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"ELENA R."

WRECK NO

No. 165

Section 2

9711

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

RETAIN

No. 23850 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 95/39

Date of writing this report 13th December 1939

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Elena R."

of Syra

Tons { Gross 4576
Net 2845

Built at Newport News When 1917

YEAR. MONTH.

Casualty notice sent to Owner 8/12/39 Owner's reply 9/12/39

Owner's Name J. A. Roussos & Co.

Address 40 Rethymnis & Kulukundis, Holland House, London, E.C.3.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

FI 100A1

5,39

FI LMC 6,37

BS 5,39

SS No 3-2,30

TS 4,37CL

SS No 2-37

Fitted for oil fuel
12,17 F.P. 120°F

Date of Casualty

22nd November, 1939.

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel is reported to have been sunk by a mine off the south coast on the 22nd November, 1939.

The Owners concur.

GREEK STEAMER MINED

The Greek steamer Elena R. was sunk off the South Coast on Wednesday night, as a result, it is believed, of striking a German mine. All the crew of 23 with the wife of the chief engineer took to the boats. They were afterwards transferred to a lifeboat and brought ashore. The Elena R. disappeared in about an hour. The vessel was bound from the River Plate for Antwerp with grain and was making for a South Coast port. The Elena R., a vessel of 4576 tons gross, was owned by Captain A. Roussos, of Syra, and the Tramp Shipping Development Company, Ltd., London (Rethymnis & Kulukundis, Ltd., London, managers). She was built at Newport News in 1917 as the Hunindis.

LL 24/11

Greek steamer Elena (4,576 tons), mined off South Coast; all aboard saved.

NC 24/11

Survivors of the Greek ship Elena included Mrs. Evangeline Patsoutis, young, good-looking wife of the mate. She was taken hatless and exhausted to an hotel and put to bed.

Later she was missed from the hotel. Inquiries were made, but she was not to be found.

Anxiety was growing among her compatriots when she walked into the hotel.

She said:

"I thought I would go out and buy a new hat."

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Times
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The wife of the chief engineer was among the 24 people saved from the Elena R.

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

FRI. 15 DEC 1939

SUNK - WAR LOSS 11,39

Committee's Minute

Sunk. War loss 11.39