

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Vessel's Name *Reed S.P. "Yonan Maru"* of *Kobe*Tons { Net 5129
Gross 7154Built at *Inosshima* When *1919* Casualty notice sent to Owner *11.12.31* Owner's replyOwner's Name *Nippon Kyodo Kisen K.K. (Nippon Kisen K.K. Inqrs)*Address *17 Haruma-cho, Kobe, Japan*

Particulars of Classification.	
Case previously before	Date
Classing Committee.	Last Minute

Date of Casualty *16th October 1931*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer, carrying a cargo of wheat and logs, reported by wireless on 16th October that she was in distress and in a sinking condition 500 miles W. of the Aleutian Islands. No trace of vessel or crew could be found & no news has been received since the last S.O.S. on 17th October, which stated that hatch boards were washed away, No. 5 & 6 holds and engine and boiler rooms flooded, and that the vessel was gradually sinking.

A casualty notice was sent to the Owners on 11th December, and in a letter dated 30th December, the Kobe Survivors state they are informed by the Owners that the vessel has been totally lost and abandoned by all concerned. They add that her name was removed from the Official Register of Japanese vessels on the 3rd December.

The steamer has not yet been reported 'missing' at Lloyd's.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

YONAN MARU.—Seattle, Oct. 16.—Japanese steamer Yonan Maru, Portland, Oreg., for Shanghai, cargo wheat and logs, asking assistance. Steamer President Jefferson proceeding, due 8 a.m. Vessel in vicinity of Sitka Island, Aleutians. Last report indicates sinking.

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—Steamer Yonan Maru reported in distress in lat. 50 N., long. 179 W.

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—The liner President Jefferson is reported to be rushing to the assistance of the Japanese cargo steamer Yonan Maru, which is reported by wireless to be in a sinking condition 500 miles west of Dutch Harbour, Aleutian Islands, and carries a crew of about 40. The wireless reports so far received emanate from the liner.—Reuter.

YONAN MARU.—San Francisco, Oct. 16.—Steamer President Jefferson has wirelessed that she can find no trace of the Japanese cargo steamer Yonan Maru in her last reported position.—Reuter.

New York, Oct. 17.—The Japanese cargo steamer Yonan Maru has now apparently gone down with her crew of forty. The vessel's deckload has been found afloat, according to a wireless message from the steamer President Jefferson, but nothing else has been discovered.—Reuter.

Seattle, Oct. 17.—Japanese steamer Yonan Maru: Reports from steamer President Jefferson indicate no trace of vessel except logs from deckload. Steamer President Jefferson proceeding Seattle. Steamers Ayaba Maru and Taigen Maru still endeavouring to locate steamer Yonan Maru or any survivors but not reporting this coast.

YONAN MARU.—London, Oct. 19.—The following cable has been received from Tokyo, dispatched at 6.50 p.m., Oct. 19: Kyodo's steamer Yonan Maru, from United States ports to Japan, reported encountered exceptionally adverse weather, making much water in after hold and engine-room south of Aleutian Islands Oct. 16. No news since.

YONAN MARU.—London, Oct. 20.—The following cable has been received from Tokyo, dated Oct. 20: Steamer Yonan Maru: Since last S.O.S. Japan time 11.40 p.m., Oct. 17, no trace of vessel or crew.

YONAN MARU.—London, Nov. 24.—The following mail advices have been received from Tokyo, dated Oct. 21: Steamer Yonan Maru left Portland, Oreg., on Sept. 30 for Yokohama with 5188 tons of bulk wheat and 1,400,000 ft. B. M. of lumber and encountered exceptionally adverse weather after Oct. 14. She wirelessed an S.O.S. on Oct. 16 from lat. 50 16 N., long. 179 51 W., while labouring in heavy sea, stating that deck-load logs were washed overboard and bulwarks broken, hatch-boards of Nos. 5 and 6 holds were broken, making much water into these holds, and that she was making for Amchitka Island, Aleutian Isles, for refuge. In response to the S.O.S. calls the vessels President Jefferson, Taiyo Maru, Kwansai Maru, Taigen Maru, Ayuba Maru, Shunsho Maru and Taizan Maru made for the Yonan Maru, but none found her. Apparently her last words were intercepted by the Kwansai Maru at 11.40 p.m. on Oct. 16 to the effect that hatch-boards were washed away, Nos. 5 and 6 holds and engine and boiler rooms flooded and that the vessel was gradually sinking; the wireless power faded and no later message was received. The vessels which made for the scene cruised in search and none of them could find the Yonan Maru although they saw some floating timber supposed to have been part of her deck cargo. The Taizan Maru and the Ayuba Maru cruised for some time, and the latest wireless received from the Ayuba Maru reported that she had strenuously continued the search for the steamer up to Oct. 21 but in vain.

In view of no further news of the ill-fated vessel having been received, our correspondents fear that the vessel must be regarded as lost.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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