

Wreck Section No. 446
REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK SECTION No. 446

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Date of writing this report 7th March, 1946

Vessel's Name M.S. "Badger State" of New York

Tons (Gross 1539 Net 1107)

Built at Pt. Glasgow When 1912 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner 2/2/46 Owner's reply

Owner's Name Federal Motorship Corporation (L.S. Martin, Mgr)

Address 24, State Street, New York City, U.S.A.

Case previously before Date Last Minute

Particulars of Classification
+100A1 +LMIC 2,42
with fwd +NE 4,28
245 +LMC(M) 6,44
SS 2nd No 3-534 TS 645 CL
SS. No 2-43 OIL ENGINES
for service between New York, Chicago & Quebec via Canals, also from Eastport, Maine to Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.

Date of Casualty 14th January 1946

Précis of particulars of Casualty

During bad weather this motorship struck a steel and concrete ship, 6ft submerged, forming part of a breakwater at Alvaro Obregon, near Tampico, Mexico, on 14th January, 1946.

The bow is on the bar, with the stern completely submerged, and the ship is damaged all aft of No. 1 hold and filling with sand.

Local salvors lack adequate equipment and as bad weather is expected to last until April, a New York firm of salvors may only become interested in May next if condition of vessel warranted salvage and if satisfactorily sound value could be established.

No reply has been received to the Casualty Notice addressed to the Owners on the 2nd February.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

BADGER STATE.—London, Jan. 17.—The following cable has been received from New York, dated Jan. 14: Motor vessel Badger State is ashore Tampico Bay near Tampico. Owners notifying Clifford (Lloyd's Agents, Tampico) by cable.

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BADGER STATE.—Mexico City, Jan. 18.—The Government announced to-night the stranding in a bay of the Gull of Mexico of the American motor vessel Badger State off Alvaro Obregon, Tampico State, while bound for New Orleans. The crew were rescued.—Exchange Telegraph Company. (See issue of Jan. 18.)

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Merida, Yucatan, Jan. 19.—American motor vessel Badger State is aground at entrance to canal at Alvaro Obregon; salvage practicable.

BADGER STATE.—Veracruz, Jan. 18.—Motor vessel Badger State stranded in night of Jan. 14 at the mouth of the river at Alvaro Obregon. Vessel is now half under water.—New York Maritime Association. (See issue of Jan. 21.)

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BADGER STATE.—Merida, Jan. 23.—Motor vessel Badger State. Sub-Agent at Alvaro Obregon advises vessel considered lost, impossible to put her afloat. Owners' representatives discharging crew.—Lloyd's Agent, Per Salvage Association. (See issue of Jan. 25.)

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BADGER STATE.—London, Feb. 4.—American motor vessel Badger State: Advice from New York, dated Jan. 28, state that the owners' representative, Mr. L. S. Martin, proceeded to the scene immediately he heard of the sinking of the vessel, and the owners presume that it has been impossible for him to get any message through previously to one sent to his wife (date is not given) in Brownsville, Texas, who passed it on immediately to the owners, as follows: During bad weather Badger State struck steel and concrete ship, 6 ft. submerged, forming part of break-wall at Alvaro Obregon. Damaged all aft No. 1 hold, engine-room filled in three minutes. Ship sunk at present position. Bow on bar submerged completely aft of No. 4 hatch in matter of minutes. Salvage attempts discontinued after three days. Ship filling with sand due to continued bad weather which has also delayed me total of 10 days. (See issue of Jan. 26.)

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Alvaro Obregon, Feb. 2.—Motor vessel Badger State: On account of heavy seas unable to approach vessel, which is abandoned south of entrance canal with stern completely submerged. Port authorities have written to the owners of the vessel requesting removal within 30 days, otherwise a fine of 100,000 Mexican pesos will be incurred. Salvage Association's Surveyors.

BADGER STATE.—Alvaro Obregon, Feb. 5.—Motor vessel Badger State: Salvage difficult and impossible on account of prevailing weather, which is expected to continue until April. Deck is approximately 15 ft. above water at bow and 10 ft. below at stern. Depth of water forward 10 ft. at 18 ft. W. line cuts top of funnel and with line of fifth hatchway from fore-cabin to opinion bottom bars continued to engine-room.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 5.)

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New York, Feb. 14.—Merida at present not interested but state they might be interested about May if condition of vessel at that date warranted salvage also if satisfactorily sound value could be established.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 6.)

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BADGER STATE.—Mexico City, Feb. 18.—Motor vessel Badger State: Local salvors lack adequate equipment and are unwilling to undertake salvage.—Lloyd's Agent, Merida, Per Salvage Association. (See issue of Feb. 18.)

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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