

REPORT of SURVEY for REPAIR

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 36063 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 581 of 9721
 Date of writing this report 10th April 1928
 Vessel's Name Steel S.S. Sweden Maru of Kobe Tons {Net 4366
 Gross 5870
 Built at Kobe When 1920 Casualty notice sent to Owner 10.2.28 Owner's reply see h. from
 Owner's Name Kawasaki Kisen K.K. Lon. Office 30.3.28
 Address Haigan Dori 8, Kobe Japan

Case previously before { Date _____
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 Particulars of Classification.
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Date of Casualty 10th January 1928

Précis of particulars of Casualty

Vessel is reported to have gone ashore East of Pantellaria Island. All tanks were leaking, with water in all holds, except boiler and engine rooms, which, however, were subsequently started.

Salvage operations were impeded by heavy gales, the vessel being blown further ashore, and sustaining additional damage. Starboard side from engine space aft open to sea; shell plating No. 2 badly broken also in way of engine space; No. 1 tank top set up fractured. Vessel was afterwards abandoned by Master & crew.

In a letter, dated 30th March, received from the London Office of the Owners, it is stated:-

"We would draw your attention to the fact that this vessel became a total loss after grounding at Pantellaria Island in January."

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SWEDEN MARU.—Malta, Jan. 10.—Wireless Station reports S O S from Japanese steamer Sweden Maru, position east of Pantellaria.

Malta, Jan. 10.—Japanese steamer Sweden Maru aground east coast Pantellaria; requires assistance. H.M.S. Vansittart has gone to assist.

Tripoli, Jan. 10.—Wireless Station at Trik Gefara received signals of distress from Japanese steamer Sweden Maru, in distress Pantellaria, requested assistance. British steamer Curleith (P. Inverleith) rendering assistance.

Malta, Jan. 11.—Steamer Sweden Maru: H.M.S. Vansittart signalled by wireless 4 a.m. steamer ashore whole port side with three holds flooded and working slightly. Unsafe tow steamer off. Sea smooth, slight easterly swell. Later wireless message from H.M.S. Vansittart reports 9 45 a.m. position unchanged.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

SWEDEN MARU.—London, Jan. 12.—The following cable has been received from the Salvator Salvage & Towing Company, dated Messina, Jan. 11: Steamer Sweden Maru ashore east coast Isle Pantellaria, lat. 36 46 N., long. 12 03 E.; rocky bottom. All tanks leaking. Steamer perfect aground low water. Tug Salvatore Miloro left for assistance.

Malta, Jan. 11.—Steamer Sweden Maru: H.M.S. Vansittart now wireless wind north, freshening, easterly swell; have laid out Sweden Maru's kedg anchor. Ship safe while wind remains in present quarter.—Salvage Association.

SWEDEN MARU.—Palermo, Jan. 12.—Japanese steamer Sweden Maru, off Pantellaria, signalled for assistance; in no immediate danger. In communication with one British steamer and one Italian steamer.

Malta, Jan. 12.—Steamer Sweden Maru: H.M.S. Vansittart now wireless: Am returning to Malta. Crew of Sweden Maru are safe, they can get ashore if necessary.

Malta, Jan. 13.—Wireless message from steamer Sweden Maru, timed 1 15 a.m.: "All ballast tanks bottom leaking, water in all holds except boiler, engine-room. Ashore all over about 4 ft. draught dry listed 5 deg. on starboard. Condition no special change to-day." Salvage steamer Freja arrived. Am informed that she cannot start salvage operations before permission obtained from Italian Government. Two other Italian salvage steamers also arrived.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Palermo, Jan. 13.—Pantellaria Semaphore informs Japanese steamer Sweden Maru stranded Punta F'arra. One tug on the spot named Carmencita, Italian flag.—Lloyd's Agent.

SWEDEN MARU.—Malta, Jan. 13.—Steamer Sweden Maru now wireless: Condition no change. Salvage vessel Freja awaiting Italian permit.—Salvage Association.

Palermo, Jan. 14.—Steamer Sweden Maru telegraphed at midnight as follows: "Broken all ballast tanks, water in all holds, no cargo. Salvage steamer Freja arrived. Communicating with Golleher, Malta." Weather good.—Lloyd's Agents.

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SWEDEN MARU.—Palermo, Jan. 16.—
Steamer Sweden Maru advises engaged
Richard Lloyd's Form.—Salvage Association.

SWEDEN MARU.—Pantellaria, Jan. 17.—
Steamer Sweden Maru: Visited vessel
yesterday. My opinion position hopeless,
steamer empty on rocky bottom, shallow
water, about six feet upset water in all
holds.—Harbour Master, Pantellaria, per
Salvage Association.

SWEDEN MARU.—Malta, Jan. 19.—
Steamer Sweden Maru reports by wireless
last night no change in position. Work
continues.—Salvage Association.

SWEDEN MARU.—Palermo, Jan. 20.—
Steamer Sweden Maru: Our representa-
tive has not arrived yet on account of
bad weather. Master informs us as fol-
lows: Richard working, she has seven
pumps, total 3000 tons per hour.—Lloyd's
Agents per Salvage Association.

