

Rpt. 25

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC.

Ship's Name SS/MS "ALKYONE" Gross tons 9143 Date of Build 7-1953

Casualty notice sent to Owners 12.4.67. Owners' Reply 17.4.67. Owners Alkyone Shipping Co., S.A.

Casualty notice sent to Owners 24.5.67. Reply 25.5.67. Owners Alkyone Shipping Co., S.A.

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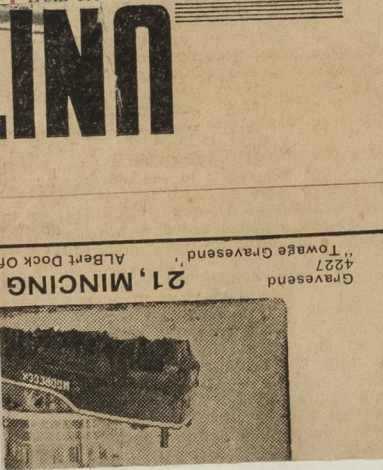
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Rotterdam, Mar. 20. — Steamer Alkyone: Cargo comprises about 2,000 tons of copra and about 3,000 tons of copra expeller pellets, all for Hamburg. Salvors contemplate discharge of part cargo at place of stranding for purpose of lightening the vessel but so far no definite decision has been taken.

Hamburg, Mar. 20. — Steamer Alkyone: The ship's agents here have received the following telegram from the ship's agents at Rotterdam: Alkyone; Salvors, Smit; van den Tak, contemplate discharge of part cargo which originally destined Hamburg now at stranding place.

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Antwerp, Apr. 13. — Tug VIKINGBANK: Our acting surveyors advise attempt to refloat of Apr. 9 failed due to presence of stones of pier, which hampered positioning of lifting wires and did not allow floating crane to approach close enough. Salvors now arranging to remove about 100 tons of stones by means of grabs to improve position. These stones to be subsequently replaced. This work and salvage operations generally subject to weather and sea conditions as position exposed and subject to swell. — Salvage Association's Surveyors.

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