

WRECK SECTION
Wreck Report No. 14741

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Ship's Name s.s. "AYDIN" of Istanbul Tons { Gross 7715
Net 4726

Built at Baltimore When 1945 -- Casualty notice sent to Owner 13.3.58. Owner's reply 14.58.

Owners D.B. Deniz Nakliyatı T.A.O.

Managers ---

Address Yolcu Salonu, Galata, Istanbul, Turkey.

Classification details

100A1	LMC 8,53
carrying oil FP above 150° F. in tanks in way of tunnel	BS M7,57
	sp 8,53
6,57	ts 5,56 CL
ssH.Kg8,53	
Classed 1,50	(Lloyd's RMC)

of Casualty 11th February, 1958

ails of Casualty

Sunk by collision in River Scheldt.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

AYDIN. — North Foreland Radio, Feb. 11.—Following received from Ostend Radio at 9 45 p.m., G.M.T.: Following XXX (urgency signal) from steamer Aydin: Collided with motor vessel CHARLES TELLIER near Bata. Need tug assistance urgently. Am in sinking condition.

Following received from Antwerp Radio:

At 10 21 p.m., G.M.T.: XXX (urgency signal) to all ships in the River Scheldt: Ship aground near Buoy 77, Bats, after collision, other ship in sinking condition. All shipping stopped until further orders.

At 10 50 p.m., G.M.T.: XXX (urgency signal) to all ships in the River Scheldt: Two ships aground, one to the east and one to the west of Oostketel, Bats; avoid crossing.

Antwerp, Feb. 11.—A collision occurred at about 10 15 p.m. on Feb. 11 in the River Scheldt near Buoy 77, off Bats, between Turkish steamer Aydin, outwards (Antwerp for Istanbul), and French motor vessel CHARLES TELLIER, inwards (Buenos Aires for Hamburg). Former vessel reported sinking, latter vessel grounded. Tugs are proceeding to position.

Flushing, Feb. 11.—Tug Scaldia and a salvage vessel have left Flushing for the scene of the collision between steamer Aydin and motor vessel CHARLES TELLIER. A spokesman of the Union de Remorquage et de Sauvetage at Antwerp said that, according to a radio message, neither ship was in immediate danger of sinking. The collision is said to have driven both vessels on to a sand flat.—British United Press.

Antwerp, Feb. 12. — Motor vessel CHARLES TELLIER refloated by her own means at 12 15 a.m. on Feb. 12 and safely docked. Vessel badly damaged. Steamer Aydin has Nos. 1 and 2 holds flooded; water now also penetrating engine-room. Vessel has been beached.

AYDIN.—Antwerp, Feb. 13. — Steamer Aydin, on passage from Antwerp to Istanbul, fully loaded with 8975 tons, including approximately 600 tons of steel rails on deck, was in collision with motor vessel CHARLES TELLIER at about 10 p.m. on Feb. 11 in the region of Buoys 77 and 79 in the River Scheldt. Vessel breached in way of Nos. 2 and 3 holds, opening about 22 metres by five metres deep, according to diver's report. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds flooded, No. 2 hold awash at low water. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds and half-way along accommodation awash at high tide. Accommodation and engine-room now sealed off. Lloyd's Open Form signed with Union de Remorquage et de Sauvetage. Salvors discharging deck cargo and will attempt to seal off No. 1 hold, only slightly damaged, and pump out Nos. 1, 2 and 3 double bottom tanks, forepeak and No. 1 hold in an effort to restore buoyancy to place vessel in a better position for discharge of cargo from forward holds for trim and access to damaged area. — Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Feb. 14.)

Antwerp, Feb. 13. — Steamer Aydin: Lightening operations started p.m. on Feb. 12. Cargo on deck at Nos. 1 and 2 holds as well as cargo in latter holds partly consisting of rails and beams. By high water afterpart of vessel afloat. Tugs standing by.

AYDIN. — Antwerp, Feb. 14.—Steamer Aydin lightened up to p.m., Feb. 13, about 350 tons of cargo ex deck and Nos. 1 and 2 holds; position of vessel unchanged. (See issue of Feb. 14.)

