

Extracts from Lloyd's Lists  
and Shipping Gazettes dated 23rd,  
24th and 29th December 1954 and 1st  
January 1955, regarding the steamship  
"MARVIA".

23rd December 1954.

**MARVIA.**—Marseilles, Dec. 22.—British steamer Marvia caught fire and sank in harbour here last evening while loading carbon bisulphide for Tunisia. Genoa and Marseilles cargo on board. No casualties. (See issue of Dec. 22.)

—Marseilles, Dec. 21.—Steamer Marvia caught fire here to-day and, after being enveloped in flames, was given up as lost by harbour fire-fighting crews. The Marvia, whose next ports of call were Tunis, Malta and Tripoli, Libya, had just taken on 130 tons of carbon bisulphide when the fire began.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

—Marseilles, Dec. 21.—Steamer Marvia was swung against a pierhead by a violent gust of wind. A barrel of carbon bisulphide split open, caught fire and exploded other barrels in the cargo sling. Fanned by wind, the flames spread quickly to the vessel and her cargo. The commanders of two fireboats decided that the vessel should be towed away from the dock. The fireboats managed to get the fire under control by 7 30 p.m. Then, half full of water, the Marvia capsized, her masts lying on the pier, and she began to settle on the bottom.—Reuter.

24th December 1954.

**MARVIA.** — Marseilles, Dec. 22. — Steamer Marvia caught fire and sank at Marseilles in the evening of Dec. 21 while loading cargo of drums of carbon bisulphide. Vessel lying aground alongside quay at Berth No. 1 with slight list to port. Deck erections above waterline aft appear gutted out. We recommend Lloyd's Form "no cure no pay" contract, arbitration London, be signed with Entreprise Jean Negri et Fils, whose craft already salvaging cargo. Salvors quite confident that hull can be raised in a few days.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 23.)

—Marseilles, Dec. 23.—Steamer Marvia: Salvage contract Lloyd's Form "no cure no pay," arbitration in London, signed with Entreprise Jean Negri.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

29th December 1954.

**MARVIA.**—Marseilles, Dec. 27.—Steamer Marvia: Salvage operations on cargo proceeding; three radar trucks, a number of carbon bisulphide drums and telegraph poles already landed. Marvia about 65 deg. Steam was being raised when vessel sank and extensive damage to boilers anticipated.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 24.)

1st January 1955.

**MARVIA.**—Marseilles, Dec. 22.—In order to prevent an extension of the fire on board steamer Marvia, at this port, to carbon bisulphide still lying on the quay, the vessel was moved and beached in shallow water in the Bassin Mirabeau.—"L'Antenne." (See issue of Dec. 29.)



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