

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 13th October 1948

Vessel's Name *Twin S. M. S. "River Swift"* of *London*

Tons Gross *6226*
Net *3869*

Built at *Glasgow* When *1915* *12* Casualty notice sent to Owner

Owner's reply

Owner's Name *Jenny S. S. Co. Ltd. (George John Livanco, Mgr.)*

Address *Stone House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.*

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Committee. { Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
<i>T100AH</i>	<i>TLMC CS 548</i>
<i>Along dk</i>	<i>548</i>
<i>with fhd</i>	<i>DBS 747</i>
<i>747</i>	<i>TS 647CL</i>
<i>Examined 6/45</i>	<i>OIL ENGINES</i>
<i>ss. No 3-4, 28</i>	
<i>ss. No 2-36</i>	

28th July, 1948

Particulars of Casualty

On arrival at Rio de Janeiro on the *7th* July last, it was reported that the cargo of *coal* was burning in No. 2 hold.

Two explosions occurred the following day causing considerable damage to the midship accommodation.

A further fire broke out in the engine room on the *6th* August, due to burning oil dripping from the donkey boiler oil burner. The engine room was involved and had to be flooded to the *under* level.

Permanent repairs were not possible at Rio de Janeiro and the only feasible course was to effect minimum temporary repairs for towage to United Kingdom in ballast.

In reply to enquiry the Rio de Janeiro Surveyor states that this vessel has been abandoned to the Underwriters and that she is up for sale as *lies*.

This has been confirmed upon enquiry of Lloyd's.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, July 28.—Motor vessel River Swift (Immingham for Buenos Aires) has starboard generator electrical side out of action. Necessary to remove to shops for examination. Coal cargo in No. 2 hold is showing definite signs of fire, smoke issuing, air temperature 73 deg., surface cargo 110 deg. Surveyor recommends discharge for investigation.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, July 29.—Motor vessel River Swift: Situation in No. 2 hold has deteriorated. An explosion occurred last evening, causing considerable damage to storerooms and stewards' quarters. Suspected buckling of bulkheads, surveyor making close examination. Discharge of coal commences to-morrow morning.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 30.)

London, July 30.—The London agents of the owners of the motor vessel River Swift have received the following cable from the ship's agents at Rio Janeiro, timed 3 55 p.m., July 29: Two explosions occurred last night in No. 2 hold, damaging accommodation centre amidships. As precautionary measure vessel beached. Discharge of No. 2 hold commenced; possibility will have to discharge a considerable quantity.

RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, July 30.—Motor vessel River Swift: Electric repairs expected to be completed in seven days. Discharge of No. 2 hold proceeding, coal very hot and gases excessive. Explosion damage: Tween decks No. 2 aft bulkhead bulged forward and riveting started, main deck set up slightly and one deck beam started, orlop deck set down slightly. Aft screen bulkhead of storeroom, part steel at centre and wood sides, bulged aft, steel plate started top and bottom and wood broken and torn away. Hold ventilator through storerooms started away at top, storeroom partitions, shelves, &c., broken away, saloon aft bulkhead broken away, stewards' room and pantry, &c., most woodwork broken, also fittings and furnishings generally damaged, icebox wood casing broken, cork insulation scattered and shelves with metal lining distorted, stores, spare linen, &c., damaged and scorched.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 31.)

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RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, Aug. 2.—Motor vessel River Swift: Discharge of No. 2 hold proceeding. Fire strong in after part, considerable smoke. Surveyor reports following to-day: Air temperature 77 degrees in holds at 2 ft. below surface, coal in No. 1 136 degrees, No. 3 118 degrees, No. 4 80 degrees, No. 5 147 degrees and No. 6 88 degrees. In view of time to discharge No. 2 hold recommend as precautionary measure discharge Nos. 1, 3 and 5 holds to hulk for investigation.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 2.)

