

EMPIRE LARK SUNK WITH POISON GAS ABOARD

The former German supply ship Kersten Miles took on her last cargo at Barry, South Wales, ^{eight} ~~nineteen~~ thousand tons of poison gas. In special safety-suits, ~~with no skin exposed from head to foot~~, the gang loaded the vessel with a capacity cargo of gas shells, bombs and containers. It was part of ⁿ ~~nineteen~~ thousand tons of the deadliest gas science could manufacture, prepared during the war but never used. Germany knew that we could beat her at that game. Now, the only way to get rid of it ^{is} ~~is~~ to dump it at sea. So the plan ~~now~~ was to tow the old German ship into the Bay of Biscay, open the seacocks, and sink her in six hundred fathoms. Slow going in tow the journey took three days.

(Navigator) The appointed sinking place was two hundred miles due west of ^{Cape Finisterre} ~~Barry~~, in the north of the Bay of Biscay. Arrived there, the tug paid out more rope, to increase the distance between the two vessels. This location was chosen as being the nearest very deep water. In dead calm the seacocks ~~of the Kersten Miles~~ were opened and ^{t-ship} ~~she~~ slowly began to settle ~~down~~. ~~It was the only way of disposing of the poison gas.~~ The world would be a healthier planet if to get rid of the causes of war were just as simple as this.

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Please receive the under-mentioned goods:-

1.F.G.POSITIVE..EMPIRE LARK BEING LOADED WITH GAS..371ft..CAN.1.

1." " " " " " SCUTTLED.....700ft..CAN.2.

AND DEPE.


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