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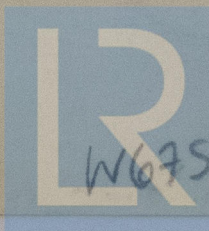
Dear Sirs:-

I respectfully report loss of steamship CHUKY off coast of Japan, February 15th, 1928, Master and all deck officers were lost. Vessel left San Pedro, California, January 19th, 1928 bound for Tsurumi, Japan. We had bad weather from the start and beginning February 11th we had for five days until the catastrophe gales and heavy seas with vessel almost constantly pounding and straining and making not more than five and one half knots per hour. On the evening of February 14th, we hove to on orders of the Captain. We hove to all night. In the morning about 7:45 A.M. while I was on after deck trimming ventilator, two big seas came on, vessel shook violently twice, bunkled near No. 5 tank under flying bridge, wiring was parted, which caused oil to ignite and explode and that part of ship was all aflame.

We launched one of the after life boats with great difficulty and twenty one men got away in it. We were picked up by a Japanese fishing vessel twenty six hours later and landed at Misaki. The rest of the officers and crew were lost.

Respectfully,

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