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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

MEIKAI BUILDING

No. 32, AKASHI MACHI,

KOBE, 6th. November 1930.

"REGISTER" KOBE

2530 SANNOMIYA

The Secretary,  
LONDON.

S.S. "SEIYO MARU".

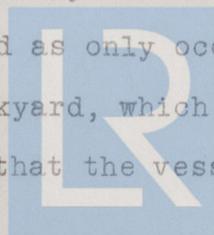
Dear Sir,

I have to confirm a cablegram sent to you yesterday which translates as follows:-

"Seiyo Maru referring to your letter of 4th September have letter from Owners date 27th. October undertaking agreed terms stop vessel is now reported sinking North Pacific will make further enquiries."

I have ascertained that this vessel which was laid up in the Inland Sea near Harima Dockyard was dry docked about the middle of September, chartered to the Yamashita Steamship Company and left on the 18th. September.

When in dry dock she received a docking survey by the Government Surveyors but no notification was made to this Office and as only occasional visits are paid to the Harima Dockyard, which is an outlying district, we were unaware that the vessel had left.



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Your letter of the 4th. September regarding this case was received in this Office on the 1st. October, and on the same date we wrote to the Owners enclosing the letter for them to sign which had been agreed upon by you.

This letter, which states that the vessel is "now laid up" is signed by the Owners under date of the 27th. October, i.e. just a few days before she was reported as being in distress while on her way from the Pacific Coast to Japan.

I have telegraphed to the Owners requesting some explanation but have not received any satisfactory reply.

I propose to place the facts before the Japan Committee at their next Meeting, as I think they will take rather a serious view of it on account of it's possible reflection on Japanese shipping in general, and for this reason I am retaining the Owners' letter in the meantime, but enclose herewith a copy, together with a newspaper cutting..

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

*Haspula*



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