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Dear Mr. Mac Mullen:

That was an excellent article you had published in the "San Diego Union" in regard to the tug FEARLESS' 5,300 empty miles in search of the abandoned HONRESFELD. I enjoyed reading every line of it. It's a pity that the search and salvage were not successful.

I have the following information available in regard to the little British steamer ST.DENIS. Of 302 net, 516 gross tons, she was built by J.L.Thompson & Sons, Ltd., Sunderland, in 1895, and was launched as the GENERAL MENA. Just before the turn of the century, she was sold to the Lower California Development Co. Ltd. of Liverpool, and re-named ST.DENIS, and Capt. W.M.Colburn took command of her.

In 1909, she came under the ownership of the Mexican Land and Colonisation Co. Ltd. (P.Ireson, Mgr.) and still registered at Liverpool. At that time, Capt. Colburn was succeeded by Capt. B.L.Johnson.

The ST.DENIS was out of registration in 1911, so that would indicate she went "missing" from some British Columbia port, sometime in 1910, most likely.

Using the year, 1910, as a base for further research, I'll endeavor to run down what Lloyd's have to say about the "missing" vessel from contemporary records, and will write to you again as soon as I find more details concerning this casualty.

I am happy to know you enjoy my contributions to MARINE DIGEST. If everything goes well, you will see many more such contributions in the magazine, from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

A. O. Anderson

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St. St. Denis ran between

*S.D. and "The Lower Coast" -
Crescent, Cedrus Island, San Quintin -
for the Lower Calif Development Co. (British)
in the early 1900s. Capt. John A. Wheaton (later famous
S.D. ferry capt. - was one of her quartermasters.*

Deceased. ... as of ± 1975

Jerry MacMullen 4/1/8

