

Schooner Susan Vittery salvaged and in Grimsby.

TAFFARI.—*London*, March 3. — Following received from Paris dated Feb. 26:— A fire broke on board steamer Taffari on Feb. 23 (Oran) and could not be mastered. An attempt was made to sink the steamer by gunfire, but without success. It is impossible to approach her; will have to wait until the wood is burnt to the waterline. It is believed she is aground.

Oran, March 1. — French steamer Taffari loaded grain, bales vegetable fibre and pipes wine, alcohol. Vessel burnt completely down to floating line; nothing remains but part hull sub-

merged which was burst by some 40 shots to sink vessel, and an important opening each side probably by fire. Starboard one is about 23 ft. long by 3 ft. high. Diver having examined submerged hull states in good condition except two openings caused by fire and shots; latter easy to plug. After part vessel sunk by (?) 55 ft. in mud owing to machinery boilers and bunker forepart; has 8 ft. water under keel. Harbour Master has notified Owner's Agent immediate removal of this wreck likely to cause serious damage, otherwise would undertake prompt removal himself. Have advised Owner's Agent begin clearing deck and lightening after part which might set afloat again, stern especially, if 200 tons coals can be removed while awaiting Underwriter's decision. Consider steamer Taffari unseaworthy and "unrepairable" at Oran. She is sunk on a parallel line, entrance Basin; prompt removal imposed in this case. If hull should not come up by lightening, necessary float either by pumping water after closing openings and discharging from holds 1600 pipes about wine and alcohol, good part of which must be empty; then tow wreck to point chosen and sell it with its machinery.—Lloyd's Agents per *Salvage Association*.

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