

REPORT OF SURVEY FOR REPAIRS &c

Wreck Report No. **13920**

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. **11702** in R.B. Wreck Book, p. **83/53** Date of writing this report **8th October, 1953.**

Ship's Name **S.S. "GREENVILLE"** of **Monrovia** Tons { Gross **6323** Net **3997**

Built at **Stockton** When **1920** 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner **---** Owner's reply **---**

Owners **Worldwide S.S. Co., Inc.**

Managers **---**

Address **Monrovia, Liberia, and c/o Fenton S.S. Co., Ltd., Bevis Marks House, Bevis Marks, London, E.C.3**

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Classification details

BS*	MBS* 1,51
5,53	Blr\$10,52
ssRot.-5,46	mspl,51
ssPir.-10,51	
A.S.12,52	ts N5,53 CL

Date of Casualty **21st September, 1953.**

Details of Casualty

This ship was abandoned with a dangerous list after suffering severe heavy weather damage. A sustained search has revealed no trace of her, and she is assumed to have foundered.

GREENVILLE.—Land's End Radio, Sept. 20.—Following received from Valentia Radio at 4 36 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from steamer Ile de France, FNSM, at 4 26 p.m., G.M.T.: S O S, steamer Greenville, ELCE, (Montreal for United Kingdom) position about lat. 50 1 N., long. 22 50 W., bridge and wheel broken, requests assistance. Ile de France 10 miles off and proceeding to her assistance.

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GREENVILLE.—Valentia Radio, Sept. 21.—Following received from French steamer Ile de France at 7 33 a.m., G.M.T., addressed steamer Greenville. Position at 7 a.m., G.M.T., lat. 50 N., long. 24 W. (See issue of Sept. 21.)

London, Sept. 21.—The tug Turmoil left Falmouth harbour in a gale during the night to go to the steamer Greenville.

London, Sept. 21.—The Overseas Towing & Salvage Co., Limited, have received the following message timed 9 23 a.m., Sept. 21: Salvage tug Turmoil has received the following radio message from the master of the steamer Greenville, via steamer Ile de France: Greenville position at 8 a.m., lat. 50 N., long. 24 W., require your assistance, meantime decides proceed reduced speed. Steering gear and wheelhouse damaged, foremast derricks and two lifeboats, also lower 'midships, rudder, and a list of 15 deg. to port probably shifted grain cargo; making some water. Chief officer dead, three men injured. Weather, wind westerly, force 7 to 10 (moderate gale to whole gale).

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London, Sept. 21.—The London agents of the steamer Greenville report that vessel is on voyage (from Montreal) to Liverpool.

Land's End Radio, Sept. 21.—Following received from Valentia Radio at 2 35 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from French steamer Ile de France at 2 29 p.m., G.M.T.: S O S, following from steamer Greenville: "We are about to abandon ship, steamer Greenville signing off." Steamer Ile de France close to Greenville picking up crew.

Land's End Radio, Sept. 21.—Following received from Valentia Radio at 5 48 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from French steamer Ile de France at 5 40 p.m., G.M.T.: Crew of steamer Greenville taken off.

GREENVILLE.—Paris, Sept. 21.—The crew of the steamer Greenville numbered 26. The first mate was crushed to death by falling machinery a few minutes before the rescue. He was trying to get the rudder to work. The other 25 piled into a boat from the steamer Ile de France and manoeuvred into the well of the liner. As they were scrambling off the lifeboat one of the Liberian crew slipped and drowned. The other 24 are in the liner's sick bay. Most of them are in a bad way. The master of the Ile de France said that when last seen the Greenville had masts down, the bridge was piled up like matchwood on the flooded decks, the taffrail had completely disappeared and vessel was listing heavily. She had not sunk. The Ile de France is proceeding to New York.—Reuter. (See issue of Sept. 22.)

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Suggested Record **FOUNDERED - 9,53**
Date of Committee **FRIDAY 9 - OCT 1953**

Committee's Minute **Foundered 9.53**

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