

AMUR

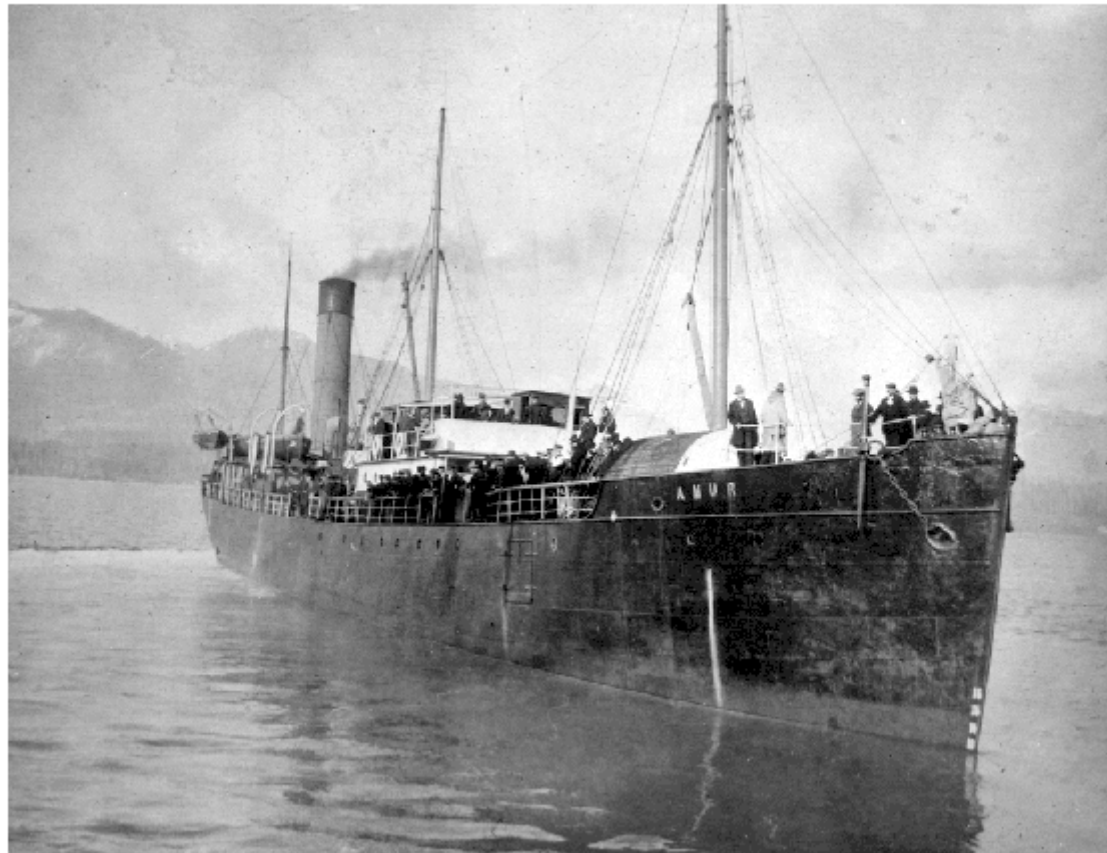
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Title: The SS Amur.

AMUR aground in Alaska 1911

The Amur was built by Strand Slipway Company from Sunderland England for Lombard Steamship Company (J White) in 1890 (initial registration may have been to the Amur Steamship Company also owned by J White); 790 tons gross, 570 tons net and 216x28x11 feet with triple engines by the North Eastern Marine Engineering Company.

Her initial engagement was in Siberia and later as a coastal steamer in China. During the 1894-95 Sino-Japanese war she served as a transport for Japan. On February 20 1896 she arrived in Sydney with a shipment of American grain from Hong Kong. The agent for this trip was Burns Philp & Co. In March 1896 she was chartered by Burns Philp on behalf of the Australasian United Steam Navigation company for the New Hebrides trade (under the flag of the Australasian New Hebrides Company). She remained in this position until 16 March 1897. Thereafter she was chartered by the Adelaide Steamship company for the Queensland trade.

