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THE UNION SULPHUR COMPANY
17, Battery Place,
NEW YORK.

April 1, 1921.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
71, Fenchurch Street,
London, E.C.(3), England.

Gentlemen:-

S.S. "HEWITT" - Missing since January 25th, 1921. *R Dept.*

Replying to your favour of March 18, 1921, with reference to the above named steamer, I beg leave to say that we know of no circumstances which would make it desirable that the Secretary should defer taking steps to expunge the vessel's character from the Register Book.

This steamer sailed from Sabine on January 20, 1921, with a full cargo of sulphur, in bulk, for Boston and Portland, and we received radio ~~MESS~~ages every day from her, giving her position, from the day she left Sabine until her disappearance. Our last message was received on the morning of January 26th, giving her position at 7 PM on January 25th, as being 222 miles North of Jupiter (A point on the Florida Coast), and the record of her run for the preceding twenty-four hours was 292 nautical miles.

This vessel sailed from Hoboken, N.J., on November 9, 1920, where she had been undergoing a general overhaul at the repair yard of W. & A. Fletcher Company, which occupied a period of forty-nine days, during which time the sum of over \$100,000 has been expended by the Owners.

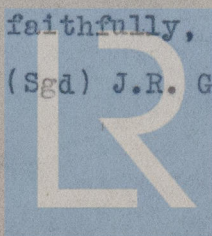
Furthermore, she had undergone her annual United States Inspection at Portland, Maine, and received her certificate before sailing from that port, which was on January 8th, 1921.

We are at a loss to account for her disappearance as the steamer was equipped with a powerful wireless set and there had been no indication of any trouble whatever of any description from the time she left the Repair Yards at Hoboken, N.J., on November 9th, 1920.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) J.R. GORDON.

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