

EMPRESS LINER AFLOAT AGAIN

This was the shipping tragedy 14 months ago; ~~the~~
Empress of Canada on fire in Gladstone Dock, Liverpool. The
20,000-ton Canadian Pacific Liner heeled over and sank.
Recovery for anything but salvage was out of the question.
But now, months of effort reaped reward. The 15,000
tons of dead weight was being hauled up on an even keel;
~~the~~ the beginning of the most difficult salvage operation
ever attempted in ~~Britain~~ Europe. Steam for 16 winches
came from a boiler ashore and Dock Board dredgers.

Connecting the winches with the hull of the Empress, 160
yards away, were sixteen ~~hawsers~~ hawsers, Engineers were
optimistic, but in such big jobs as this success was by no
means guaranteed. However, everything was now set and the
winches could start turning.

In past months, on the ~~submerged~~ ^{underwater} side, the ship had been
fitted with air-filled tanks to give buoyancy. From
90 degrees list the Empress now began to rise, ~~7~~ From start
to finish the operation took only 45 minutes.

~~Paramount cameras illustrated different stages of the lift.~~

Estimated salvage value is no more than 50,000 pounds.

The salvage operation cost about 380,000.

Quite a loss for somebody but the invaluable dock space
will be available again.

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