

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 70374 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 70

Date of writing this report 20<sup>th</sup> September 1926

Vessel's Name

Steel S.S. "Galileo"

of Hull

Tons { Net 4091  
Gross 6287

Built at

Newcastle

When 1908

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Casualty notice sent to Owner Sep 17. 9.26 Owner's reply

Owner's Name

Ellerman's Wilson Line, Ltd

Address

Hull

Case previously before

Date

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100A1

S.S. No. 3-11.21

S.S. No. 7-25

Shelter dk with fld.

BS 7.25

+5MC

MS 12.25

Date of Casualty

30<sup>th</sup> August 1926

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel, which was outward bound, returned to New York with fire in the bunkers, on 30<sup>th</sup> Aug.; the fire was got under control, but the vessel sank and turned over, lying on beam ends on mud flats "bilge keel awash, deck eight feet out water" - Part of the crew have returned to this country.

The owners write on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.:-

"On the present moment we do not consider this vessel will become a total loss. Contracts have been made with Merritts Salvage Co. in New York to save cargo if possible, and we have a letter dated Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from the Captain that up to the time of writing three holes 6' by 6' have been cut in the ship's side in tween decks of Nos. 1, 2 & 4 and two frames in the way of these holes have been cut away; thus enabling the Salvage People to handle the cargo much quicker. The Salvage People hope to have the whole of the general cargo out by the end of this month, after which they will commence discharging the wheat. As to the prospects of raising the ship when the cargo is discharged, nothing has been definitely settled, but the Captain thinks this can be done as she is lying on the bottom of soft mud."

25<sup>th</sup> November 1926

The Owners now state that the Underwriters have settled a Constructive Total Loss, and they fear there is little possibility of the steamer being saved.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

GALILEO.—New York, Aug. 30.—A fire broke out this morning in the bunkers of the British steamer Galileo in this harbour. The city fire floats were soon on the scene, but Captain Barron refused their aid, though he had 8000 lb. of gunpowder on board, because he was afraid that the water from the hoses would damage the heavy grain cargo he had on board. The gunpowder was brought up on deck ready to be jettisoned the moment the flames showed signs of spreading. Meanwhile other members of the crew were employed in getting the flames under control, which they finally succeeded in doing late in the afternoon.—Reuter. (See issue of Aug. 31.)

New York, Aug. 30.—Steamer Galileo, loaded general cargo, outbound, returned with fire in bunkers. Now sunk turned over lying on beam ends on mud flats New York Harbour 30 ft. water after fire brigade flooded vessel.—Salvage Association's Surveyors.

GALILEO.—New York, Sept. 1.—Steamer Galileo: Loaded grain lower holds general cargo tween decks. Lying inside pier head line Weehawken, bilge keel awash, deck eight feet out water. Merritts propose save vessel cargo days work basis holding property recovered for compensation with liberty stop work any time if unremunerative. Cargo would be removed through holes cut in vessel's side. Decks probably damaged by swollen grain. Merritts refuse "no cure no pay" account low values and salvage difficulties.—Salvage Association's Surveyors.

GALILEO.—Southampton, Sept. 8.—Steamer Galileo: Shipwrecked two mates, three engineers, and 29 crew arrived to-day and sent to Hull.

GALILEO.—New York, Sept. 13.—Steamer Galileo: Six holes cut in tween deck shell plating for removal cargo. Four thousand cases of lard and canned goods salvaged, pumping grain now commenced.—Salvage Association's Surveyors.

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

FRI. 24 SEP 1926

Committee's Minute

Deferred

July

To owners 24.9.26

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