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Refloating Ship.—A start will be made in a few days on pumping out the Danish ship Kronprins Frederik which is on its side in Harwich harbour since a fire three weeks ago.

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# SUNKEN LINER BACK TO SEA IN SPRING

**T**HE Danish passenger ship Kronprins Frederik, which caught fire and sank ten weeks ago at Parkeston Quay, Harwich, and which is soon to be refloated, is to be towed afterwards to Elsinore, in Denmark, for a major refit.

She is expected to return to service next April.

The actual lifting operation is expected to be completed in a day. Divers have been sealing off the holds and other enclosed spaces; into these air will be pumped. Steel cables, running underneath the ship from the quayside to salvage ships nearby, will be used to lift her.

The Kronprins Frederik normally shares the Harwich-Esbjerg service with the Kronprinsesse Ingrid, both ships doing the round trip three times weekly. Her place is at present being taken by the Parkeston, a slower ship, which does the round trip only twice a week.

During her refit at Elsinore, the Kronprins Frederik is to be modified structurally to resemble more closely her younger sister-ship, launched in 1949.

# **BID SOON TO RAISE SUNKEN LINER**

**S**ALVAGE workers engaged in an attempt to raise the hull of the Danish North Sea liner Kronprins Frederik, are now in the final stages of their task.

The hull, which lies on the sea bed at Parkeston Quay, Harwich, has now been sealed and preliminary pumping tests are being carried out.

The salvage operation is proceeding from an ex-gunboat salvage vessel. Many tons of heavy equipment have been moved ashore from the wreck.

When preparations have been completed, water will be expelled from the liner by a chain of giant pumps. It is thought that as the ship lightens she will gradually right herself.

Some equipment from the wreck has been taken back to Denmark to await the arrival of the hull for a complete refit.

One of the salvage workers said "None of us doubts that this fine ship will sail again. Divers have reported much less interior damage than we had feared at first."

The Kronprins Frederik caught fire and sank in a few hours while moored at the quay-side last April.

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