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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK SECTION

No. 78403 in R.B.

Wreck Book, p. 7/51

No.

Date of writing this report 12th February 1951

Vessel's Name

M.S. Tapti

of London

Tons Gross 6609

Net 4411

Built at Glasgow

When 1945

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Casualty notice sent to Owner 5.2.51

Owner's reply Since received

Owner's Name

James Nourse, Ltd.

Address 122, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

£100 A1 HLMC CS.1249
with fbd 12.49
8.50 DBS 10.49
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Date of Casualty

17th January, 1951

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This ship stranded on rocks in the Passage
of Tiree, Hebrides, during the late evening of the
17th January, 1951.

She pounded badly, had a list of 36° and
the engine room and three holds were flooded.

During a gale on the evening of the 21st
January she heeled over and disappeared into deep
water.

No reply has been received to the casualty
notice addressed to the Owners on the 5th
February.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

British Motorship Wrecked
in Hebrides

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The British motorship Tapti (6609 tons gross), Irwell for Tyne, has been wrecked off the island of Coll, in the Hebrides. She grounded on Wednesday evening and sent several messages reporting that she was pounding badly and in need of immediate assistance. A number of vessels proceeded to her aid but yesterday morning the Mallaig lifeboat took off the entire crew of 62 and landed them at Tobermory, whence they proceeded to the mainland. The Tapti, owned by James Nourse, Ltd., London, was built at Glasgow in 1945.

TAPTI.—Portpatrick Radio, Jan. 17.—Following received from Mallaig Head Radio:

At 9 50 p.m., G.M.T.: SOS, following received from British motor vessel Tapti (Irwell for Tyne) at 9 46 p.m., G.M.T.: Struck island, believed to be bank, Passage of Tiree, require assistance immediately.

At 10 21 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from motor vessel Tapti at 10 15 p.m., G.M.T.: Position in Passage of Tiree, pounding badly, immediate assistance required.

At 10 30 p.m., G.M.T.: Position Bac Beg Bank, Passage of Tiree, between Tiree and Mull.

At 11 22 p.m., G.M.T.: Following from master of motor vessel Tapti: Please send immediate assistance Passage of Tiree, Treshnish Island, vessel pounding heavily.

Garelochhead, Jan. 18.—Salvage vessel Salveda is proceeding to assistance of motor vessel Tapti. Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd.

Duntulm, Jan. 18.—Mallaig and Castlebay lifeboats have proceeded to assistance of motor vessel Tapti, aground Bac Beg off Tiree.

Oban Radio, Jan. 18.—Following received from British tug Warrior, OYMY, at 2 36 a.m., G.M.T.: Just coming down to Corran Light and proceeding to motor vessel Tapti.

London, Jan. 18.—Two destroyers, a Fleetwood fishing trawler, and the Barra and Mallaig lifeboats are this morning proceeding through heavy seas in a strong north easterly wind to help the motor vessel Tapti, aground near the group of rocks known as the Dutchman's Cap, between the islands of Mull and Coll in the Scottish Hebrides. It is a dangerous part of the coast with innumerable rocks and fast tides. One of the vessels which has answered the SOS is the Royal Navy frigate Wilton. The Fleetwood trawler Osta is now standing by the Tapti. The tug Warrior has also left her base and is proceeding to the scene.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Oban Radio, Jan. 18.—Following received from British trawler Osta at 8 36 a.m., G.M.T.: Mallaig lifeboat has entire crew of 62 survivors (of Tapti) on board and is proceeding to Tobermory.

London, Jan. 18.—British tug Warrior reports: Trawler Osta reports motor vessel Tapti listed heavily to starboard, surrounded by rocks and impossible to get close enough. Mallaig lifeboat has full crew on board and proceeding to Tobermory. Warrior is returning to Corpach.

London, Jan. 18.—The Mallaig lifeboat at 8 30 a.m. today took off the whole of the crew of 62 of the motor vessel Tapti, aground off the island of Coll. The crew was taken to Tobermory, on the island of Mull. The vessel is in a dangerous position and it is feared she may be a total loss.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Oban, Jan. 18.—Entire crew of 62 from motor vessel Tapti, wrecked on Eilean Soa, off south coast of Island of Coll last night, arrived at Oban this afternoon en route to Glasgow by train. Master reports: Ship pounding badly. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds flooded, also engine-room, list of 50 deg. to starboard when abandoned. Position exposed from SW to E.; present weather conditions NW, strong to gale force wind.

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TUES. 13 FEB 1951

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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TAPTI.—Coll, Jan. 19.—(Metal Industries' salvage vessel Salvada is now lying off motor vessel Tapti. Endeavouring to arrange board Tapti and Salvada.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Jan. 19.)

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TAPTI.—Coll, Jan. 19.—Unable to board motor vessel Tapti owing to adverse sea conditions. Arranging to board at low water to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Jan. 20.)

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Gareloch, Jan. 19.—Motor vessel Tapti: Our salvage officer from salvage vessel Salvada has made preliminary survey and reports: Ship heading south with 36 deg. starboard list, port bilge dry at low water. No. 1 hold flooded 6 ft., not tidal. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds and engine-room are tidal. No. 5 hold practically dry. Port bilge badly damaged in way of engine-room and No. 4 hold. Vessel apparently pinnacled on rocks at various points between after end and bridge. Soundings adjoining ship range from 17 fathoms forward to 5 fathoms aft. Position very exposed. Unfavourable weather prevents a more detailed survey at present. Salvada still standing by. Diver's survey considered necessary before prospects of salvage can be determined.—Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd., per Salvage Association.

TAPTI.—Coll, Jan. 20.—Boarded motor vessel Tapti at low water to-day. Position Soy Rocks, south-east Coll Island, on rocks, exposed to weather from south-west through south to north-east, listed 35 degrees to starboard. Weather deck, starboard side, two feet above water level, port side bilge keel awash. Port bilge plating badly buckled and fractured in way of No. 3 hold and engine-room to No. 4 hold. Nos. 1, 2 and 5 holds partly flooded, but estimated leakage small. Nos. 3 and 4 holds and engine-room tidal. Vessel resting on rocks from No. 3 hold aft. No sign of hogging or sagging, no sign of deck or side plating buckling. No damage to deck erection or fittings. Estimated draught 18 ft. forward, 19 ft. aft. Consider there is a reasonable chance of refloating with favourable weather conditions. Salvage vessel Salvada is lying off vessel. Chief officer employing local labour to recover crew's personal effects and equipment. Chief officer only member of crew standing by.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Jan. 22.)

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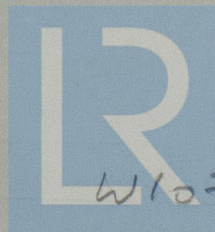
—London, Jan. 22.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their special officer on board salvage vessel Salvada, dated Jan. 21: Boarded motor vessel Tapti to-day. List now 39 degrees and vessel showing buoyancy. Unable to make diver's survey owing to increasing southerly winds. Now on board Salvada.

—Oban, Jan. 22.—Motor vessel Tapti slipped off rocks and disappeared into deep water during gale last night.

TAPTI.—London, Jan. 23.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message, dated Jan. 22, from their special officer on board salvage vessel Salvada: Motor vessel Tapti: Proceeded on salvage vessel Salvada to within one cable of stranding position but unable to sight any part of casualty. Vessel apparently fell into deep water during SW. gale last night. (See issue of Jan. 23.)

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—Duntulm, Jan. 22.—Motor vessel Tapti, aground on Eilean Soa, heeled over and sank in lat. 56 34 N., long. 6 37 W.



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