

## REPORT of SURVEY for REPAIRS &amp;c.

W671-0125

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

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19 30.

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Date of writing this report 10th December 1930

Vessel's Name *Steel S.P. "Seiyo Maru"* of *Tokyo*Tons { Net 4767  
Gross 6550Built at *Port Glasgow* When *1913* Casualty notice sent to Owner *7 11 30* Owner's replyOwner's Name *Mansei Kisen K.K.*Address *1-2, Chome, Nishombashi-dori, Tokyo*

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Particulars of Classification.

*110001* *55.14.3.7.26*  
*Shelter deck*  
*with pebbles* *2.11.2.30*  
*2.30*

ity *2nd November 1930*

## Particulars of Casualty

*This steamer was reported to have lost her rudder and drifting helplessly S.W. of the Aleutian Islands on 2nd November. She was abandoned in a sinking condition on 3rd November, and in reply to enquiry by wireless the master stated that the vessel disappeared about 10.30 a.m. on 4th November, half an hour after leaving the scene.*

*No further reports have been published. A casualty notice was sent to the Owners on 9th November, but sufficient time has not yet elapsed for the receipt of a reply.*

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**SEIYO MARU.**—San Francisco, Nov. 2.—The Dollar Steamship Company's wireless station at Mussel Rock reports that the Japanese freighter Seiyo Maru sent out an S.O.S. message saying that she was in a sinking condition. The steamer President Grant picked up the message, which said: "Have 16 degrees list, rudder lost, drifting helplessly." The steamer California is going to the rescue of the sinking ship. The Seiyo Maru is in a position south-west of the Aleutian Islands. The California cruised about for several hours in a vain search for the vessel. The Japanese vessel appears to have had difficulty in making the California understand her signals. The last message which was relayed here at noon concluded: "I cannot make you understand English." It is believed that heavy seas struck the vessel and her cargo shifted. The Seiyo Maru carries a crew of forty.—Reuter.

**SEIYO MARU.**—San Francisco, Nov. 4.—A wireless message from the steamer California, which yesterday left her course to seek for the Japanese freighter Seiyo Maru, on picking up distress signals from the Japanese vessel, states that she has now come alongside the Seiyo Maru.—Reuter.

**SEATTLE.** Nov. 4.—The crew of 40 of the Japanese freighter Seiyo Maru, which is in a sinking condition, have been rescued by the steamer Shiraha Maru.—Reuter.

**SEIYO MARU.**—London, Nov. 6.—The following cable has been received from Tokyo, dated Nov. 6: Steamer Seiyo Maru, Portland (Ore.) for Yokohama, unmanageable by rudder trouble during heavy storm Nov. 3 in lat. 50 30 N., long. 176 48 E., listed heavily, abandoned in sinking condition. Crew taken by steamer Shiraha Maru. Cargo wheat, together with small quantity logs on deck.

**SEIYO MARU.**—London, Nov. 8.—The following cable has been received from Tokyo, dated Nov. 8, 11.30 a.m.:—Steamer Seiyo Maru: In reply to our inquiry by wireless master reports the vessel disappeared about 10.30 a.m. on Nov. 4 half an hour after leaving the scene. Actually total loss by foundering seems inevitable. Crew expected here on Nov. 14 when we will telegraph results of further investigations.

**SEIYO MARU.**—Washington (D.C.), Nov. 8.—Steamer California reports: Japanese steamer Seiyo Maru was abandoned in a sinking condition on Nov. 4, in lat. 49 20 N., long. 177 20 E.

## IN SINKING CONDITION.

## JAPANESE SHIP IN DISTRESS: RUSH TO RESCUE.

Rengo to Chronicle.]

San Francisco, Nov. 2.  
The Dollar Line radio reports that the Japanese freighter Seiyo-maru, of the Mansei Kisen Kaisha of Tokyo, 6,500 tons, broadcast distress signals at five this morning, Pacific standard time, reporting that she is in a sinking condition. The Dollar Line reports that the President Grant relayed the signals.

The steamship California has hurried to her rescue and the last reports state that she was 25 miles distant from the distressed Japanese vessel.

The Seiyo-maru is listing badly, has lost her rudder and her cargo has shifted. American vessels have difficulty in deciphering the Seiyo-maru's messages. The Seiyo-maru's position is reported as 50°15 north and 178°25 east.

## LIFEBOATS ALL SMASHED.

San Francisco, Nov. 2.  
The Seiyo-Maru is en route from Portland, Oregon, to Yokohama with a crew of 40 and no passengers.

Captain Gregory Johnson radioed that the California hove to in a full gale and would proceed to assistance for the Seiyo-maru as soon as the wind moderated.

The California reported via the President Grant at 9.30 this evening that she would reach the Seiyo-maru at 11 this evening. The Seiyo-maru reported "The Lifeboats are all smashed, but we are still O.K."

## FATE UNKNOWN.

San Francisco, Nov. 3.  
The fate of the freighter Seiyo-maru is unknown. She reported yesterday that she was rudderless and listing at an angle of 16 degrees south-west of the Aleutians. Yesterday she sent out wireless calls for help reporting fog and gales. The steamer California was then en route to the assistance of the distressed vessel but nothing has been heard to-day from the Seiyo-maru.

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