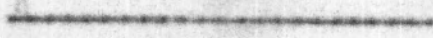


STEAMER ABLAZE - Serious damage to mail-boat

"Duke of Lancaster" in Heysham Harbour.

-Lancashire-



Picture:- The Duke of Lancaster was just due to sail for Belfast, when fire broke out aboard. XXXXXXXX Passengers were warned of their danger, and had to hurry ashore. XXXXX

Some of them had 'turned in', but they lost no time when ordered--

--to leave the ship. XXXX Our cameraman was the only one, (apart--

--from the firemen), to board the skeleton vessel after the fire broke out. XXXXX These pictures are the result of his daring. XXXX

It is estimated that damage to the extent of--

--over a hundred-thousand-pounds was done to the ship in the fifteen hours she was burning. XXXXX The whole of the first class passenger--

--accommodation is destroyed, and most of the crew and stewards are left without a change of clothing. XXXX The--

--ship is - or rather was - a luxurious twin-screw steamer of nearly four-thousand-tons with ample accommodation for fifteen-hundred passengers. XXXX

Now she lies alongside the landing stage with a bad "list" - a shadow of her former self. XXXX Hard luck !