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M.V. "SILVERAY"

WEATHER STATEMENT

VOYAGE 24

NEW YORK TO CAPETOWN

1935

- 23rd Aug: Moderate wind & sea, long heavy swell. Rolling & pitching heavily. Engines racing, governor working.
- 24th Aug: Fresh gale, rough sea, high confused swell. V/1 rolling, labouring and pitching violently, heavy rain squalls at times, overcast, engines racing, governor working.
- 25th Aug: Strong westerly winds, rough sea, heavy confused swell, V/1 rolling, labouring & pitching violently, overcast, rainy weather. Engines racing, governor working.
- 26th Aug: Moderate winds, sea & swell. Rolling easily. Engines racing, governor acting occasionally. Water in fuel, Sharples purifier running 16½ hours instead of 12.
- 27th Aug: Water in fuel, purifier running 18 hours. No.4 port tank tested, 12" water & oil. Mod. winds, sea & swell. Rolling easily, engines racing, governor working occasionally each watch.
- 28th Aug: Large quantity of water in fuel oil, purifier running 19½ hours.
- 29th Aug: Water in fuel, purifier 18½ hours.
- 30th Aug: Water in fuel in large quantities, purifier running 19½ hours.
- 31st Aug: Main engine stopped, fuse on auxiliary lub. oil pump given out. Crankshaft fractured.
- 4th Sept: 7.50 p.m. Engines slowed down, water in fuel. Purifier running continuously. No.4 D.B. tank tested for water, 5" water, 6" contamination, port side.
- 5th Sept: 11.50 a.m. Engines slowed down & stopped, water in fuel. Generator slowed down. No.4 D.B. tank, cover changed over from "Fuel" to "Ballast" and water pumped overboard, 5". Cover then reversed & rejointed to "Fuel". Settling tank drained & examined. Internal pipe to purifier valve reversed. The latter was done in order that oil & not water was fed to the purifier, as the tank took so long to drain.
- 9th Sept: Fresh head wind, sea and swell. Pounding & pitching moderately. Engines racing, governor working. About 9" of water drained from settling tank each watch.
- 10th Sept: Fresh head wind, mod. head sea & swell, pitching and pounding moderately. Engines slowed down 3.50 p.m. Water in fuel.
- 11th Sept: Fresh head wind, mod. head sea & swell, pitching & pounding moderately. Engines racing, governor working.
- 12th Sept: Fresh head wind, mod. head sea & swell, pitching and pounding moderately. Engines racing, governor working. No.4 ~~port~~ Port & Star. tank drained.
- 19th Sept: Fresh wind, rough sea, heavy swell, rolling heavily, engines racing, governor working.

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New York to Capetown.

- 23.8.35 4.00 p.m. Strong wind, Rough sea, heavy confused swell. Vessel rolling pitching and labouring heavily.
8.00 p.m. Fresh gale with frequent fierce squalls of gale force. Pitching rolling and lurching heavily to very rough sea and high confused swell.
9.00 p.m. Vessel rolling violently. Mod. gale rough sea high swell pitching rolling and straining heavily.
- 24.8.35 Strong breeze, rough sea and heavy confused swell. Pitching rolling and labouring heavily.
8.00-12.00 On inspection of holds to ascertain if any cargo had shifted during the night. In No.2 it was found that a case had fallen on and badly dented the right rear wing of a Packard car consigned to Durban. In No.4 T.D. it was found that Car No. 1709514 consigned to Kimberly had broken adrift and badly damaged itself front and rear and also damaged Car No. 1709880 consigned to Capetown, on the right running board. Cars No. 1705443 and 1709515 stowed on either side of Car No. 1709514 which broke adrift were damaged on front wings of both cars. In No.3 S.D. it was found that one Car No. 1709855 consigned to Bloemfontein broke adrift damaging both front wings and radiator. In No.6 a number of drums of turpentine broke loose. Damage as yet unknown. Fresh breeze high confused swell. V/1 rolling and labouring heavily.
- 25.8.35 Strong wind. Rough beam sea. Heavy swell. Rolling and labouring heavily.
- 26.8.35 Chief Engineer reported water in Oil in No.4 D.B. Port Side.
- 31.8.35 Fresh wind. Mod. beam sea and swell, rolling easily.
- 6.9.35 5" of water pumped overside from No.4 D.B. port tank.
- 9.9.35 Fresh wind Mod. head sea & swell. Vessel pitching and pounding.
- 10.9.35 Fresh wind rough head sea & swell. Vessel pitching & pounding.
- 11.9.35 Fresh head wind sea and swell. Vessel pitching and pounding. No.4 D.B. tank empty.
- 17.9.35 No.4 D.B. sounding 6½" water. Gentle breeze slight sea. Rolling heavily to heavy S.W. swell.

