

MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

April 21, 1928.

The Annual Meeting of the Maritime Law Association of the United States will be held on Friday, May 11, 1928, at 8 P. M., at the house of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York, N. Y.

In addition to the routine call for reports from officers and outstanding committees, the following subjects will be brought before the meeting:

Further report of the *Committee on Interest on Admiralty Decrees*;

Progress of the *Merchant Shipping Code Bill*;

Preparation of *omnibus bills to effect minor amendments of the Merchant Shipping Code*;

International Shipping Conference, to meet at London on June 12, 13 and 14, 1928. The agenda announced by the Secretary of the International Shipping Conference includes the following:

Revision of the Convention for Safety of Life at Sea 1914, preparatory to a governmental conference called by the British Government for the fall of 1928. The subject-matters of the Convention are:

- (a) Wireless Telegraphy Regulations 1914, Washington Wireless Telegraphy Convention 1927, and other pending suggestions; committee to meet June 5th
- (b) Subdivision (Floodable Lengths) of passenger ships; committee to meet June 4th

(c) Lifeboats and rafts and other life-saving appliances; committee to meet June 4th

(d) Fire-fighting apparatus; committee to meet June 4th.

Further subjects, not included in the Conference on Safety of Life, are:

Revision of the International Rules of the Road at Sea; committee to meet June 6th

Oil tanker freeboard; committee to meet June 7th

Passenger Insurance; committee to meet June 8th

Double Taxation and Arrests; committee to meet June 9th

Documentary Agreement, in connection with the standardization of certain charter-parties and certain clauses in shipping documents, extending the provisions already made by certain Protection and Indemnity Clubs to secure the use of standard forms; date of committee meeting not yet fixed.

All committees will meet in London at the offices of the International Shipping Conference, 24 St. Mary Axe.

The President has appointed Roscoe H. Hupper as chairman of a committee to consider the agenda announced for the London meeting and to bring in a report advising the members of the apparent scope of the agenda and suggesting what action, if any, the Association should prepare to take. Involved in the agenda are: (1) Revision of the Rules of the Road at Sea, (2) Documentary Agreement, (3) Passenger Insurance, (4) Double Taxation, and (5) Arrests.

The United States Government has appointed a committee selected from the Government Departments to prepare for the governmental Conference on Safety of Life at Sea and has asked the British Government to postpone that Conference until the Spring of 1929.

AUGUSTUS N. HAND,
President.