

Steamer "NATENNA".

With regard to this case Mr. Wimshurst Saturday said that he was not clear as to whom he is acting for. He got his instructions from Messrs. Crump & Sons, the Solicitors, upon ringing up Mr. Clifton of Crump's, to whom I was referred. Mr. Wimshurst, Mr. Clifton stated that their firm is acting for Brook Steamship Corporation, 20, Copthall Avenue, who he believes are either the Owners or Managers of the Vessel. I pointed out, however, that in the Society's Register Book the vessel appears as the property of the United States Shipping Board, (Emergency Ship Corporation). The Brook Steamship Co. have now rung up to say that the vessel was sold by the United States Shipping Board to Nacerrma Steamship Corporation, 25, Broadway, New York, and the Brook Steamship Corporation is operating the ship for the Nacerrma

The following wires have been received by the Brook Steamship from the Master, viz.,

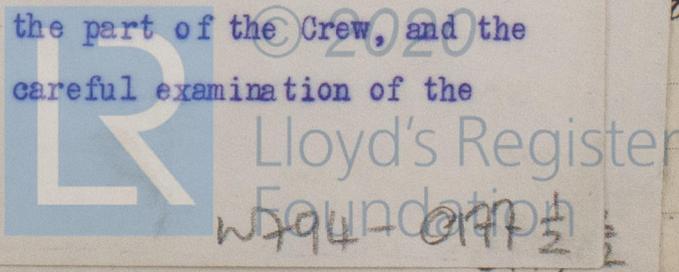
Received 6th February

WIRE RECEIVED IF NATENNA COMES IN ANY WAY INTO DANGER WILL BE ADVISED BY ADVICE OF LLOYDS AGENT AND COMMENCE IMMEDIATE DISCHARGE OF CARGO FOR SAFETY VESSEL STOP PUMPS ABLE TO KEEP WATER ABOUT 12 INCHES STOP SEE COPY TELEGRAM SENT BY LLOYDS TO SALVAGE ASSOCIATION GIVING FULL PARTICULARS.

Received 7th February, from Brest.

NATENNA CONDITION NOT IMPROVED REFER TO TELEGRAM FROM LLOYDS TO SALVAGE ASSOCIATION REGARDING SALE OF CARGO STARTING DISCHARGE AT 11 AM.

The Owners of the vessel don't want the vessel to discharge cargo as it is considered essential by responsible Surveyors on the spot. The Owners say that they think it not impossible that the cargo may be due to some action on the part of the Crew, and the Owners are accordingly anxious for a careful examination of the



vessel to be made as far as practicable, with a view to her proceeding on her voyage with the least possible delay, if the Surveyors are of opinion that this course can be followed.

I replied that, in the circumstances, it seemed to me the best course to adopt was to cable to the Society's Surveyors at Santos to get into touch with Mr. Roberts, with a view to their holding a joint survey of the vessel at the earliest possible moment. This I took it would be in accordance with the wishes of the Owners, and the reply was, yes, that was what they wanted.

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