

CORNISH CITY.—Aden, Dec. 8. — Motor vessel Cornish City (Baton Rouge for Calcutta) on fire in Aden harbour since 5 15 p.m. to-day; fire-fighting tugs alongside. Fire appears to be in engine-room.

— Aden, Dec. 9.—Motor vessel Cornish City now towed to outer harbour. Casualties two missing and one seriously burnt. Fire-fighting appliances still alongside and situation still remains serious.

— Aden, Dec. 9. — Motor vessel Cornish City: Fire completely out. Engine-room gutted and making water. Two missing crew found dead.

— Aden, Dec. 9.—A third British engineer of the motor vessel Cornish City was in hospital, the ship's agents here said. All three were in the engine-room when the fire started. Officials stated that the vessel was carrying wheat and general cargo.—Reuter.

— London, Dec. 9.—A spokesman for the owners of motor vessel Cornish City said a Lloyd's surveyor was on board the vessel making a preliminary survey to try to establish the cause of the fire. He and marine superintendent Major would make a report on the position and the owners expected to get this to-morrow. "Some of the accommodation on board the vessel is extensively damaged and uninhabitable at the moment," the spokesman said.

— Aden, Dec. 10.—Motor vessel Cornish City: Surveyor reports fire originated in port aft corner of engine-room in way of fuel/oil purifiers; probable cause considered diesel oil vapour leakage from double bottom, which filling at time, igniting on sparking motor brushes of running purifier. Preliminary investigation shows considerable damage to engine, side fuel tanks port and starboard-sides buckled, also engine-room aft bulkhead plating lower sections buckled, all engine-room electric circuits burnt and switchboard damaged by foam and water, aft platforms and ladders buckled and distorted, five oil purifiers burnt out also several other motors, main deck cross beam and top engine casing buckled, lubricating oil storage tank buckled and fractured, numerous pipes and fittings broken, main engine bottle guide white metal partly run out, all lubricators burnt, instrumentation and gauges burnt, all accommodation on port and starboard sides abreast engine-room burnt in varying degrees also two starboard wooden lifeboats; starboard anchor and four lengths of cable presently buoyed in inner harbour. Vessel now lying in outer harbour pumping out estimated 4 ft. of water in engine-room and tunnel from fire-extinguishing efforts. No apparent shell leakage. Endeavouring clean out engine-room and provide emergency domestic services, pending owners' decision on future. Owners' superintendent in attendance. Repairs possible at Aden.— Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.



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