

Steel Screw Steamer "SEIYO MARU". No.83994 in Register Book.
6550 tons gross; Built 1913 - 8mo. Port: Tokio.

Owners: Mansei Kisen K.K.

Originally Classed :

100A1 LMC 2,30
Shelter Deck TS10,28 C.L.
with Freeboard
2,30
S.S. Yka No.3 - 7,26.

Class now expunged and Notation "Abandoned at Sea 11,30" inserted.

The 2nd Special Survey No.1 became due on this vessel at the end of July, 1930.

On the 18th August last Mr. Cox, the Principal Surveyor for Japan, wrote enclosing a translation of a letter he had received from the Owners in which it was stated that owing to business depression they had had to lay the vessel up and were unable in the meantime to settle the account for fees which were outstanding for the survey held at Harima by the Society's Surveyors at Kobe between December, 1929 and February, 1930, amounting in all to 555 Yen.

In view of this, at Mr. Cox's suggestion, a letter was addressed to the Owners requesting them to furnish an undertaking that the account would be settled and all surveys which might be overdue, held before the vessel proceeded to sea, and should she be offered for sale that intending purchasers would be informed to this effect.

The vessel appears to have left Japan for Portland, Oregon where she arrived on the 12th October, and on the 5th November last Mr. Cox cabled as follows, viz:-

"SEIYO MARU referring to your letter of the 4th September have letter from Owners date 27th October undertaking agreed terms. Vessel is now reported sinking North Pacific will make further inquiries".

In Mr. Cox's letter confirming this cablegram he states that the vessel was laid up in the Inland Sea near Harima Dockyard and was chartered to the Yamashita Steamship Company and left on the 18th September, and they were unaware that the vessel had left. Mr. Cox also stated that

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he had telegraphed to the Owners requesting some explanation in view of the undertaking they had given, but had received no satisfactory reply.

On receipt of Mr. Cox's letter, and in view of the reports which appeared in the Press regarding the abandonment of the vessel in the North Pacific, the case was reported to the Classing Committee on the 12th December when it was decided to post the record "Abandoned at Sea 11,30" against the vessel's name in the Register Book, and by so doing her class was expunged.

The facts of the case were brought to the notice of the Japanese Committee by Mr. Cox on the 16th December, as a result of which it was decided that the Chairman should inform the Chairman of the Japan Shipowners' Association and the Chairman of the Japan Marine Insurance Association.

E.C.
14th January, 1931.

General Committee.

Thursday, 15th January, 1931.

Submitted.

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