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TAKORADI.
26th December, 1950.

We, Geoffrey George Price, Master of the s.s. "LORD GLANELY", and Herbert Flowerdew, Master of the m.v. "DAVID LIVINGSTONE", at the request of Lloyd's Agents, Takoradi, at 2.30 p.m. today went on board the s.s. "MONTE NEGRO" now aground outside the Harbour, to advise and assist the Master.

Boarded her at 3 p.m., and found that:

Fore peak has 22 feet of water and not reduced much by pumping.

No.1 hold pumped out by shore pump and kept at 5'7".

Engine room suction cannot help, water visible fore end.

No.2 hold had risen to 15'3" but pumping by ship's pump all day and petrol pump from 2 p.m. had reduced same to 14'2", water visible to depth 6 feet at after end of Hold.

Cross Bunker hold risen to 9' and unable to pump bilges, water visible at sides of hold.

Engine room remains the same and kept under control, also water coming in through W.T. doors into stokehold from No.3 hold, kept pumped out by Engine room pump.

No.3 hold, dry.

No.4 hold, 7" starboard side and 6' on port side, indicating tunnel stops water from flowing across hold.

After peak now pumped dry.

All double bottom tanks now full and cannot be pumped out.

Vessel pounding on what appears to be rock under bridge space. Slight movement of fore end and more movement aft.

Advised Master no use trying tow off. Keep water level same or up a little and keep vessel steady until better pumps can be brought off. Keep on jettisoning.

Master advised again attempt lay out anchors with help of shore assistance but he considered it impracticable to get his anchors aft and away. Derricks unsuitable.

Advised him radio his owners full position and ask their advice telling them salvage pumps and expert assistance wanted.

Tug and Harbourmaster came off but considered no use attempting to tow off as more water in ship than cargo jettisoned.

Left ship at 6.30 p.m. and returned on board at 7 p.m.



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