

The frames, however, are more or less broken at the upper ends throughout on both sides of the vessel, and at the same positions the beams are cracked or broken at the knees. The deck is badly cracked at the gunwale, chiefly amidships, and in line with the hatch ends. The fore and aft deck girders are cracked right through in several places, the pillars are more or less broken or cracked in parts and the hatchway side coamings are cracked.

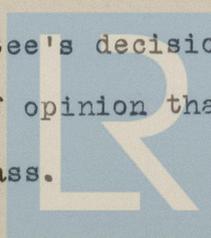
The vessel, while lying stranded, was partly held by the pier on the starboard side, while the after end was entirely unsupported and would be subject to severe torsional and shear forces.

It is considered that the effectiveness of the concrete and probably that of the reinforcement, comprised in the side slabs and frames and in other parts, has been destroyed for two-thirds the length of the vessel and would require to be rebuilt. In addition, the concrete in the deck slab, the shell of bottom, the bulkheads and hatchway coamings has been so affected as to necessitate extensive repairs, if not actual rebuilding!

The Surveyors add that if such repairs were economically possible it is doubtful whether the work could be so effected as to place the vessel in a condition equivalent to that which existed prior to the damage in question, and in all the circumstances they were unable to recommend the continuance of her classification.

The Classing Committee had the case under their consideration on Friday, 11th instant, when it was decided to make a record in the Register Book of "In port damaged 1,21" and to expunge the class.

The Owners were duly informed and in reply enquired whether from the Committee's decision they are to understand that the Society is of opinion that the vessel could not be repaired to regain her class.



If not, they desire to know what are the Society's recommendations for the purpose of regaining the class as before the accident.

W. W.

17th February, 1921.

General Committee

Thursday, 17th February, 1921.

*Recommendation of Classing
Committee adopted.*

*Copy of Surveyors' report to be
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