

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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WRECK SECTION

No. 1/2

Date of writing this report 16th November 1950

Vessel's Name S.S. "North Voyageur"

of (Honduras)

Tons { Gross 1014
Net 520

Built at Rostock

When 1909

Casualty notice sent to Owner 31. 10. 50.

Owner's reply X

Owner's Name Cia. de Nav. Mundial S. A.

Address Room 1202, 39 Courtland St., New York 7.

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Particulars of Classification.

100A1 L.M.C. 3,46
9,48 B.P. 4,49
SS Qbc - 4,46 (Dr) TS 5,49 CS
Laid up pending survey.

ty 22nd October, 1950

Particulars of Casualty

This steamer had a heavy list when she left Philadelphia on the 15th October, 1950, with a cargo of 800 tons of anthracite. It became worse as the weather developed. On the 22nd October she was leaking. Water put out the fires, ashes clogged the pumps and the ship was abandoned when off Newfoundland, and finally sank at 11 a.m. on the 22nd October.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

NORTH VOYAGEUR.—Cape Race Radio, Oct. 22.—Following received at 2 p.m., G.M.T.: SOS steamer North Voyageur, lat. 46 10 N., long. 52 25 W., approximately. Distress nature unknown. Dutch motor vessel Prins Alexander is proceeding to position of distress.

The Canadian steamer North Voyageur (1014 tons gross), sent out a distress message from a position off the coast of Newfoundland yesterday. The Dutch motorship Prins Alexander is proceeding to her assistance. The Canadian vessel gave no indication of the nature of her distress.

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Search for "North Voyageur"

Ships and aircraft have searched the area off the Newfoundland coast from where the Honduran (not Canadian as previously reported) steamer North Voyageur sent out a distress message, and it is reported that a United States Coast Guard plane has sighted wreckage believed to belong to the vessel.

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NORTH VOYAGEUR.—St. John's, N.F., Oct. 22.—Steamer North Voyageur, Philadelphia for St. John's, N.F., with 800 tons of anthracite, has sent a distress signal from a position 45 miles off Newfoundland to-day and searchers fear that she may have capsized with all hands on board. (Later) New York Coast Guard state that the sea has been rough and the winds high in the area where the vessel was last reported. Two

merchant ships and a Coast Guard plane have been searching the area, and another plane and two cutters will continue the search to-morrow. — British United Press. (See issue of Oct. 23.)

St. John's, N.F., Oct. 23.—The steamer North Voyageur has disappeared in the North Atlantic, off Newfoundland. It is believed to-day that she has sunk. Ships which went to the spot after an SOS was heard yesterday found no trace of her or her crew, believed to number 25. Marconi Radio said last night that ships had given up the quest after searching an area 60 miles off Argentia, Newfoundland. The vessel's radio apparently went dead after she sent the SOS giving her position. Four vessels, the Dutch motor vessel Selma Thorden, the Swedish motor vessel Island Connector and the Canadian motor trawler Blue Foam, criss-crossed the area without finding a trace of the steamer. A Coast Guard plane aided the search. The North Voyageur was sold to Bonicas Brothers, a Greek firm, last summer by the Clarke Steamship Company, of Montreal. She sailed under Honduran registry.—Reuter.

St. John's, N.F., Oct. 23.—Three planes left the United States Naval base at Argentia to-day to search for the steamer North Voyageur.—Reuter.

St. John's, N.F., Oct. 23.—A United States Coast Guard plane to-day sighted wreckage believed to belong to the steamer North Voyageur. There was no sign of her crew of 25. The wreckage was sighted 50 miles SE. of Cape Race.—Reuter.

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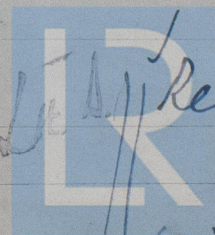
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NORTH VOYAGEUR.—New York, Oct. 23.—Coast Guard cutter Sorrel picked up eight survivors of steamer North Voyageur to-day in position lat. 45 40 N., long. " 57 17" W. (See issue of Oct. 24.)

London, Oct. 24.
—The following cable has been received from New York, dated Oct. 23: Steamer North Voyageur, Philadelphia for St. John's, NF., with 800 tons coal and 12 members of crew of 20 reported lost in gale in vicinity of lat. 46 10 N., long. 52 25 W.

