

REPORT of SURVEY for REPAIRS, &c.

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 8th April 1935

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Hokuman Maru"* of *Kobe*

Tons { Net 1400.3
Gross 6541

Built at *Kobe* When *1921 - 5* Casualty notice sent to Owner *1/3/35* Owner's reply *X*

Owner's Name *Manshu Kai riku Unso K.K.*

Address *42, Sakaya machi dori 2chome, Kobe-ku - Kobe*

Case previously before

Date

Last Minute

21st January 1935

Casualty

Particulars of Classification.

+100 A1 *ss. Feb. 1932*

Turning OK

1.34

Fitted for oil fuel 5.21

F.P. above 150°F

Adapted for carrying oil fuel

2.29. F.P. above 150°F in

D. to forward

An SOS was sent out by this vessel on the 21st January requesting immediate assistance when in lat. 49.34 N, long. 129.54 W.

She was later reported to have been abandoned in a sinking condition about 150 miles west of Estevan Point, although search was made no trace of her has been found.

A casualty notice was sent to the owners on the 1st March, but sufficient time has not elapsed for a reply to be received.

The Kobe Surveyors State, however, in letter dated 20th March, they are informed the Owners that this vessel was lost in the Pacific, about 300 miles from Vancouver on the 21st January, & has been abandoned as a total loss by all concerned.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

HOKUMAN MARU.—San Francisco, Jan. 21.—An S.O.S. asking for immediate assistance has been sent out by the Japanese steamer Hokuman Maru, bound for Osaka, from Vancouver. The message, which was picked up by the wireless station here, says: "Starboard list 17 deg. Taking water." The Hokuman Maru gave her position as lat. 49 37 N., long. 129 54 W., or about 130 miles to the west of Vancouver Island. The Japanese steamer Kashu Maru, which is 145 miles away from the position given, has wirelessed that she is hurrying to the vessel's assistance. Reuter. (Note.—The Hokuman Maru has a cargo of grain and timber.)

Seattle, Jan. 21.—Japanese steamer Hokuman Maru, reported in distress in lat. 49 37 N., long. 129 54 W., with 17 degrees list, water in engine-room and No. 2 hold. Japanese steamer Kashu Maru standing by. Coastguard cutter Chelan left Port Angeles to assist. Expects to return to Victoria, B.C.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Steamer Hokuman Maru is maintaining a speed of three knots. American steamer President Jackson is rushing to her aid, but the heavy storm which is now raging is making rapid progress difficult. Exchange Telegraph Company.

HOKUMAN MARU.—Vancouver, Jan. 21.—Japanese steamer Hokuman Maru abandoned in a sinking condition 150 miles west of Estevan Point. Steamer President Jackson endeavouring to save crew.

Vancouver, Jan. 21.—Japanese steamer Hokuman Maru; crew saved.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—All crew of steamer Hokuman Maru, numbering 45, have been rescued by the steamer President Jackson. Reuter.

London, Jan. 22.—The following cable has been received from Tokio, dispatched at 6 34 p.m., to-day: Steamer Hokuman Maru, from

HOKUMAN MARU.—Victoria, B.C., Jan. 23.—The crew, 45 in number, rescued from the Japanese steamer Hokuman Maru, have arrived here on board the steamer President Jackson. A United States coastguard cutter is now hastening to deal with the abandoned vessel, which will be either taken in tow or destroyed as the circumstances warrant. At present she is a danger to navigation. The ultimate cause of the disaster is stated to have been a cracked plate in the pumps, which rendered them unable to deal with the influx of water. Reuter.

HOKUMAN MARU.—Victoria, B.C., Jan. 25.—A tug and an aeroplane will combine to search North Pacific water for the Japanese steamer Hokuman Maru, which was abandoned about 150 miles north and west of Cape Flattery, after her crew had been rescued by the steamer President Jackson. The ocean-going tug Salvage King, of the Pacific Salvage Company, is leaving to-day for Quatsino Sound and will be joined later by the aeroplane from Vancouver. The Salvage King and the plane will make their base at Quatsino Sound and a wide area is to be covered in the hope that the vessel may still be afloat. When abandoned the vessel had a dangerous list, but seamen believe she may have weathered the storm and been driven ashore. The Daily Colonist.

HOKUMAN MARU.—London, Feb. 25.—The following advices have been received from Tokio, dated Feb. 4: The following cable has been received from Seattle, dated Jan. 30: Steamer Hokuman Maru: Opinion of coastguard vessel sank shortly after abandoned. (See issue of Feb. 11.)

Abandoned at Sea 1.35

Date of Committee

TUE. 9 APR 1935

Committee's Minute

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