1558 packages of borax, 60 cases of machinery, mostly undamaged. Vessel's frame broken, rudder unshipped, otherwise condition unchanged.

17.4

RHINE MARU.—San Francisco, Apr. 11.—Japanese steamer Rhine Maru: Information received states heavy swell breaking over vessel fore and aft. Salvage operations suspended, crew taken off to-day. Shell plates port side starboard side buckled, deck plates cracked in way of No. 5 hatch.

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RHINE MARU.—See "Derelicts and Wreckage" under "Weather and Navigation."

17.4

On Mar. 31, in lat. 37° 20' N., long. 122° 32' W., steamer Willboro passed an empty lifeboat marked "RHINE MARU."

17.4

RHINE MARU.—London, Apr. 16.—A cable received from Tokio, dated Apr. 16, states: Steamer Rhine Maru stranded Point Sur, south of San Francisco; Salvage reported hopeless.

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RHINE MARU.—San Francisco, Apr. 13.—Japanese steamer Rhine Maru: 350 additional bales of cotton salvaged Apr. 17 partially damaged. Further serious damage found to hull. Salvors consider salvage impracticable. Salvors abandoned operations. Owners and underwriters agree to advertise for tenders to sell the wreck as she lies.

17.4

RHINE MARU.—London, Apr. 25.—The following wireless message has been received from Tokio, dispatched to-day: Steamer Rhine Maru: Understand damage badly increased and salvors abandoned work. Leading Japanese underwriters settling total loss.

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Suggested Record, Wrecked 3-30

Date of Committee

FRI. 8 AUG 1930

Committee's Minute

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