

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Attach to Swansea Report No 16714

M/M Box 665

No. 87003 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 145724

Date of writing this report 8th January 1925

Vessel's Name *Reed P.P. Western Valleys* of Swansea

Built at Newcastle When 1919 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 5-1-25 Owner's reply 7-1-25

Owner's Name *Western Valleys Anthracite Collieries Co*

Address *Swansea* (V.M. Williams Mgr.)

Case previously before  
Classing Committee.

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Last Minute

Date of Casualty

31st December 1924

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel is reported to have gone ashore about one mile from entrance to Heysham Harbour. Has broken across forepart of boiler room. Two halves 30 deg. out of line. Opening 20 feet across on port side. Afterbody has already sunk 20 feet in sandbank; forward body about 15 feet. On 2nd January the Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association's Officer reported that the salvage of hull was not practicable.

In reply to casualty notice the Owners state that they consider should defer action as they hope to be advised at the end of the week of the actual position and condition of the steamer, when they will write again.

2nd January 1925.

The Owners now state that the claim for total loss has been passed, and they now concur in a record of the casualty being made against the vessel's name in the Register Book.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**WESTERN VALLEYS.**—Gibraltar Wireless Station, Dec. 31.—S.O.S. from steamer Western Valleys ashore Heysham Harbour to any vessel in vicinity.

Seaforth Wireless Station, Dec. 31.—Following received from British steamer Western Valleys at 9 41 p.m. (G.M.T.): Ashore Heysham Harbour; broken in two.

Barrow, Jan. 1.—Steamer Western Valleys, Port Breira for Heysham, with iron ore, dragged her anchors off Heysham and stranded at Clark's Wharf at 5 30 last night. Crew landed. Deck parted 18 in.; fear back broken and will become total wreck.—Lloyd's Agents.

Barrow, Jan. 1.—Steamer Western Valleys: Crew landed. Have surveyor in attendance.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

**WESTERN VALLEYS.**—Heysham, Jan. 2.—Steamer Western Valleys: Examined vessel at low water with company's engineer superintendent. Ship about one mile from harbour entrance, out of navigable channel, broken in two in boiler-room, bows down in sand 15 ft. forward 18 ft. aft, bows twisted from straight line about thirty degrees starboard. Opening port side 20 ft., starboard side 4 ft. Submerged high water to upper structure. Loaded iron ore. Salvage of vessel will be in two halves.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Liverpool, Jan. 2.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association reports their Officer telegraphs: Steamer Western Valleys: Examined low water, vessel lies about one mile from harbour entrance clear of navigable channel. Has broken across forepart of boiler-room. Two halves 30 deg. out of line. Opening 20 ft. across on port side. Afterbody has already sunk 20 ft. in sandbank, forward body about 15 ft. Indications of further break developing across No. 3 hatch. Vessel will be entirely submerged at high water except superstructure. Salvage of hull not practicable; returning.

**WESTERN VALLEYS.**—Heysham, Jan. 3.—Steamer Western Valleys: Blew heavy westerly gale last night. Company's Superintendent myself went aboard this morning. No change position, condition.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**WESTERN VALLEYS.**—Morecambe, Jan. 8.—Steamer Western Valleys: Bottom forward section set up two feet, indications show after section similar, deck erections badly damaged, boiler uptakes damaged. Vessel appears certain total loss.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

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FRI. 9 JAN 1925

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Deferred  
1 month.

Wrecked 12. 24

FRI. 23 JAN 1925

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