

REPORT of SURVEY for REPAIRS &c.

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report

28th March

1927

Vessel's Name

Steel S.S. "Essex Isles"

of

London

Tons

(Net

2717

Gross

4399

Built at Sunderland

When

1904

YEAR

9

MONTH

Casualty notice sent to Owner

30 3 27

Owner's reply

25 3 27

Owner's Name Essex Transport & Trading Co. (Melbourn & Larionon Imp.)

Address 16 Creechurch Lane, Leadenhall St. E.C.3

Case previously before

Date

Classing Committee

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification

+1000A1 JN3 117
Shell deck 53 2 25
Wk foreboard +11m 6 25

Casualty

13th January 1927

Particulars of Casualty

This steamer is reported to have been badly damaged by fire after explosion at Tampico on 13th January.

In reply to a special casualty letter the Owners state that they concur in a record of casualty being made, as, so far as they are concerned, the vessel has been abandoned to the underwriters, who have almost completed payment for Constructive Total loss.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ESSEX ISLES. — Tampico, Jan. 13. — British steamer Essex Isles took fire in port and is still burning. Present chances of saving the vessel are now considered favourable. Had part of her outward cargo on board. Full particulars not yet received, but it is feared that there has been a serious loss of life among labourers. All the crew saved except —. Every means being taken to extinguish fire. — Lloyd's Agent.

Tampico, Jan. 13. — Thirty-seven longshoremen are believed to have been killed to-day by the explosion of a gasoline tank on the British steamer Essex Isles. The men were engaged in loading the ship at the time of the disaster. A spark caused by the crashing together of two steel girders which were being removed ignited the gasoline, and a terrific explosion followed, which set fire to the ship. — Reuter.

ESSEX ISLES. — Tampico, Jan. 14. — Steamer Essex Isles: Beached on the left bank of the river in a safe position. Fire in forepeak Nos. 1 and 2 holds extinguished with assistance of two tugs. Small fire in bunkers. Forepeak and midship houses burnt out. Cargo in forehold consisting of about 3800 case oil undoubtedly total loss. Cargo in afterhold approximately similar amount undamaged. Fire caused by explosion produced by falling hatch beams. Proposed retain services one tug for emergencies. Proceed to pump water from forehold and discharge goods in afterhold then hold preliminary survey, in the meantime preparing vessel for passage to nearest port for repairs as it is our opinion. Surveyors will recommend vessel proceeding under her own steam for repairs to Gulf port United States. Think it unnecessary send Special Surveyor. Local Surveyor may be relied on in this case. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

ESSEX ISLES. — Tampico, Jan. 19. — Steamer Essex Isles: Present position: Cargo in forehold probable loss, cargo in after hold damaged seriously water, but will have salvage value. Considerable quantity of coal in bunkers burnt out. Vessel is being pumped out for unloading cargo when survey will be held. Surveyors are of the opinion such repairs as are absolutely necessary to enable vessel

to prosecute voyage cannot be done here. Surveyors report that vessel can be sufficiently repaired here to enable her to proceed to United States, where she can be thoroughly repaired. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

ESSEX ISLES. — Tampico, Jan. 21. — Steamer Essex Isles: All cargo badly damaged and must be removed to permit vessel to proceed to dry dock for repairs. Am attending Underwriters' interests on cargo. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

ESSEX ISLES. — Tampico, Jan. 28. — Steamer Essex Isles: Vessel has been pumped out, not (? now) afloat in a safe position but full gas. Cargo will have to be discharged preparatory to survey. — Salvage Association.

ESSEX ISLES. — Tampico, Feb. 9. — Steamer Essex Isles will probably proceed Mobile in 12 days under her own steam. — Salvage Association.

ESSEX ISLES. — New York, Feb. 14. — Under Essex Isles: Surveyor returned advice, port side shell plating from amidships to stem buckled together (with) frames (for) six strakes. Starboard side under water consequent on list reported less damaged. Shelter deck plating from amidships to stem buckled together with beams hatch coamings foremast. Amidships accommodation destroyed. Main and lower deck plating amidships to stem buckled together consequent debris cargo. Cross bunker side bunkers holding 1800 tons coal probably removed for repairs. Boiler submerged, under steam, engine room filled water over cylinder heads, after holds filled water. Vessel now being pumped out discharging slowly. — Salvage Association's Surveyors.

Suggested Record

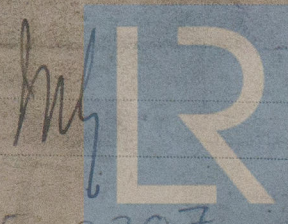
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Date of Committee

TUES. 29 MAR 1927

Committee's Minute

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