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Mail Address:
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AIR-MAIL.

The Secretary,
London.

Dear Sir:

"LOS POZOS".

I hear that the above vessel, at present lying in Willemstad Harbour, has been declared a Constructive Total Loss, and is now up for sale.

As it is probable that I will be called in for this vessel, I would be glad if you would advise me as to whether this vessel is still classed with the Society.

Yours very truly

C. H. Smith

Surveyor.

San Eliseo stating that one vessel is still burning heavily amidships off Curacao. Tugs had prevented the San

Los Pozos. Curacao

Extinguishing of fires difficult and improbable. Dec. 18.)

Seven of the crew are still missing from the Venezuelan tanker TUCUPITA and the Los Pozos. Operates Willemstad, to help have been as to the in ballast. of her crew Attempts are also save the TUCUPITA, but temporarily to be abandoned since she is loaded with aviation spirit. Survivors of were rescued by the tank Mariana, a motor lifeboat, the motor tanker Bergeland, a motor boat, a harbour police a Navy motor boat. Men from TUCUPITA said to-night that the was proceeding at eight knots felt a shock amidships, followed by the explosion of her cargo. of the crew lowered the lifeboats and jumped overboard. People from the burning tankers were being cared for on shore by the Company.—Reuter.

New York, Dec. 16.—The tanker roll as the result of the collision between the tank steamer Los Pozos and tanker TUCUPITA off Curacao rose to night to-day, with 12 persons still reported missing. A message from the Puerto Rico Coastguard headquarters stated that eight bodies had been brought ashore and 50 persons, eight of them seriously injured, had been rescued. The tanker TUCUPITA, a converted tank-landing craft, which carried a crew of 36, including two women, was a total loss, the message added. The Los Pozos, which carried a crew of 34, was reported drifting north-west. Coastguards stated that she salved but was still on hope was held for any on board; the mast dead.—Reuter.

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