

REPORT of SHIPWRECK

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 8917

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21st February 1935

Vessel's Name *Steel Twin S.S. "Orania"*of *Amsterdam*Tons { Net 5760
Gross 9463Built at *Belfast* When *1922* - *2* Casualty notice sent to Owner *15/2/35* Owner's reply *19/2/35*Owner's Name *N.V. Koninkl. Hollandsche Lloyd*Address *Amsterdam*Case previously before _____ Date _____
Classing Committee _____ Last Minute _____Date of Casualty *19th December, 1934*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

While lying at anchor at Leixoes on the 19th December, this vessel was run into by the s/s "Loanda". The "Orania" was badly holed amidships (port side) & heeled over & sank in the middle of the harbour.

She was later reported to be submerged at high water, with an inclination of about 83° to port.

A special casualty letter was sent to the Owners on the 15th February, & in reply they stated that, as they had abandoned the vessel to the Underwriters on the 22nd December, she was no longer their property.

Upon inquiry it has been ascertained that the vessel has been accepted by Lloyd's Underwriters as a total loss.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ORANIA. Oporto, Dec. 18. Portuguese steamship LOANDA, when entering Leixoes, collided with Royal Dutch steamship Orania inside harbour. Orania listed to port, passengers being taken on, and efforts being made to beach her.

Oporto, Dec. 19. Dutch steamer Orania now sunk inside Leixoes Harbour. Vessel lies on her side half submerged; passengers and crew dispersed.

London, Dec. 19. The owners of Dutch steamer Orania, Buenos Aires, Amsterdam, report that the vessel collided outside Leixoes with Portuguese steamer LOANDA. Former entered Leixoes harbour, all her safe.

Oporto, Dec. 19. The Dutch liner Orania was rammed amidships and sunk within thirty minutes by the Portuguese steamer LOANDA when entering Leixoes harbour. The Orania is now obstructing the entry of all but smaller vessels. Report.

ORANIA. Leixoes, Dec. 19. Dutch steamer Orania. Position unchanged, master has requested our assistance and we are co-operating. Salvage vessels Valkyrien and Bevelde expected to-morrow. Strongly recommended you send Special Officer immediately. Cargo about 3000 tons, some being washed out. Steamer LOANDA left harbour, damage if any, unknown. Lloyd's Agents, Oporto.

London, Dec. 20. The following cable has been received from Lisbon, dated Dec. 19. Salvage steamer Valkyrien reported Leixoes to us at Dutch steamer Orania, sunk in harbour.

Oporto, Dec. 20. Dutch steamer Orania, lying at anchor at Leixoes, was run into by Portuguese steamer LOANDA, entering Leixoes Harbour, and was damaged. In any event, Orania had a hole in her side, about 25 ft. wide, and was submerged, resting on her side. Cargo about 3000 tons, some being washed out. Salvage steamer Valkyrien expected to-day. It is recommended you send special officer immediately co-operating with master and agents. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

The Salvage Association have dispatched an officer to this case.

London, Dec. 20. The port officials at Leixoes to-day began consideration of the problem of refloating the steamer Orania, as her present position is a danger to navigation. The hole in her side is over nine yards long. Exchange Telegraph Company.

ORANIA. Oporto, Dec. 20. Steamer Orania. Position unchanged, master awaiting arrival of owners' representatives, expected to-morrow. Meantime await arrival of salvage steamer Valkyrien to assist; what proposed, prospects, enhance, and your officer and other salvors. Meantime impossible to reach Orania in steamer. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

London, Dec. 21. The following cable has been received from the Salvage Association, Cape Town, dated Dec. 21. Following received from our master. Steamer Orania has 3000 tons mostly perishable cargo, vessel lying flat on damaged port side, inside harbour, heading towards entrance. Salvage above patches his water exposed by sea and swell. Cargo probably completely spoiled by oil and water. Salvage, if possible, will be long lasting and expensive.

Our salvage expert of technical superintendent Leixoes, due Leixoes Monday night.

Oporto, Dec. 21. Steamer LOANDA, captured by Orania. Only damage one plate bent, and ship buckled as a result of collision with steamer Orania. It is appointed to-day to examine Orania. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

ORANIA. Oporto, Dec. 23. Steamer Orania sunk, lying 85 deg. to port, submerged at high water all but 10 ft. and approximately in middle of harbour with nearest fixed point suitable for uprighting tackles over 600 metres, therefore tackles impracticable. Possibly some cargo on high side still dry but all cargo presently inaccessible. Salvage probably practicable but long and costly and requiring careful calculation and consideration. Salvage Association's Special Officer.

ORANIA. London, Dec. 23. The Salvage Company advise this afternoon that they have received the following information by cable from their experts at Oporto: Steamer Orania. Small hampering diver's work. Examining position and considering possibility of raising vessel.

ORANIA. Oporto, Jan. 1. Orania. Port Captain day that steamer Orania.

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Suggested Record *Sunk by collision, 12.34*

Date of Committee

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Committee's Minute

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