

S.S. "RIVER MEANDER" built in 1906. Classed 100A 1 "Spar Deck".

Owners : American Levent Line.

This vessel was surveyed in dry dock in August last and reported to be in good and efficient condition.

On a voyage from Smyrna to New York in October and November last she was reported to have made some water in No. 1 port bilge, also in No. 3 hold, or deep tank, Some water was also said to have found its way into the tween decks. The vessel was surveyed afloat by the Society's Surveyors in New York, but it does not appear that they were informed anything at all about water getting into the hold, but only that water had found its way into the tween decks, and that this had been attributed to leakage from an ice box.

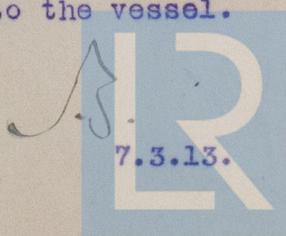
Upon investigating the matter, however, the Surveyors could not confirm this suggestion. Their survey was confined to No.3 tween deck as at the time the vessel was partly loaded.

The vessel sailed from New York on the 26th November and on the 29th November she was abandoned in consequence of water which had found its way into the vessel, there being about 17' of water in the engine room and stokehold.

An Enquiry has been held at Newcastle into the circumstances of this vessel's loss and the Court, while finding that the vessel was not seaworthy when she left New York on the 26th November, were yet unable to state how water got into the vessel, whereby her loss was occasioned.

After perusal of the report, as printed in the Liverpool Journal of Commerce, and a careful examination of the plan of the pumping arrangements of the vessel, it is not possible without further information to state what was the cause of the water getting into the vessel.

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