

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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SAN PEDRO GROUP

Daily Ship Molement report. SPECIAL INFORMATION

S.S. CHARLES CHRISTENSON, (Emil Hellesto, Master) "Arrow Line", Sudden and Christenson Co., of San Francisco, Official No. 218-628, American Bureau Load Line Certificate 1-1146-2.

(See Assistant Captian of the Port's letter to Captain of the Port, Los Angeles, 24 February, 1941).

There was reasonable doubt of the ship's stability and seaworthiness for the voyage to New York. After bunkering it was found to be six inches (288 tons) overloaded. The Master lightened ship by discharging water. While this increased the ship's buoyancy it likely decreased its stability and perhaps its seaworthiness.

Overloading continues although it is believed on the decline.