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in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 102/34

Date of writing this report

5th November 1934

Name Steel S.S. "Millpool"

of West Hartlepool

Tons Net 2707

Gross 4218

Stockton

When 1906

YEAR. MONTH.

Casualty notice sent to Owner

1/11/34

Owner's reply

2/11/34

Name Pool Shipping Co. (Sir R. Ropner & Co. Ltd. Mgrs)

Address Mercantile Chambers, Mainforth Terrace, West Hartlepool

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

de Isle Wireless Station, 2nd Oct. 2.9.34, G.M.T.: Steamer 53 30 N., long. 37 10 W. stove in, main topmast injured, drifting helplessly, using temporary position lat. 53 10 N., proceeding to position of Cape Race Wireless Station, 2.9.34, G.M.T.: Steamer 53 30 N., long. 37 10 W. stove in, after hatch stove gone. Steamer to her assistance.

Valentia Wireless Station, Oct. 3.—Following received from steamer Beaverhill at 12 15 G.M.T.: British steamer Millpool, 53 30 N., long. 37 10 W. stove in.

London, Oct. 2.—An official Ropner & Co. stated that left Danzig on Sept. 17 for a cargo of grain. The crew and the master is A. Newton. A message from the master two days ago said that the vessel was taking water in her No. 1 hold but that expected to reach Montreal all right. She was due there on Friday (Oct. 5).

New York, Oct. 2.—Fish steamer Millpool to-day sent out a S.O.S. giving her position as lat. 53 30 N., long. 37 10 W., and stating that she was drifting helplessly in a terrific gale, that her main topmast had been smashed, that a temporary wireless transmitter had been set up. The S.O.S. was relayed to the Mackay Station by the steamer Black Gull.—Exchange Telegraph Co.

Valentia Wireless Station, Oct. 3.—Following received from British steamer Ascania at 12 29 a.m. G.M.T.: Steamers Ascania and Beaverhill going to assistance of steamer Millpool.

New York, Oct. 3.—A wireless message from the American steamer Black Gull states that the steamers Ascania and Beaverhill have crossed the last position given by the British steamer Millpool without finding her.—Reuter.

Valentia Wireless Station, Oct. 3.—Following received from British steamer Beaverhill at 3 18 a.m. G.M.T.: Steamer Beaverhill now hove to in approximate position of steamer Millpool, awaiting daylight.

Portsmouth Wireless Station, Oct. 3.—Following received from British steamer Alania at 9 a.m.: Steamer Ascania passed through position of steamer Millpool, but seen nothing since 10 30 p.m.

New York, Oct. 3.—The last wireless message sent out by the steamer Millpool was at 2 a.m., G.M.T., but it was indecipherable.—Reuter.

MILLPOOL.—Halifax, Oct. 3.—A message received here this afternoon from the steamer Beaverhill states that there is no trace of the steamer Millpool at the position 700 miles off the coast of Labrador, where she was last reported. The Beaverhill is, however, remaining hove-to in the position indicated, in the hope of sighting the vessel. The position of the Beaverhill is given as lat. 53 30 N., long. 37 11 W. The steamer Ascania has also been searching for the Millpool, but without success. Both the Ascania and the Beaverhill signalled to the Millpool to send up a rocket to show her position but there was no response. The two steamers were then obliged to heave-to themselves until the seas which are now running steady moderate.—Reuter.

New York, Oct. 4.—All hope of finding the missing British steamer Millpool afloat has been practically abandoned and the steamers Ascania and Beaverhill have now given up the search. The master of the Ascania has sent a wireless message stating that he is continuing on his voyage to England. One unnamed vessel is, however, still standing by at the position where the Millpool last reported herself.—Reuter.

London, Oct. 4.—The following is a list of the officers and crew of the steamer Millpool: Master: Arthur Newton, Dalton-on-Tees. Officers: R. Sargeant, West Hartlepool; J. Gerrard, South Shields; C. J. Lowe, Greatham, near West Hartlepool. Engineers: T. C. Nesbitt, West Hartlepool; William Devonport, Sunderland; J. M. Bell, Hartlepool; E. Braithwaite, West Hartlepool. Steward: D. A. Edrington, North Shields. Cook: J. Peters, South Shields. Wireless Operator: D. Cowden, Carpenter: W. Scorer, West Hartlepool. Bo'sun: U. Moor, West Hartlepool. Crew: J. B. Eke, West Hartlepool; H. Cook, West Hartlepool; Edling Horst, Hartlepool; C. Peterson and William Ball, both South Shields; Thomas O'Connor and Charles O'Connor, West Hartlepool; John Kelly, William Bates, James Waters, A. E. Robinson and J. H. Saurer, all of West Hartlepool; J. J. ... South Shields.

MILLPOOL.—New York, Oct. 4.—The wireless of the British steamer Millpool has now been silent for 40 hours, and the vessel, which has not been sighted by any of the rescue vessels, is apparently lost with all hands. A slender hope lingered that the crew of the Millpool might be found in an open boat. However, as a dozen vessels had criss-crossed the last reported position of the Millpool when the search was abandoned last night and had sighted no survivors, this hope has also faded.—Reuter.

Halifax, Oct. 4.—In a final effort to trace the missing British steamer Millpool, the steamer Wearpool, bound for Europe from Newfoundland, to-day swerved from her course towards "the storm line of drift," according to a message picked up by the East Coast Radio Signal Service at Belle Isle. It is believed that the Wearpool is now the only vessel searching for the Millpool.—Reuter.

London, Oct. 5.—The following telegram has been received from the owners of the steamer Millpool, dated this morning: Steamer Wearpool reports by wireless 2 p.m., Oct. 4: Steaming north, searching in line of drift of Millpool, now close to possible position of any boats, &c.

London, Oct. 5.—The owners of the steamer Wearpool have received a wireless message from the master to the effect that he has given up the search for the steamer Millpool.

Previously before

Date

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Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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Trunk Stk. No Sheer
6.34
SS S.S. 2nd No. 3
-10.31
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of Casualty

3rd October, 1934

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This vessel left Danzig on the 14th September bound for Montreal. She was reported on the 2nd October to be in distress & drifting helplessly in a terrific gale in lat. 53 30 N., long. 37 10 W.

The position was searched by a number of vessels but no trace of the vessel or her crew was found.

Upon inquiry at Lloyd's it was ascertained that no application had been received to post her as "missing", & the Underwriters had already settled all claims as a total loss.

In reply to a casualty notice the Owners state that the last news sent out by the "Millpool" was apparently an indecipherable wireless message on the 3rd October. Nothing further has been heard of her & it is feared that it must now be definitely assumed that she foundered on the 3rd October in approximately lat. 53 30 N., long. 37 10 W. There is therefore no object in delaying the withdrawal of her name from the Register Book.

Suggested Record Lost 10.34

Date of Committee TUE 6 NOV 1934

Committee's Minute

L. Lloyd's 6/11

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