St. John's, NF.,
Oct. 23.—The United States Coast Guard cutter Sorrel to-night reported she had picked up eight survivors of the missing steamer North Voyageur. The Sorrel reported that the survivors could not agree on whether the North Voyageur had a crew of 19 or 20, but stated that most of their shipmates had got clear in a lifeboat. Earlier to-day a searching plane had sighted two overturned lifeboats. It is feared the rest of the crew may have been in one of these.—Reuter.

St. John's, NF.,
Oct. 24.—More Canadian and American planes are to-day joining the search for survivors of the steamer North Voyageur following the rescue of eight men from a ship's raft last night. This increased hopes for the survival of other members of the crew, and search planes from nearby Torbay are being joined by Canadian aircraft from Halifax and American planes from Argentia, the United States base in Newfoundland, to-day. Up to last night two upturned lifeboats had been located, but one was still missing and it is hoped that it might carry other survivors.—Reuter.

St. John's, NF.,
Oct. 24.—The United States Coast Guard cutter Sorrel is to-day nearing Argentia, Newfoundland, with eight survivors from the steamer North Voyageur. Canadian and American aircraft are still searching for the other 12 members of her crew. One of the survivors, Mr. John Gardner, of Montreal, said to-day over the ship-to-shore telephone that the North Voyageur was taking water when he went on watch early on Sunday (Oct. 22), it reached the furnace firebox later and put out the fires, ashes clogged the pumps, and the master ordered the crew to the lifeboats. Mr. Gardner and seven other men got into the port lifeboat but they could not get it back to the side of the ship. An hour later they saw another boat with three men on board but they later lost sight of it. Mr. Gardner also stated that the master was on the bridge and as far as he knew went down with the ship.—Reuter.

Argentia, Newfoundland, Oct. 24.—Eight survivors from the steamer North Voyageur walked ashore here to-day from the United States Coast Guard cutter Sorrel. They were none the worse, although after abandoning their sinking ship off Cape Race, they spent about 24 hours in an open boat in bitterly cold weather.—Reuter.

Eight survivors of the Honduran steamer North Voyageur, which sent out a distress message on Sunday when off the Newfoundland coast, have been picked up by a United States Coast Guard vessel and landed at Argentia. One of the survivors has stated that the vessel was taking water and that the boiler fires were put out. The pumps were choked and the master ordered the crew to take to the boats.

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NORTH VOYAGEUR.—New York, Oct. 23.—Coast Guard plane located an overturned brown lifeboat in lat. 45 34 N., long. 51 16 W., at 11 a.m. to-day, presumed to be from steamer North Voyageur. Coast Guard cutters Humboldt and Sorrel proceeding, latter expects to arrive at approximately 4 p.m. to-day. Agents state that steamer North Voyageur was carrying four brown lifeboats. (Later.) Coast Guard cutter Sorrel sighted two more lifeboats, one with no survivors, other with approximately seven survivors. (Later.) Coast Guard cutter Sorrel picked up eight survivors of steamer North Voyageur in lat. 45 40 N., long. 52 17 W. Survivors believe other 12 or 13 may have been in overturned lifeboat. (See issue of Oct. 25.)

St. John's, NF.,
Oct. 24.—No further survivors from the steamer North Voyageur have been found but ships and aircraft will resume the search to-morrow.—Reuter.

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NORTH VOYAGEUR.—New York, Oct. 24.—Coast Guard reports survivors of steamer North Voyageur state that vessel had a heavy list when leaving Philadelphia, which became worse as weather developed, boilers could not be used and pumps were inoperative and vessel finally capsized. Five Coast Guard planes and two Coast Guard cutters are searching the area for survivors. (See issue of Oct. 26.)

New York, Oct. 24.
—Steamer North Voyageur: Survivors state master and mate last men on board when vessel sank at 11 a.m. on Oct. 22. Coast Guard search for additional survivors negative and search called off; all units recalled.

St. John's, NF.,
Oct. 25.—Search was abandoned to-day for 12 missing members of the crew of the steamer North Voyageur, which sank in the North Atlantic on Sunday (Oct. 22). The commanding officer of the United States Naval Station at Argentia to-day said there was no hope of finding them.—Reuter.

Search has been abandoned for the 12 missing members of the crew of the Honduran steamer North Voyageur, which sent out a distress message on Sunday from a position off the Newfoundland coast.

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NORTH VOYAGEUR.—Boston, Oct. 25.—Coast Guard reported to-day that it had discontinued search for 11 missing members of crew of steamer North Voyageur; men are presumed lost. Wreckage of the North Voyageur's cabin, sighted by a search plane, was sunk by gunfire from one of the cutters. —New York Maritime Association. (See issue of Oct. 27.)

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