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On September 29, 1941 at 1000 ship's time, in Lat. 30° 11' North, Long. 70° 00' West, on course 163° true, the SS Algonquin of the New York & Puerto Rican S/S Co. met a large steamer apparently of the British Empress type. When first sighted, this vessel was meeting the "Algonquin" head—on, but when 5 or 6 miles away she changed course to about due west; when abeam and 6 or 7 miles away, she resumed a northerly course. The vessel was painted dull grey all over with no stack mark; did not display any ensigns, signal flags or any means of identification. In silhouette she had a Clipper bow, cruiser stern, 2 masts, rather large midship superstructure, low stack with a gun mounted aft on a platform and apparently an AA gun on the after end of boatdeck.

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