

WRECK SECTION No 698

Wreck Report No. 14951

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 65085 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 14/59 Date of writing this report 4th March, 19 59.

Ship's Name s.s. "IRINI" of Panama Tons { Gross 4465 Net 2717

Built at Hartlepool When 1911 11 Casualty notice sent to Owner 19.2.59. Owner's reply ---

Owners Santa Irini Cia. Mar. Ltda.

Managers ---

Address c/o Loucas Nomicos (England) Co., Ltd., 101, Leadenhall Street, E.C.3.

Classification details

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Stranded and sank in River Scheldt during fog.

No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the Owners on 19th February, 1959.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

IRINI.—Antwerp, Feb. 6.—Panamanian steamer Irini, outwards, grounded at about 7 30 a.m. on Feb. 6 in River Scheldt at red buoy 70, off Bats. Master requested tug assistance. Very dense fog is badly hampering navigation in river.

—Antwerp, Feb. 6.—Steamer Irini: Ascertained vessel grounded at about 1 a.m. on Feb. 6 at high water off Bats, near red buoy 70. Master was instructed by owners to refloat with own means and has refused tug assistance on Lloyd's Open Form. Vessel did not refloat at high water this afternoon. Agents now instructed by owners to engage tugs on hourly rate, but so far have been unable to arrange. Our surveyor has proceeded to Bats and will endeavour to board vessel, fog permitting.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

IRINI.—Antwerp, Feb. 7.—Steamer Irini: Master refused to sign Lloyd's Salvage Agreement with local salvors and made unsuccessful attempts at refloating by own means. Vessel now broken a.m. to-day before castle and master has requested assistance for taking crew from ship. (See issue of Feb. 7.)

—Flushing, Feb. 7.—Steamer Irini has broken in two, it was reported to-day. She was on voyage to Yugoslavia with fertiliser. The crew had all left the vessel and were safe, the report said.—Reuter.

IRINI.—Antwerp, Feb. 7.—Steamer Irini: Surveyor boarded vessel, which was lying upright and without noticeable trim on the Ballast Plat near Buoy 70, River Scheldt, at 4 20 p.m. on Feb. 6. Master refused to allow surveyor to remain on board unless he could produce authority in writing from the owner to do so. States he has instructions to accept no outside assistance and allow no one on board. He asked for proof of identity, but when this was produced he did not appear to know who the Salvage Association were or whom they represented. Requested master to radio owner but he refused. At 5 30 p.m., after consultation with Antwerp by radio telephone from Customs launch, surveyor informed master that he was returning to Antwerp. Vessel's draught on arrival at 4 20 p.m., aft only seen, 24 ft.; vessel's draught on departure at 6 p.m., aft only seen, 20 ft. Considered from position of vessel that refloating is a matter of urgency and have advised agents in Antwerp that we would attend when requested by owner or themselves and arrangements for boarding made by them. Agents advise owner flying from Athens to Antwerp and expected here to-night, weather permitting, and taking no steps pending owner's arrival. Have learnt unofficially this morning that a heavy crack was heard by a tug in vicinity during night, and pilot requested tugs to stand by to remove personnel. (Later) Now advised that Messrs. W. H. Muller, Antwerp, are owner's agents, who advise having received telegram from master stating ship broken in two and requesting them to arrange for discharge of cargo, but no steam available for winches.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Feb. 9.)

—Antwerp, Feb. 9.—Steamer Irini completely broken in two. No salvage operations started yet.

—Antwerp, Feb. 9.—Steamer Irini: Surveyor boarded vessel at 4 40 p.m. on Feb. 7 with representatives of owner's agents in attendance on board. Master and crew had abandoned vessel and were standing off in a tug. Found vessel broken at after end of No. 3 hold and listing 18 deg. to port, and engine-room, boiler-room and all holds full of water. Cruised round vessel at 3 15 p.m. on Feb. 8 in company with Mr. D. Vernicos, owner's representative, and found condition of vessel much worse than on Saturday (Feb. 7). Vessel listed about 25 deg. and hogged about 10 ft. Broken badly at after end of No. 3 hold and on at deck about one metre. All hatch except No. 3 completely submerged. Starboard side bulwark freeing breaking water, port side only at fore-castle head, midships hogged. Master and tug instructed owner to leave scene. Consider prospects of salvaging a vessel nil.—Association's Surveyor.

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Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

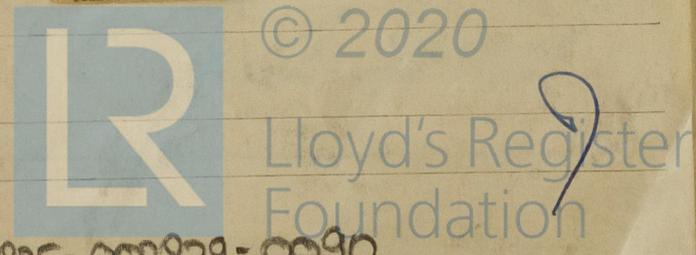
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