SWEDEN MARU.—Palermo, Jan. 24.—
Steamer Sweden Maru: Our representa-
tive telegraphs: Position dangerous,
rocky bottom, keel broken in several
places. Double bottom and holds flooded.
Steamer is raised 5 ft. on the rocky bottom
both fore and aft. Exposed to the wind
from north to south through east. Salvors
dispose seven pumps of which four power-
ful already working, they have two divers
and have all necessary salvage appliances
at vessel. At present salvage steamers
Richard and Alexandria on the spot, an-
other salvage steamer similar to Richard
due to arrive to-morrow. Working dis-
charge bunkers. Three anchors laid out,
two aft and one fore, besides two warps
to projecting point of land in order to
facilitate refloating. Work proceeds
rapidly.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Asso-
ciation.

SWEDEN MARU.—Palermo, Jan. 26.—
Steamer Sweden Maru: Our representa-
tive reports that divers at work removing
large stones adhered to keel port side
in order to plug leaks.—Lloyd's Agents
per Salvage Association.

SWEDEN MARU.—Palermo, Jan. 27.—
Steamer Sweden Maru: Your Special
Officer arrived safely, proceeded for Pan-
tellaria. Divers continuing same work
as per our telegram of yesterday. —
Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

SWEDEN MARU.—Palermo, Jan. 29.—
Steamer Sweden Maru: Your special
officer telegraphed yesterday afternoon
could not board vessel owing to the heavy
sea and S.E. gale. Steamer broadside
on; seas breaking over her. Both sal-
vage steamers put in for shelter at Pan-
tellaria.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage
Association.

London, Jan. 30.—The
Salvage Association report that the
owners of the steamer Sweden Maru have
received the following messages from the
master:—

Dated Jan. 28.—Taking advantage of
easterly heavy gale to-day have fixed
pulling off however we are convinced
almost impossible refloat unless new

methods large scale adopted. Bottom
has been damaged more owing to violent
shocks. We will consult Officer Salvage
Association accordingly.

Dated Jan. 29.—Heavy gale continuing
resulted in blown ashore more, engine-
room started water. We consider sal-
vage now has become very difficult.

SWEDEN MARU.—Pantellaria, Jan. 30.—
Steamer Sweden Maru: Bad weather con-
tinues; Steamer driven further in.
Majority of crew landed. No possibility
of inspection to-day. Contractors' superin-
tendent advising Grech salvage doubtful,
requesting his presence to make decision,
meantime salvage steamer Richard stand-
ing close to stranding place. Wind now
shifting. Possibly will be able to board to-
morrow.—Salvage Association's Special
Officer.

London, Jan. 31.—The
owners of the steamer Sweden Maru have
received the following cable from the
master dated Jan. 30: Steamer Sweden
Maru: As result of heavy gale continued
until this morning starboard shell plate
badly (P bent) all alongside and also
large (P damage) crack at hold No. 3,
No. 1 ballast tank tank top plate broken,
furnace submerged by water. Crew
stopped ashore last night, all safe.—Sal-
vage Association.

SWEDEN MARU.—Pantellaria, Jan.
31.—Steamer Sweden Maru: Wind
backed south, unable to board, all crew
ashore, remaining near steamer. From
seaward steamer appears have large frac-
ture starboard side abaft engine space,
this confirmed by official just arrived after
six hours mule ride across island. Another
Japanese steamer cruising off south side
apparently waiting to take crew. Im-
possible to embark except here north side,
but great difficulty for crew to cross
island. Contractors fear possible loss of
four pumps.—Salvage Association's
Special Officer.

SWEDEN MARU.—Kamma, Feb. 1.—
Steamer Sweden Maru: Boarded steamer.
Position and condition hopeless. Star-
board side from engine space aft open to
sea, shell plating No. 2 badly broken also
in way engine space, No. 1 tank top set
up, fractured. Have advised master con-
tract with salvage steamer transport crew
Sicily. Salvage contractors decline make
contract strip. Recommend sell steamer
as lying, meantime authorities taking
charge of stores and equipment. Con-
tractors have lost one pump; are now
recovering their material.—Salvage Asso-
ciation's Special Officer.

SWEDEN MARU.—Pantellaria, Feb. 2.—
Steamer Sweden Maru: North-westerly
gale. Steamer sheltered. Crew remain
on board until weather moderates.
Probably no communication with main-
land for some days.—Salvage Asso-
ciation's Special Officer.

Pantellaria, Feb. 3.—
Steamer Sweden Maru: Gale increasing,
salvage boat with crew unable leave.
Have arranged with contractors salve
stores, equipment, hand same Agent
Messina, settlement hereafter London.—
Salvage Association's Special Officer.

SWEDEN MARU.—Palermo, Feb. 4.—
Steamer Sweden Maru has now been
abandoned, and the master and crew are
coming here by one of the salvage
steamers as soon as weather permits.



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