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Wreck Report No. 13260

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 5th June, 1953

Ship's Name s.s. "CABO QUINTRES" of Seville Tons { Gross 2905
Net 1639

Built at Bilbao When 1916 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners Ybarra & Co.

Managers

Address Calle Menéndez Pelayo 2 (Apartado No. 15), Seville, Spain.

RETAIN

Classification details

100A1 7,52	LMC MS2,49 ES6,52
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Date of Casualty 5th May, 1953.

Details of Casualty

This ship stranded on rocks near Cabo Villano, in thick fog. She is holed and flooded, and salvage operations have so far proved unsuccessful. No casualty notice has been sent to the Owners as they intend to make a further attempt at refloating, but chances of success are considered to be remote.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Bilbao cable 29.5.1953.
Bilbao letters 8.5.1953.
26.5.1953.

CABO QUINTRES. Spanish steamer Cabo Quintres stranded about 11 p.m., G.M.T., yesterday near Cabo Villano, owing to heavy fog, while on voyage from Pasajes to Bilbao, loaded general cargo. Salvage operations have commenced.

CABO QUINTRES. London, May 7. Steamer Cabo Quintres: The following message has been received from Lisbon, timed 7.2 p.m., May 6: Salvage steamer Salvator has left Lisbon to assist Spanish steamer Cabo Quintres. (See issue of May 7.)

Bilbao, May 7. Steamer Cabo Quintres not yet refloated. Forepart stranded on rocky bottom, engine-room and Nos. 1 and 2 holds flooded, position of vessel worsened. Requested assistance of two big tugs from Lisbon and Vigo, which expected will arrive tomorrow. Although weather fine, last news and outlook on prospects of refloating pessimistic.

CABO QUINTRES. Bilbao, May 8. Steamer Cabo Quintres has Nos. 3 and 4 holds also flooded. Norwegian tug Salvator expected to-day in an attempt at salvage. (See issue of May 8.)

CABO QUINTRES. London, May 9. Steamer Cabo Quintres: The following message has been received from Copenhagen, dated May 9: Salvage steamer Salvator arrived stranding place. Vessel flooded all over, standing on rocks. Diver's examination going on. Position of Salvator considers salvage possibilities very small. (See issue of May 9.)

CABO QUINTRES. London, May 12. Steamer Cabo Quintres: The following message has been received from Copenhagen, dated to-day: Salvage steamer Salvator has commenced salvage operations. Salvage vessel Hercules left Vigo at midnight yesterday to assist also. (See issue of May 12.)

CABO QUINTRES. London, May 14. Steamer Cabo Quintres: The following message has been received from Copenhagen, dated May 13: Master of salvage vessel reports another pumping attempt to-day on aftership without result. Strong westerly breeze, heavy swell. Salvage steamer Salvator proceeding to Bilbao with all pumping material on board. (See issue of May 13.)

CABO QUINTRES. Bilbao, May 12. Salvage operations on steamer Cabo Quintres commenced yesterday and are expected to last several days. Divers have inspected the vessel's bottom and have found greater damage than at first reported. Unloading of part of the iron cargo in order to lighten the vessel will probably commence to-day. The weather is still fine but the outlook on the prospects of refloating are still pessimistic. (See later report in issue of May 15.)

CABO QUINTRES. Bilbao, May 16. Attempts by salvage vessels Salvator and Hercules to refloat steamer Cabo Quintres have been unsuccessful and the condition of the vessel has worsened. Divers' reports fully confirm that there are practically no prospects of refloating her and, in order to minimise expense, it has been decided that the salvage vessels return to their base. A further final effort will be made, however, with all available local means, before a definite decision is taken to abandon the Cabo Quintres, although there is little hope of a satisfactory result. (See issue of May 16.)

London, May 18. Steamer Cabo Quintres: The following message has been received from Copenhagen, dated May 16: On account of ship breaking, salvage vessels Salvator and Hercules are returning to Lisbon and Gibraltar respectively.

CABO QUINTRES. Bilbao, May 22. Spanish steamer Cabo Quintres, which stranded at Cabo Villano, had about 1500 tons of cargo on board, including about 1255 tons of iron and 140 tons of cement. The largest possible quantity of cargo is being unloaded into barges, mainly the iron, which is practically undamaged. This will also lighten the vessel for later attempts at refloating, the prospects of which are small. (See issue of May 19.)

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Date of Committee FRI, 5 JUN 1953

Committee's Minute

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