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Cebu towards San Pedro

- 15th Nov: Fresh breeze rough sea. Rolling. O'cast & fine. W. 5.
16th Nov: Fresh breeze rough sea Mod. rough swell. Rolling,
Overcast showers. S. 5.
- 24th Nov: Mod. breeze, slight sea & swell. Cloudy & fine & clear.
SW 5/
25th Nov: Fresh to strong breeze, mod. sea & swell. Cloudy & clear
SW 5/6
28th Nov: Strong head wind rough sea, heavily overcast, rain squalls.
E 5
6th Dec: Mod. fresh wind, mod. sea. Cloudy & clear. N 5/6
7th Dec: Fresh breeze mod. sea & swell. Fine & clear. NE 5.
16th Dec: Mod. fresh breeze, rough sea, mod. swell. Pitching &
pounding. Eng. racing. O'cast occasional rain E. 4/5
17th Dec: Mod. breeze & sea. Pitching to heavy swell. Eng. racing,
cloudy & fine. E. 4.
18th Dec: Mod. breeze, sea & swell. Pitching. Eng. racing Clear &
fine. NE 4
19th Dec: Strong breeze O'cast & squally. Pitching and rolling to
heavy NE swell and rough sea. Eng. Racing. NE 6
20th Dec: Strong breeze, pitching & rolling to heavy confused swell.
O'cast passing showers. Eng. racing. N. 7
21st Dec: Fresh gale. Pitching rolling & labouring to high confused
swell & heavy sea. O'cast rain & frequent heavy squalls.
Eng. racing. Wind NNW. W. SW. S. Se 8/
22nd Dec: Mod. light breeze. Pitching to mod. swell. Eng. racing.
Clear & fine. SE 4.
23rd Dec: Light breeze mod. swell. Pitching. Eng. racing NE 3.
25th Dec: Strong breeze. Pitching to mod. sea & heavy swell. Eng.
racing. Squally. NE by E 5/
26th Dec: Fresh breeze. Pitching to mod. sea & heavy swell. Eng
racing. Cloudy & fine. NE by E 5.
27th Dec: Mod. fresh breeze. Pitching to mod. sea & swell. Cloudy
clear passing showers. NE by E. 5.
31st Dec: Fresh breeze pitching & rolling to mod. sea & swell.
O'cast & squally. ENE 5.
1st Jan: Mod. breeze. Pitching & rolling to mod. sea & swell.
Cloudy & squally. passing showers N. 4.
Soundings No. 1 bilges indicated Palm Oil & on examining
For'd Bulkhead of No.1 hold, found two stringer brackets
to be leaking.
Both were caulked. A number of bags of Cassia & Tapioco
Seed for Vancouver were found to be damaged by palm oil
and were removed, and a clear space left in vicinity of
leaks in order to avoid any further damage to cargo.
2nd Jan: Fresh to strong gale with frequent hard squalls. Pitching,
rolling and labouring heavily to rough sea & heavy
quarterly swell. Cloudy & clear. Passing showers. Eng.
racing. W 8.
3rd. Jan: Strong gale. Pitching & labouring heavily to very rough
sea and high WNW swell. Cloudy frequent hard squalls,
passing showers. Eng. racing WNW 9.
4th Jan: Fresh to strong gale. Pitching & labouring heavily to
rough sea and heavy SW swell. Spraying overall. Eng. racing.
O'cast. S. 9.

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- 5th Jan: Strong gale. Pitching & labouring heavily to high sea and swell. Spraying overall. Engs. racing. O'cast. Occ. rain squalls. S by W. 9.
- 6th Jan: Mod. fresh gale, slight sea. Pitching to mod. swell. Engs. racing. O'cast & raining. S'ly 5.
- 7th Jan: Fresh breeze. Pitching to mod. following sea & swell. O'cast & rain. Engs. racing. W. 5.
- 8th Jan: Fresh breeze. Pitching to mod. following sea & swell. O'cast & rain. Engs. racing S'ly 5.
- 9th Jan: Fresh breeze. Pitching to mod. following sea & swell. O'cast & rain. Engs. racing W'ly 5/6
- 10th Jan: Strong breeze reaching gale force at times. Pitching to rough sea & heavy swell. Engs. racing. Cloudy clear occasional heavy rain squalls. WNW 6.
- 11th Jan: Strong breeze reaching gale force at times. Pitching to rough sea & heavy W'ly swell. Engs. racing. Spraying, Cloudy, clear occasional heavy rain squalls. SW 6.
- 12th Jan: Mod. gale. pitching to rough sea & heavy swell. O'cast & fine. Spraying. Engs. racing. SSW 7.
- 13th Jan: Gentle breeze slight sea, pitching to mod. swell. Engs. racing. O'cast & fine. S'ly 3.

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