

M.V. "TONGKING".

The Acting Penang Surveyor has issued a Report on Form 10 at the request of Lloyd's Agents, in which he states that he visited the vessel for the purpose of ascertaining what steps could be taken to minimise the damage by fire to ship and cargo.

The vessel left Penang with a cargo of rice, copra cakes, and copra, and about four hours after leaving the Port the copra on the after deck was found to be on fire, and as all efforts to stop the spread of the fire by hoses failed the vessel put back towards Penang. The telemotor gear failed, due to the fire, and the vessel was steered with the engines until the engine room became untenable, when the anchor was dropped.

The vessel was subsequently towed for about 7 miles, when she took a sudden sheer and the cable had to be cut to save the Tug.

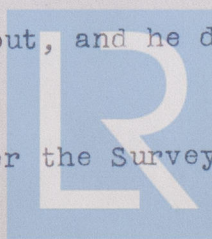
The Surveyor states that when he arrived the copra on deck was found to be burning furiously. It was evident that the fire extended fore and aft below deck, and it was therefore impossible to get on board or even alongside the vessel.

The Surveyor recommended that pumping water on board at the fore end be tried and this was given effect to for about 16 hours, but she subsequently took a list and went down about 2 feet by the head.

Several visits were paid to the vessel, and as a result of the last visit he considered that if the vessel was to be restored it would be necessary to rebuild her from the waterline upwards, while extensive repairs would undoubtedly be necessary to the hull below the waterline.

The Surveyor concludes his report by stating that he is definitely of the opinion that restoration of the vessel could not be economically carried out, and he does not recommend repairs be undertaken.

In a covering letter the Surveyor states that the



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vessel is to be sold by underwriters as she ^{LIES} ~~was~~ burned out
and ~~is~~ aground.

The Surveyor has forwarded several photographs,
and states that as the case had presented some unusual features
he would be glad to have any comments on the report.

The matter appears to have been dealt with in a
satisfactory manner by the Surveyor, and his report does not
call for any special comment. It is submitted he be thanked
for his letter, and informed that his report has been read with
very great interest.

It is further submitted the class of the vessel be
expunged from the Register Book, and a suitable notation
recorded.

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Wreck Report
To Classing Committee
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