

REPORT of SURVEY for REPAIRS. &c.

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 8642

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Date of writing this report 18th January 1934

Vessel's Name Steel & P. "Sellinge"

of London

Tons (Net) 1043

Built at South Shields When 1919

YEAR. MONTH.

(Gross) 1710

Owner's Name Constant (South Wales) Ltd. (M. Constant, Mgr.)

Casualty notice sent to Owner 15/1/34

Owner's reply 17/1/34

Address Butte Docks Cardiff

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

+100 AI

J.S. 4/11/3-332

9.38

+LMC

MS 3.32

BS 1.33

Date of Casualty 30th November, 1933

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel is reported to have stranded at La Blanche Shoal, River Loire, on the 30th November, 1933.

She was lying in a dangerous position on the reef, with her hull ripped open in several places & engine room flooded.

The Salvage Association's Special Officer reported on the 3rd December that the vessel was covered at high water to after end of bridge; tidal throughout; & commencing to buckle amidships. He considered salvage to be impracticable.

The Nantes Surveyor states, in a communication dated 2nd January, that the vessel is still aground at La Blanche, abandoned, & nothing is being done towards salvaging her.

In reply to a casualty notice the Owners state they have abandoned the vessel to the Underwriters, & suggest communication should be made with the Salvage Association re prospects of salvage.

In reply to inquiry per 'phone the Salvage Association stated that there is no possibility of salvaging the vessel & she is totally lost.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SELLINGE.—Brest, Dec. 1.—Wireless Station at Ushant reports British steamer Sellinge ashore near La Blanche, lat. 47 14 N., long. 2 30 W.; requires assistance.

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Dec. 1.—Land's End Wireless Station, Dutch tug Zwartee Zee signalled at 1 12 a.m. to-day: Left Douarnenez at 12 50 a.m. for position of steamer Sellinge.

Nantes, Dec. 1.—British steamer Sellinge, cargo coal, ashore off St. Nazaire, rocky bottom. Assistance is with her. Weather moderate.

Nantes, Dec. 1.—Engine-room and three holds of the British steamer Sellinge are full of water. Part of crew landed St. Nazaire, position very exposed.

London, Dec. 1.—A telephonic message has been received from the agents of the steamer Sellinge at Nantes, stating that the vessel went ashore at La Blanche at midnight in a dense fog. The vessel has water in three holds and the engine-room, and the agents feel that at high tide the vessel will be completely submerged. Part of the crew have been taken off by a St. Nazaire tug which is returning at 1 o'clock for the master and the remaining members of the crew.

London, Dec. 1.—The owners of the steamer Sellinge have received the following cable: Sellinge ashore at La Blanche Shoal in dense fog; all safe, crew landed. Master, mate and operator secure, staying on board; position later.

St. Nazaire, Dec. 1.—The salvage tug Hoedic put into St. Nazaire to-day with the first officer and 14 members of the crew of the British steamer Sellinge, which went aground in a dense fog on the La Blanche Shoal at 1 30 this morning. The master and two volunteer members of the crew and the wireless operator have insisted on remaining on board in the hope of saving the vessel although her position is a dangerous one. The vessel's S O S call was received at St. Nazaire just after the vessel struck. Immediately the tug put out, and about 4 a.m. her powerful searchlight found the Sellinge. The vessel was lying in a dangerous position on the reef, her hull ripped open in several places, her engine-room flooded and her stern right out of the water. As soon as the Hoedic had landed the crew at St. Nazaire at noon, she started back again to the scene of the wreck. The master of the tug regards the position of the Sellinge as practically hopeless, especially in view of her heavy cargo of 3000 tons of coal. She is bound to Nantes from Port Talbot.—Reuter.

Nantes, Dec. 1.—British steamer Sellinge: Position very serious. Surveyor proceeding on board.—Lloyd's Agent, per Salvage Association.

SELLINGE.—St. Nazaire, Dec. 1.—The master, wireless operator, ship's cook, and one other member of the crew of the British steamer Sellinge, which went aground in a dense fog late last night on La Blanche Shoal, have arrived here on the tug Hoedic.—Reuter.

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Nantes, Dec. 1.—Steamer Sellinge: Surveyor is of opinion that vessel and cargo will be totally lost. Salvage operations appear impracticable. All holds and engine room full. Sea breaking on deck. Tug Zwartee Zee left, no assistance rendered. Master and crew safely landed.—Lloyd's Agent, per Salvage Association.

SELLINGE.—St. Nazaire, Dec. 3.—Steamer Sellinge: Boarded at low water. Consider salvage impracticable. Fourteen feet by head, propeller base visible, all wooden covers to Nos. 1 and 2 holds gone, quantity of cargo washed on deck. Vessel covered at high water to after end of bridge; tidal throughout. Commencing to buckle amidships. Not a scrapping proposition, but cargo, especially in after end, probably workable with small craft over a considerable period. Ordinary craft cannot approach within a mile.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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SELLINGE.—London, Dec. 9.—Steamer Sellinge, of London, Port Talbot for Nantes, cargo 2183 tons of coal, struck rocks in dense fog, at about 11 15 p.m. on Nov. 30 at La Blanche Shoal, mouth of the River Loire.

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Suggested Record

Wrecked 11.33

Date of Committee

FRI. 19 JAN 1934

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 11.33 AB

Mr. L. B. G. G.

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