AYDIN.—Antwerp, Feb. 17.—EBORIS made on Feb. 16 to bring steamer Aydin higher up on bank failed. Piroship is continuing to silt deeper in the bottom of the river. Fire in ship's furnace has extinguished itself. Some of crew have left vessel. About 500 tons of cargo salvaged and craft conveyed same to Hansweert by orders of Dutch Waterstaal. (See issue of Feb. 15.)

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Committee's Minute

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AYDIN. — Flushing, Feb. 17. — Turkish steamer Aydin lies with her bow under water on a sandbank. The master is still on board. Ten tugs were used to-day in an attempt to float her off the sandbank. — British United Press. (See issue of Feb. 18.)

Antwerp, Feb. 18. — Steamer Aydin: Position of vessel has seriously worsened. Machinery now shut down, due to water in fuel oil. Crew no longer on board but master remaining on vessel. Vessel sinking into sand forward. Discharge of cargo from No. 1 hold continues but hatch is now continually under water and all discharge is by divers. In the event of the wind turning to the east there will be less water in the river and operations will not be so difficult as at present. — Salvage Association's Surveyor.

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AYDIN. — Antwerp, Feb. 19. — Steamer Aydin has now lightened about 600 to 700 tons of rails, beams and oil in drums. Salvage operations have been temporarily stopped on orders of Dutch Rijkswaterstaat, in view of law on wrecks. Salvage material and vessels still on spot and part of crew still on board Aydin. (See issue of Feb. 19.)

Antwerp, Feb. 19. — Steamer Aydin: Rijkswaterstaat have declared vessel a wreck and will not allow operations to continue until: (A) The owners of ship and/or cargo deposit a guarantee of 1,500,000 guilders or, failing (A), (B) the Rijkswaterstaat call tenders for the removal of the wreck and cargo and appoint a contractor. At present all salvage operations have ceased except for the pumping of engine-room and accommodation to prevent same from filling. Position of vessel has not changed since my last message and no signs at present of vessel breaking. — Salvage Association's Surveyor.

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AYDIN. — Antwerp, Feb. 20. — Steamer Aydin: Salvors provided bail to Dutch Rijkswaterstaat and salvage operations resumed to-day at about 9.30 a.m. Cargo in No. 1 hold being lightened further. No change in position of vessel. (See issue of Feb. 20.)

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AYDIN. — Antwerp, Feb. 21. — Steamer Aydin: Despite bail provided by salvors, it is reported that Dutch Rijkswaterstaat objects to further salvage of cargo. Salvors doubt also whether salvage of ship is still possible now. (See issue of Feb. 21.)

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AYDIN. — Antwerp, Feb. 22. — Steamer Aydin: Advised salvors have put up bond but no permission to continue salvage operations given up to a.m., Feb. 21. Vessel settled a.m., Feb. 21, about one metre at bow and listed approximately 8 deg. to port, engine-room commenced filling through accommodation and no efforts made to pump out water. Salvors obtained permission and removed silver cargo by opening No. 5 hatch, which left open, also removed part of consumable stores. Engine-room flooded p.m., Feb. 21, vessel settled by stern and listed about 20 deg. to port. At half tide this morning vessel submerged with only No. 5 hatch and navigation bridge above water but list appears to have decreased. Vessel does not appear to be broken or twisted at this stage. No salvage operations at present in progress. Consider prospects of salvage as complete vessel very poor and very costly. — Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Feb. 22.)

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Antwerp, Feb. 22. — Steamer Aydin now completely submerged except superstructure. Lightening not yet resumed, negotiations proceeding between salvors and Dutch Rijkswaterstaat.

Antwerp, Feb. 22. — Turkish steamer Aydin was officially abandoned to-night. A spokesman of the Union de Remorquage et de Sauvetage S.A. stated that all the tugs and salvage equipment which had been operating near the half-submerged vessel had been withdrawn to-day. — British United Press.

AYDIN. — Antwerp, Feb. 24. — Steamer Aydin: Aftership now also aground and vessel completely submerged. Salvors have abandoned salvage in view of disagreement between them and Dutch Rijkswaterstaat. (See issue of Feb. 24.)

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