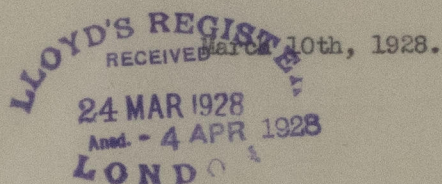


CHILE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, INC.

25 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS:
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The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
71 Fenchurch Street,
London, E.C.3.

Dear Sir:-

Your Reference - R
Loss of S.S. "CHUKY".

*Usual casualty
notice - copy
attached*

This will acknowledge your favor of the 24th February, notifying us that in accordance with the usual practice, the Committee will consider the question of inserting a record of the circumstances of the disaster of the above vessel in the Register Book.

Your letter was received on the 7th inst., and we have delayed answering it for one mail as we expected to receive a report from some of the survivors, who were to arrive in San Francisco on the 8th. The Chief Engineer and ten other survivors arrived in San Francisco and an investigation was held before the Steamboat Inspection Service, of the U. S. Department of Commerce, immediately. This investigation established the fact that the vessel broke in two at number five tank, due to heavy weather. The break was followed by an explosion, then fire. The vessel was hove to at the time of the accident and had been hove to for several hours. The Chief Engineer stated that two extraordinary seas dealt the blows which destroyed the vessel.

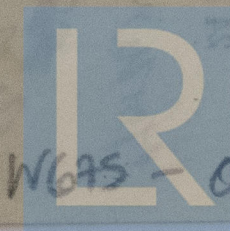
In due course we will receive certified copies of the statements taken. We might add that we have had cable advice that search has been made by the Japanese Navy, as to whether the hull of the S.S. "Chuky" is still afloat and they report that they find no trace.

Yours very truly,

CHILE STEAMSHIP CO., INC.

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