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Capsized and sank off coast of New Guinea 2.4.56.  
with full cargo (general and drilling equipment).

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**GEBOSO.**—Port Moresby, Apr. 3.—Fully loaded with general cargo and drilling equipment, motor barge Geboso, owners Australasian Petroleum Company, capsized on Apr. 2 in position lat. 8 10 S., long. 140 53 E. Vessel located by Beaver aircraft 48 miles south-east of Cape Blackwood. Motor vessels Gimada, Kabuli, Kabini and Dobiri proceeded to the assistance of the Geboso. Crew taken on board the Gimada. The Gimada attempted to maintain contact during the night of Apr. 2 but present reports indicate contact lost. A Catalina aircraft searching in the morning of Apr. 3. Weather on Apr. 2, heavy rain, visibility  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Weather on Apr. 3, fog in area, no report as yet on seas.

Port Moresby, Apr. 3.—Motor barge Geboso: Australasian Petroleum Company unable to obtain aircraft to-day. Motor vessel Gimada abandoned search at 11 a.m. to-day and is returning with survivors to Middletown. Weather showery, winds west to south-west, 10 to 15 knots. Understood only a foot or 18 inches of barge above water with seas breaking over vessel when last sighted at 8 p.m. on Apr. 2. Weather permitting, Australasian Petroleum Company's Catalina aircraft is expected to search to-morrow. Radar equipped vessel Negera may proceed to area to-morrow.

**GEBOSO.**—Port Moresby, Apr. 7.—Motor barge Geboso: Catalina aircraft search has failed to locate. Vessel Negera completed one search, which unsuccessful; Negera searching again on Apr. 8. —Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 4.)

**GEBOSO.**—Port Moresby, Apr. 18.—Motor barge Geboso: Search abandoned on Apr. 13; no trace of vessel.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 9.)

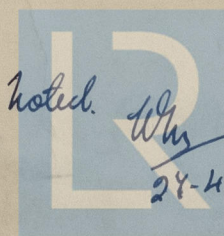
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