

## RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, ETC.—continued.

Date of casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Register Tonnage.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1917.												
Sep. 28 to Oct. 26	Conargo, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	2,726	51	Oil	Boiler defect; damage, £210	At sea	..	..	During voyage from New York to Auckland a small crack developed in the boiler	R. C. D. M. Heedle.	
Oct. 12	Ihunata, s.s., 6 years	Schooner	680	24	General	Fire; damage, £100	2 miles N.N.E. of Caville Island	S.S.W.	..	Fire occurred in fore hold; cause unknown, but probably due to some explosive substance being purposely put into the vessel. Cargo considerably damaged	R. Matheson.	
"	Waireka, s.s., 7 years	Ferry-boat	72	5	..	Stranded; trifling damage	Portobello, Otago Harbour	S.W.	Heavy squalls	Vessel was struck by a heavy squall, and stranded on a sandy beach. She was kedged off at high water	J. M. Eadie.	
Nov. 2	Waitangi, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	31	6	..	Stranded; no damage	Otago Harbour	S.W.	Light ..	Steering-gear jammed, and vessel grounded on a sand-bank, but floated off on rising tide	M. J. Hargreaves.	
"	Zealandic, s.s., 6 years	Schooner	5,172	87	General	Fire; no damage	Picton Wharf	..	..	Coal in lower cross-bunker became heated, and fire was discovered, but was extinguished in a few hours. Presumed spontaneous combustion	A. E. Jackson.	
"	Inga, s.s., 13 years	Schooner	570	19	Coal	Stranded; no damage	Wanganui Bar	E.	Moderate	Vessel grounded near south mole, but was towed off without damage	J. H. Bull.	
"	Laurel Whalen, aux., 1 year	Schooner	1,049	16	Wheat	Damaged rudder, &c.; damage, £70	Tasman Sea	S.E.	Gales ..	When west of Wilson's Promontory a heavy gale was encountered which split the sails; and when off Three Kings the wheel-ropes parted and the rudder was damaged	H. Docherty.	
"	Nikau, s.s., 8 years	Schooner	98	16	..	Loss of propeller-blades	Between Nelson and Motueka	..	..	Probably struck some floating object	R.J. Hay.	
Dec. 5	Result, 46 years...	Ketch ..	23	2	Coal	Stranded; total loss	Torrent Bay, Nelson..	S.	Light ..	The vessel was proceeding from Pupuonga to Motueka, when the wind changed, and she put into Torrent Bay for shelter, but when entering the bay she struck a rock and sank	Thos. Reeves.	
"	Nautilus, o.c.v., 14 years	Launch	6	..	..	Fire; total loss ..	Clark's Creek, Onehunga	..	..	Vessel at moorings, and no one on board; cause of fire unknown	J. C. McInnes.	
"	Victory, aux., 14 years	Ketch ..	17	3	..	Stranded; damage, £75	Manukau Heads	S.W.	Strong..	When entering the heads the vessel stranded on the middle bank. The accident occurred through the beacons becoming suddenly obscured by mist	George Page.	
"	Laura, 29 years ..	Barquentine	326	11	General	Strained; damage, £700	Lat. 37° 3' S, long. 163° 28' E.	E.S.E.	Gale ..	The vessel encountered very heavy weather, and was struck by a heavy sea on starboard side, starting a number of stanchions	J. McIntosh.	
"	Boorara, s.s., 4 years	Schooner	4,083	59	General	Fire; no damage	Wellington Harbour ..	N.W.	Light ..	Fire was discovered in bunkers; cause unknown	J. Buchanan.	
"	Amy Turner, 41 years	Barquentine	901	8	Ballast..	Fire .. ..	No. 6 Wharf, Lyttelton	S.	Moderate	Vessel had discharged a cargo of oil and was loading with ballast, when an explosion took place and fire broke out in the hold. The ballast with which the vessel was being loaded consisted of rock and clay, and a spark may have been struck by the falling stones which ignited oil-vapour and caused the fire	J. J. Bennett.	