

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK BOOK

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Date of writing this report 31st January, 1938

Vessel's Name

Steel S. "Srdj"

YEAR. MONTH.

Built at South Shields

When 1905

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Casualty notice sent to Owner 17/1/38

Owner's reply

Owner's Name

Dubrovacka Parobrodaska Plovidba A.D.

Address

Dubrovnik Yugoslavia.

previously before
Shipping Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+10091

1037

S.S. and No 3-9, 28

S.S. No 2-37

+LMC

MS 1236

BS 537

TS 635CL

of Casualty

29th December, 1937.

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This vessel is reported to have been sunk by collision in the River Scheldt on the 29th December, 1937.

She was submerged at high tide, slipped into deeper water, and her back was afterwards broken.

"No cure no pay" was declined and salvage operations abandoned.

The Antwerp Surveyors report she is a total loss through collision (Return 10).

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 17th instant.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SRDJ. — Antwerp, Dec. 29. — Yugo-Slav steamer Srdj sank in the River Scheldt, off Walsoorden, last night after collision with an unknown steamer. Vessel was inward bound from Morphon Bay, cargo 5750 tons of pyrites, probably insured at Lloyd's. It is reported that three members of the crew were drowned, remainder on board tug Thames, Soc. Anon. de Remorquage a Helice, Antwerp. Navigation not impeded, vessel out of the fairway. — Lloyd's Agent.

Flushing, Dec. 29. — Yugo-Slav steamer Srdj: Reports state vessel stern sunk at Walsoorden, near Hansweert. It is reported that three of the crew are missing. Name of colliding vessel not known here.

Terneuzen, Dec. 29. — The stern compartments of the steamer Srdj, which is loaded with pyrites, were flooded. Her crew of 33 are all reported safe with the exception of two who were missing after the collision. — Reuter.

SRDJ. — Antwerp, Dec. 29. — Steamer Srdj, cargo pyrites, was struck on starboard side in way of Nos. 3 and 4 holds. Vessel lying on left bank out of fairway entirely submerged at high water, fore deck level with water at low tide. Master signed Lloyd's Form of Salvage Agreement "no cure no pay" with Union Remorquage. Salvors on the spot will commence lightening of cargo immediately. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Antwerp, Dec. 30. — The vessel in collision with the Yugo-Slav steamer Srdj on Dec. 28 was the Swedish steamer HAGA. At the time of the collision the latter (?) vessel was at anchor; she is now in port, stem damaged slightly.

SRDJ. — Antwerp, Dec. 31. — Yugo-Slav steamer Srdj: Position changed for the worse, broken amidships, slipping into deep water and sitting up. Salvage of vessel and cargo doubtful.

SRDJ. — Antwerp, Dec. 31. — Swedish steamer HAGA, from Uras, cargo wood, reports that on Dec. 28 she anchored off Walsoorden owing to fog. At midnight an unknown vessel was in collision with the HAGA. At 12 30 a.m. anchor was raised and the HAGA proceeded. At 1 15 a.m. she anchored again and heard cries of distress. A lifeboat was launched, and at 2 40 a.m. it returned with one of the crew of the Yugo-Slav steamer Srdj. Further search was made but without result. Raised anchor at 5 a.m. and proceeded. (See issue of Dec. 31.)

Antwerp, Jan. 3. — Yugo-Slav steamer Srdj: Position not improved, about 10 tons of pyrites salvaged; salvors continue pumping cargo.

Antwerp, Jan. 3. — Yugo-Slav steamer Srdj: Salvors definitely have abandoned all operations. Local representative of owners of vessel applying to Smit, Rotterdam, whether agreeable start salvage on Lloyd's Form "no cure no pay."

SRDJ. — Antwerp, Jan. 4. — Messrs. L. Smit, of Rotterdam, have informed the local representatives of the owners of the steamer Srdj that they decline effecting the salvage of this vessel on the basis of Lloyd's Salvage Agreement "no cure no pay."

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Suggested Record

Sunk by collision 12.37

Date of Committee

TUE. 1 FEB 1938

Committee's Minute

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