

Danish Steamer In Distress Off Frying Pan Light Ship

Naval communications picked up at 5:30 p. m. yesterday an S. O. S. from the Danish steamer *Normania* saying she had sprung a leak in her engine room and was 20 miles southeast by east of Frying Pan lightship, in need of immediate assistance. The coast guard cutter *Yamacraw* has gone to her assistance.

Another radio from the leaking vessel announced she was sinking fast. A third message said the steamer *Charles E. Harwood* was steaming to the *Normania's* aid and would probably reach her within an hour.

The *Normania* is a freighter of 2,000

tons. She left Charleston January 14, bound for Chester, Pa.

She had coaled at Charleston but was en route from Jamaica with logwood for Chester.

The Stone Towing company picked up the radio on its receiving set. The Standard Oil tanker *Benjamin Brewster* had sailed from Wilmington in the morning and passed Southport at noon and was supposed by the Stone company to be the nearest steamer to the *Normania*.

Captain E. H. Adkins at Southport thought that the *Brewster*, on her way to Baton Rouge, would be too far south to render assistance. The *Modoc* also is in southern waters.