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Suggested Record

Damaged by explosion and fire 7.48 to Lloyd's 15/10

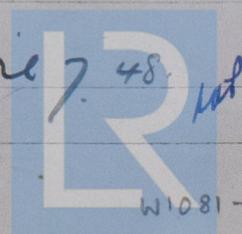
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Committee's Minute

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RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, Aug. 3.—Motor vessel River Swift: No. 2 lower hold flooded, fire continues on orlop deck. No. 1 hold smoking, commencing discharge to-morrow, No. 5 hold still heating and hope to commence discharge to-morrow if lighters available. In view of excessive heating of coals, surveyors recommend landing, as hulk not willing to receive.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 4.)

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RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, Aug. 5.—Motor vessel River Swift: Fire in No. 2 hold now extinguished. Temperature in No. 1 hold after discharge of approximately 150 tons down to 100 deg. Discharging approximately 150 tons from No. 5 hold for investigation. As result of flooding of No. 2 hold all coal remaining saturated. Water from No. 2 hold penetrating to No. 1 hold, presumably through bulkhead.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 5.)

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London, Aug. 6.—The agents of the owners of the motor vessel River Swift received the following cable yesterday from Rio Janeiro: Fire in No. 2 hold now extinguished, No. 1 hold now apparently not dangerous but water in lower hold, possibly necessitating complete discharge, No. 5 discharge part and No. 3 discharge part.

RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, Aug. 6.—Motor vessel River Swift: Fire broke out in engine-room at 2 a.m. to-day; presumed cause, oil leaking from burners of Cochrane boiler. Fire brigade and Brazilian Navy salvage vessel alongside endeavouring to extinguish fire with chemicals. Damages presumed to be very extensive.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 7.)

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London, Aug. 7.—The owners of the motor vessel River Swift have received the following cable from the ship's agents at Rio Janeiro, timed 2 52 p.m., Aug. 6: Serious fire broke out in engine-room early this morning, presumably caused by ignition of oil leak from auxiliary boiler. Fire brigade and salvage tug fighting fire; expect to control soon. Anticipate extensive damage to engine-room.

RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, Aug. 7.—Motor vessel River Swift: Fire in engine-room extinguished yesterday. Fire continues in No. 4 'tween deck on starboard side over engine-room and is being dealt with. Proceeding to clean up engine-room to enable surveyor to estimate damage.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 9.)

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RIVER SWIFT.—London, Aug. 11.—Motor vessel River Swift: The following cable has been received from the owners' agents at Rio Janeiro, timed 11 20 a.m., Aug. 9: All fire extinguished yesterday evening. Now pumping out water from engine-room and holds. (See issue of Aug. 10.)

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London, Aug. 11.—Motor vessel River Swift: The following cable has been received from the master and ship's agents at Rio Janeiro, timed 6 12 p.m., Aug. 10: Impossible to give particulars of engine-room damage before drying, cleaning and inspection by Lloyd's surveyor, but already apparent serious damage to complete electrical installation in engine-room. Anticipate no hull damage. Cargo in all holds wet through water leaking through bulkheads and presenting danger of further eventual heating. Discharging proceeding according to recommendations of Lloyd's surveyor. Salvage tug still pumping out water; hope to dispense with her services to-morrow.

RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, Aug. 16.—Motor vessel River Swift: In view of water passing from hold to hold and holds to engine-room, surveyors recommend discharge of entire cargo for examination of bulkheads and bilge lines. Anticipate minimum of month for even temporary repairs also danger of further heating. To date approximately 1750 tons discharged to shore. As no immediate danger discharge suspended pending decision as to disposal of cargo, meantime pumping water from engine-room and cleaning for examination.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 12.)

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RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, Sept. 13.—Motor vessel River Swift: Permanent repairs cannot be effected here. Surveyors do not recommend towage to destination and consider only feasible course is to effect the following minimum temporary repairs to enable tow to the United Kingdom, in ballast: Purchase two semi-diesel pumps of 20 tons per hour each, one 100/150 amp. direct current set for steering and lighting, repairs to bulkheads and drydock for removal of propeller blades and cleaning, rig hand steering gear, transfer pumps to overhaul, settling tanks to clean and test and pantry to refit.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 18.)

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RIVER SWIFT.—Rio Janeiro, Sept. 24.—Motor vessel River Swift: Discharge of cargo completed.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 15.)

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