She was sold and in February 1898 arrived in Victoria BC to the Klondike Trading & Transfer Co; thereafter to Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. 1899; the shipping line acquired by the Canadian Pacific Railway in January 1901; to Coastwise Steamship & Barge Co. 1912; to A. Berquist, Vancouver 1925. Re-engined 1925, details unknown. Ran ashore near Prince Rupert 07/02/24, salvaged and sold. Probably little used as the "Famous", although there is some doubt regarding this point. Finally sold to satisfy court judgment 1929 and scuttled Burrard Inlet 1930.

During this period she was aground on a number of occasions.

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The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842-1954), Friday 18 February 1898,

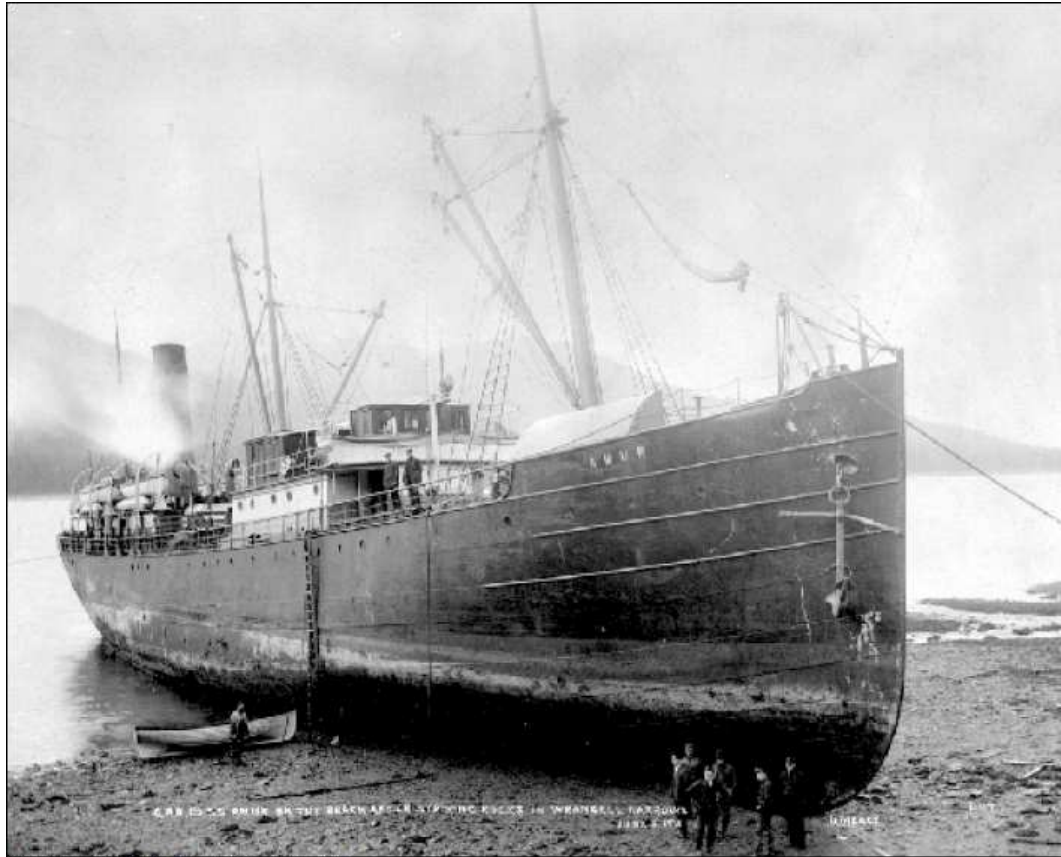
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SALE OF THE AMUR.

The steel steamer Amur, 790 tons gross and 570 tons net, built by the Strand Slipway Company in 1890, with triple engines by the North Eastern Marine Engineering Company, and owned by the Lombard Steamship Company, Limited (Mr. J. White), London, is reported sold for £14,500 for Klondyke service. The vessel was at Sydney trading to the Islands and on the coast some time ago.

