

Liverpool: A proud liner, the "Empress of Canada" lies a pathetic sight in Gladstone Dock - victim of a mystery blaze, just over a year ago, that left her a gutted hulk.

A tragic end - ~~was~~ shared by many other fine vessels - perhaps through sabotage or just carelessness? (2)

Remember the "Atlantique" - burnt out in the channel, twenty years ago? And in 1939, the 35,000 ton "Paris" gutted at Le Harve? There sabotage was suspected.

A third great French liner, the "Normandie" was a war-time victim in New York - after being converted into a Navy Auxiliary.

More recently, at Harwich, the "Kronprins Frederik" Happily, she will ~~see the end~~ ^{see the end} sail again. But not the "Empress of Canada" ~~in Gladstone Dock, again~~

~~of £380,000 salvage operation~~
Gladstone Dock sees the end of a £380,000 salvage operation to right the stricken vessel. ~~was~~ Sixteen cables, nine inches thick, ~~was~~ ^{were} hauled by steam winches.

International salvage experts watched the operation, as the gauge told of success. Slowly, the ~~hull~~ ^{huge hull} was raised to an even keel, in just under an hour - the ~~great~~ ^{greatest} salvage feat of its kind in Britain.

A "Grand old Lady" is ready ~~to sail the sea again~~ ^{for another voyage}; but only to the "breaker's yard" - to become £40,000 of scrap.