

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, & C.

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Date of writing this report 19th April, 1938

Vessel's Name Steel V. V. "Pegaway" of Newcastle

Tons { Net 1073
Gross 1826

Built at Middlesbro' When 1924 5 Casualty notice sent to Owner 11/4/38 Owner's reply 12/4/38

Owner's Name Hill & Co. Shipping Co. Ltd. (Witherington & Everett, Mgrs.)

Address Exchange Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

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Closing Committee.

Last Minute

of Casualty 4th April, 1938.

of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been in distress through having sprung a leak in a severe storm at 1.19 a.m. on the 4th April, 25 miles N.W. of Terschelling.

She had a heavy list to port and as she gradually submerged more and more and the list increased, the master and crew abandoned the vessel about six hours later, the vessel finally sinking in some 40 metres of water 30 miles N.W. of Terschelling Light Vessel.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

PEGAWAY. North Foreland Wireless Station, Apr. 4. — Following received from British steamer Pegaway at 1.19 a.m., G.M.T.: In distress 25 miles NW. of Terschelling, require immediate assistance, heavy list to port.

Amsterdam, Apr. 4. — Wireless information received states British steamer Pegaway in distress with a list to port, position lat. 53 40 N., long. 4 24 E.

North Foreland Wireless Station, Apr. 4. — Following received from German motor vessel Wilhelm Gustloff at 7.8 a.m.: Crew of steamer Pegaway now on board Wilhelm Gustloff.

Humber Wireless Station, Apr. 4. — Following received from British steamer Garth Castle, timed 8.13 a.m., G.M.T.: Steamer Pegaway abandoned but afloat 25 miles NW. approximately of Terschelling Light-vessel.

Amsterdam, Apr. 4. — British steamer Pegaway adrift 25 miles NW. of Terschelling, crew saved by German motor vessel Wilhelm Gustloff. Salvage steamer has gone to assist.

Amsterdam, Apr. 4. — The Dutch sea-going tug Holland has gone to the rescue of the Newcastle steamer Pegaway, which is now drifting in a sinking condition 25 miles west of the island of Terschelling. — British United Press.

Amsterdam, Apr. 4. — British steamer Pegaway sank in deep water 30 miles off Terschelling.

Hamburg, Apr. 4. — Captain Luebbe, of the motor vessel Wilhelm Gustloff, gave the following description of the rescue of the crew of the steamer Pegaway in a telephone conversation from on board his ship to-day: We sighted the Pegaway at 4 o'clock this morning, she was listing considerably and her master asked us to stand by as his vessel had sprung a leak. We did so and saw that the ship was becoming more and more submerged. Her list, too, increased to a dangerous angle. Towards 7 o'clock the master of the Pegaway informed us that he could no longer keep the ship afloat and had decided to abandon her. We immediately lowered a lifeboat. The storm was terrible, but we finally succeeded in rescuing all 19 men of the crew. This operation was concluded at about 7.45 a.m. We are now on our way back to Hamburg, where we shall arrive to-morrow at noon. — Reuter.

PEGAWAY. — Amsterdam, Apr. 4. — Steamer Pegaway sank 30 miles north-west of Terschelling Light-vessel in about 40 metres of water. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Hamburg, Apr. 5. — German motor vessel Wilhelm Gustloff arrived to-day, having on board 19 of the crew of British steamer Pegaway, abandoned in the North Sea.

Suggested Record

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Date of Committee

WED 20 APR 1938

Committee's Minute

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