Year	Sydney Departure	Sydney Arrival	Port Destination
Most voyages included Norfolk Island but this is not always mentioned			
1896	1896-03-06	1896-04-02	New Hebrides via Norfolk Island & Noumea
A.U.S.N. Co. Ltd. - Burns Philp & Co Ltd. Agents – for AUSTRALASIAN NEW HEBRIDES CO. (ANHCo). From Sydney to Newcastle, left Newcastle on 7 March for NOUMEA & New Hebrides with 500 tons coal, returned to Newcastle in the evening of 7 March the feeding pipe having burst. Left Newcastle again on March 9. Reached Norfolk Island on 13 th , NOUMEA on 15 th , left on 18 th and arrived at TANNA on 20 th and found it was too rough to land passengers & cargo. Arrived at VILA on 20 th and left on 24 th . Called at TANNA to land passengers & cargo. Norfolk Island was reached on 29 th .			
1896	1896-04-07	1896-04-30	Noumea New Hebrides
Arrived at Newcastle on 8 April, left on 10 April to NOUMEA with 561 tons coal. She came into a strong cyclone and reached NOUMEA on 15 th April. Reported Mr. Martin's death (Aneityum) by boat accident when she returned to Sydney.			
1896	1896-05-02	1896-05-20	Noumea New Hebrides
Bringing back the rest of the Martin family. Arrived at NOUMEA 6 th , 9 th at TANNA, 10 th at ERROMANGA, VILA 11 th . Left on 14 th to Sydney via MELE and ERROMANGA.			
1896	1896-05-25	1896-06-15	Noumea New Hebrides
At NOUMEA on 31 st May, arrived at Vila on 4 th June, left 6 th and called at EPI on 6 th , called VILA on 7 th , left 8 th , left MELE on 9 th for SYDNEY.			
1896	1896-06-19	1896-07-07	New Hebrides
Arrived at VILA 25 th June coaling the HMS ROYALIST on 26 th , left for MELE on 30 th and from there to SYDNEY on July 1 st . Met WYRALLAH in VILA.			
1896	1896-07-10	1896-07-29	New Hebrides
Arrived at VILA on 17 th July, coaled HMS ROYALIST, left for MELE on 21 st July, from there to SYDNEY on 22 nd July.			
1896	1896-07-31	1896-08-22	Noumea New Hebrides
No information			
1896	1896-08-27	1896-09-16	Noumea New Hebrides (Santa Cruz)
AMUR reached NOUMEA on 1 st and left for VILA on 3 rd .and arrived there on 4 th . Left VILA on 10 th Sep for Sydney. Santa Cruz was advertised but not called at.			

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1896	1896-09-18	1896-10-10	New Hebrides via Norfolk Island & Noumea
NOUMEA 25 th Sept, left 28 th and arrived VILA 29 th . Left MELE for SYDNEY on 4 th Oct.			
1896	1896-10-13	1896-10-31	Noumea New Hebrides via Norfolk
Norfolk 18 th Oct, arrived PORT VILA on 21 st Oct, left VILA 24 th and MELE 25 th for Sydney.			
1896	1896-11-03	1896-11-21	Noumea New Hebrides
Arrived NOUMEA on 9 th , left 10 th Nov., called at VILA on the 12 th , left MELE on 15 th and arrived Sydney on 21 st .			
1896	1896-11-25	1896-12-14	Noumea New Hebrides
Norfolk 30 th Nov, NOUMEA 2 nd Dec. and left 5 th Dec. arrived VILA 6 th , left MELE for SYDNEY on 9 th Dec.			
1896-97	1896-12-18	1897-01-08	Noumea New Hebrides
No information			
1897	1897-01-11	1897-01-30	Noumea New Hebrides
Arrived NOUMEA on 17 th , left on 19 th and arrived at VILA on 20 th . Left MELE on 24 th .			
1897	1897-02-03	1897-02-23	Noumea New Hebrides
Arrived at NOUMEA on 9 th Feb. left 12 th and arrived Vila 13 th , left MELE on 17 th for SYDNEY.			
1897	1897-02-25	1897-03-16	Noumea New Hebrides
Arrived at NOUMEA on 2 nd March, left on 5 th and arrived at VILA on 6 th March. Steamed to MELE on 9 th and took off to SYDNEY on 10 th . AMUR was chartered by the Adelaide Steamship Co. Ltd. after this voyage.			



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SS Amur on the beach after striking rocks in Wrangell Narrows — June 3, 1911

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