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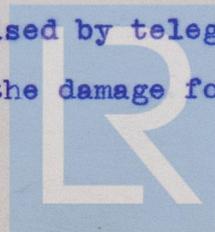
Dear Sir,

S.S. BALTABOR.

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 31st ult. I beg to state that in company with Capt. Howie, the owners representative, and Mr Burls, the Underwriters Surveyor, I left London for Tallinn, Esthonia on the evening of 31st March, and arrived at that Port on the morning of the 3rd April.

On the 4th April the vessel was placed on the Government Pontoon Dock and the bottom was examined, Found the flat of bottom from stem to stern and from bilge to bilge badly indented and the plating fractured in about twenty places, the lower stem bent, the stern frame broken, the propeller post of same set over to port, the rudder missing, the propeller damaged, the tank top plating in No 3 hold set up, the passenger, officers and crew's accommodation completely wrecked, all hatch covers missing, three lifeboats missing, and numerous deck fittings etc. badly damaged or missing.

The owners were advised by telegraph from day to day of the nature and extent of the damage found, and also of the approximate cost of repairs.



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On account of the mud, sand, and debris in the tanks, holds, E. & B. spaces, and peaks, it was very difficult to make a thorough examination of the damage, and in some parts of the double bottom tanks the repairs required to the framing had to be approximated, but a damage report will be prepared and forwarded to the owners in due course.

On the 15th inst. we were advised that the owners and underwriters were conferring together regarding permanent repairs or the disposal of the vessel, but as nothing would be settled for some weeks to come it was suggested that Capt. Howie and myself should return to London. We therefore left Tallinn on the following day and arrived in London on the 19th inst.

I may add that before leaving Tallinn recommendations for temporary repairs were made to enable the vessel to float off the Pontoon Dock, and these are now being carried out under the supervision of Mr Gerretz the non-exclusive surveyor to the Society and Mr Burls.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

James Burtles

The Secretary.

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