

dent Taft was communicated with by Wireless Telegraphy and arrived at 3 p.m. All inlets were opened to the sea with a view to hastening the sinking of the ship. At 6.30 p.m. on January 26th the S.S. *Mary Horlock* was abandoned in Lat. 32° 09' N. Long. 153° 46' E. The crew in the *Mary Horlock*, boat were transferred to the S.S. *President Taft*. The S.S. *Mary Horlock* when last seen had a list of 40° to Port and was down by the stern.

That upon the evidence given we find the ship was well found, sufficiently manned and seaworthy at the time of her departure that she was not overloaded; her cargo was well and properly stowed.

We find that the abandonment of the S.S. *Mary Horlock* was due to the shifting of her deck cargo, through stress of weather, damaging the ship to such an extent as to cause a leak and thereby a dangerously increasing list.

We consider that the Master was justified in abandoning the *Mary Horlock* and scuttling the vessel and we commend Captain Hill and his crew for their seamanship in launching the boat and transferring the crew without accident, under such difficult conditions.

The Court desires to direct the attention of the Board of Trade to the prompt arrival of the U. S. S.S. *President Taft*, to the volunteer boats' crew who effected the final rescue which was made possible by the free use of oil.

Given under our hands at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, this 16th day of February, 1924.

(Signed) CONWAY HAKE, Lieut.-Commander, R.D.R., R.N.R.,
Stipendiary Magistrate and President of the Court.
 „ P. W. S. HENDERSON, Lieut.-Commander, R.N.,
Superintendent, Chart Dep't, H.M. Dockyard.
 „ A. J. HAILEY,
Master, British S.S. Empress of Australia.
 „ S. O. MITFORD,
Master, British S.S. Sui Sang.
 „ G. BYERS,
Master, British S.S. Chinhua.

SUPREME COURT.

No. 102.—It is hereby notified that, at the expiration of three months from the date hereof, The NAM MEI LAND AND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED will, unless cause is shewn to the contrary, be struck off the register and the company will be dissolved.

28th February, 1924.

No. 103.—It is hereby notified that the name of The PACIFIC BANKING AND EXCHANGE COMPANY, LIMITED has been struck off the Register.

HUGH A. NISBET,
Registrar of Companies.

29th February, 1924.