

Attach to Bdx Rpt No 3093

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. *72075* in R. B. Wreck Book, p. *140/22* Date of writing this report *25th January* 192*3*

Vessel's Name *Reed & P "Saint Nicolas"* of (*French*) Tons { Net *3228*
Gross *5175*

Built at *Glasgow* When *1894* 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner *20.1.23* Owner's reply *22.1.23*

Owner's Name *French Government*

Address *Paris*

Case previously before { Date _____ Particulars of Classification.
Classing Committee. { Last Minute _____

Date of Casualty *18th December 1923*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel went aground near Benodet on 18th December during a storm, while being towed to Brest. The tow rope broke and the steamer was driven ashore, and it was feared she would be definitely lost. On the 12th January it was reported that the "wreck" would be sold on 12th February. It was stated that she had apparently not sustained important damage, and was lying on a sandy bottom, and was quite dry at low tide.

A reply to enquiring the Paris office states they are informed by the Marine Militaire that the vessel is completely grounded, and as far as is known, the bow is torn open for about 2 metres. The vessel is to be sold by auction on 12th February, the question of her salvage being left to the purchasers.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ST. NICOLAS.—Brest, Dec. 18.—A south-westerly gale is blowing on the coast, and the cargo boat St. Nicolas went aground during the storm and her position is critical.—Reuter.

ST. NICOLAS.—Paris, Dec. 29.—According to advices from Brest, the cargo steamer St. Nicolas, which stranded near Benodet, has not been floated and the two tugs sent to assist have abandoned their efforts for the present. The position of the steamer becomes more critical each day and it is feared she will be definitely lost.—"Le Lloyd Français."

ST. NICOLAS.—London, Jan. 11.—In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agent at Brest writes under date of Jan. 8 that the steamer St. Nicolas, which stranded on sand near Benodet, belonged to the French Naval Fleet, and at the time of the accident was being towed to Brest, in order to be placed in reserve there. The tow-rope broke and the vessel was driven by wind and sea on to the sand; recent bad weather has prevented refloating operations.

ST. NICOLAS.—Brest, Jan. 12.—The wreck of the steamer St. Nicolas will be sold by the French Government on Feb. 12. The vessel has apparently not sustained important damage; she is lying on a sandy bottom and is quite dry at low tide. (See Lloyd's List of Jan. 12.)

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee *FRI. 26 JAN. 1923*

Committee's Minute *Stranded 12, 23*
Paris 26/1/23

