

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 15th March 1926

Vessel's Name *Steel SS Moneyspinner* of *Gool*

Tons { Net 485  
Gross 961

Built at *Dundee* When *1918* / *1* Casualty notice sent to Owner *26 2 26*

Owner's reply

Owner's Name *British Dominions S.S. Co. (Smith, Pritchard & Co.)*

Address *Rock Chambers, Rute Street, Cardiff*

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

*+100TH* *12 25* *11 12 23* *13 25*

Date of Casualty *12th February 1926*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

When approaching the bar at Oporto on 12th February this steamer is reported to have sheered on top of buoy at entrance. Mooring chain of buoy became entangled in propeller, and the vessel was driven ashore on Cabedello Sandbank. Heavy seas breaking over her; all hatches stove in; holds, engine room quarters flooded; prospects refloating very remote - cargo washing out of vessel. On 16th February it was reported that owing to the violence of the sea, "one side of the vessel had been washed away." On 19th February her back was stated to be broken. Salvaging considered hopeless.

No reply has yet been received to the casualty notice sent to the Owners on 26th February

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**MONEYSPINNER.**—Oporto, Feb. 12.—When approaching the bar this afternoon British steamer Moneyspinner sheered on top of buoy at entrance. Mooring chain of buoy became entangled in propeller and steamer has driven ashore on extreme western point of Cabedello Sandbank. Vessel is lying in the breakers facing south-east, seas breaking over her. Consider position dangerous, as tugs cannot approach owing to breakers. Vessel has hoisted distress signal asking assistance at low tide. Lloyd's Agents.

**MONEYSPINNER.**—Oporto, Feb. 12.—Steamer Moneyspinner: Cargo coal. Vessel has now drifted south and is aground about halfway along Cabedello Sandbank, close inshore, heading north. Master and crew taken off in breeches buoy. Both anchors out, but owing shifting sand and southerly set of current fear vessel will drift towards rocks.

London, Feb. 13.—The following is copy of telegram received from Lisbon, dated Feb. 12: Salvage steamer Freja sailed Oporto to assist steamer Moneyspinner, ashore bar.

Oporto, Feb. 13.—British steamer Moneyspinner: Boarded vessel with master low water this morning. Vessel has shifted further inshore during night. Has taken heavy list to port, all hatches stove in; lifeboats totally destroyed, considerable damage superstructure fittings. Holds, engine-room quarters flooded. Sand silted up amidships starboard side. Clear signs buckling, plates, ribs, amidships starboard side. Very exposed position. Fear further extensive damage with tide. Prospects refloating very remote. Cargo being washed out of vessel. Lloyd's Agents.

**MONEYSPINNER.**—Oporto, Feb. 14.—Steamer Moneyspinner lies broadside on halfway along Cabedello Sandbank, heading north, listed to port about 20 degrees, sand silted up amidships both sides. Dry low tide shore side. Sea conditions improved but impossible time being approach vessel from sea. Lifeboats destroyed, hatches stove in, hatchbeams dislodged, presumably lying in holds. Considerable damage superstructure and fittings. Holds, engine-room cabins full of water, bulwarks carried away almost whole length port side. Clear signs buckling plates and ribs starboard amidships and some rivets started port side. Much coal washing out and holds filling with sand. Svitzer steamer Freja arrived, inspected vessel with us to-day and is reporting position his owners but fears contract Lloyd's Form not acceptable. We continue co-operate with master, owners agents asking offers locally "no cure no pay" refloating but fear none will be forthcoming. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Lisbon, Feb. 15.—It is believed that it will be possible to save part of the cargo of the British steamer Moneyspinner which sank in the mouth of the Douro. An attempt will be made to save the vessel if the state of the sea permits.—Reuter.

Suggested Record

*Wrecked 2:26*

Minutes of Committee

TUEB. 16 MAR 1926

Committee's Minute

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**MONEYSPINNER.**—Oporto, Feb. 15. —  
Steamer Moneyspinner: Position un-  
changed, but sea conditions worse again.  
Vessel sustained additional damage and  
rivets started, seams opened by way of  
bilge starboard quarter. Svitzer Com-  
pany instructed (salvage steamer) Freja  
decline make salvage contract and return  
Lisbon. Our efforts interest local sal-  
vors contract float vessel "no cure no  
pay" unsuccessful and therefore recom-  
mend immediate sale ship and cargo as  
lying. Doubtful obtain acceptable offers  
salvage cargo stripping vessel and delay  
will prejudice results. Master considers  
advisable repatriate crew forthwith.  
—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.  
(Note: One of the Salvage Association's  
Special Officers is on his way to the case.).

Lisbon, Feb. 16.—  
As the result of the rough seas which  
have been prevailing, the steamer Moneys-  
spinner has been completely lost. Such  
is the violence of the sea that a side of  
the vessel has already been washed away.  
—Renter.

**MONEYSPINNER.** — Oporto, Feb. 15. —  
Steamer Moneyspinner: The position of  
the vessel is unchanged, but as the sea  
conditions have become worse again she  
has sustained additional damage, some  
rivets have started and her seams are  
opening up by way of the bilges on the  
starboard quarter. The coal continues to  
be swept out of the vessel by the heavy  
seas and we fear that the remainder will  
be badly mixed with sand. — Lloyd's  
Agents per Salvage Association.

**MONEYSPINNER.** — Oporto, Feb. 19.—  
Steamer Moneyspinner: Examined posi-  
tion. High water seas breaking over  
vessel. Surveyed low water; vessel now  
listing 35 deg., tidal, silted up 10 ft. in-  
shore side with 10 ft. water to seaward.  
Afraid capsize. Damage hull deck exten-  
sive, back broken. Consider salving hope-  
less, cargo all washed out vessel.—Salvage  
Association's Special Officer.

**MONEYSPINNER.**—Oporto, Feb. 20.—  
Steamer Moneyspinner: Further list to-  
day. Advise prompt sale.—Salvage Asso-  
ciation's Special Officer.



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