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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, & BOILERS

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Ship's Name m.s. "COLOMBIA" of Stockholm Tons (Gross 5422 Net 3016)

Built at Gothenburg When 1937 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner 28.2.55. Owner's reply 2.3.55.

Owners Rederiet Nordstjernen

Managers A.A. Johnson

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Classification details

✱ 100A1 with freeboard 8,53	✱ IMC CS9,53 DBS9,54 Ref. Mchy
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Date of Casualty 24th November, 1954.

Details of Casualty M.M.
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This ship stranded on rocks near Skagsudde in heavy weather, and has been declared a total loss.
The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

COLOMBIA.—London, Nov. 24. — The following cable has been received from Stockholm, dated Nov. 24: Swedish motor vessel Colombia (Stockholm for Santos) has grounded near Skagsudde, outside Ornskoldsvik. There is deep water in engine-room.

COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Nov. 25. Swedish motor vessel Colombia hard ashore. Started discharging cargo. (See issue of Nov. 25.)

COLOMBIA.—London, Nov. 26. — The following cable, dated Nov. 26, has been received from Stockholm: Motor vessel Colombia; Situation critical, vessel may be totally lost. (See issue of Nov. 26.)

COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Nov. 27. — Motor vessel Colombia; Situation very bad owing to gale; ship "waste" at present. (See issue of Nov. 27.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Nov. 25. — Captain Bure Herrstrom, master of the Swedish motor vessel Colombia, collapsed in the evening of Nov. 23, just before the vessel grounded off Skagsudde pilot place, and died on Nov. 24 while being transported to Ornskoldsvik hospital. — "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Nov. 29.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Nov. 28. — The position of the motor vessel Colombia, aground off Skeppsmalen, deteriorated yesterday when the weather became bad. The vessel was pounding and had 6 to 7 metres of water in engine-room. About 300 tons of cargo has been discharged or jettisoned. Jettisoned cargo includes 300 rolls of newsprint. — "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Nov. 30.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Nov. 27. — Position of stranded motor vessel Colombia deteriorated somewhat yesterday. The vessel now has a crack 4 cm. wide on port side in way of No. 3 hold and plates in way of engine-room indented 2 metres. The salvage vessels have left the scene in order to seek shelter. The crew has been taken off. — "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning."

COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Nov. 27. — Motor vessel Colombia: Situation very bad owing to gale; ship without crew at present. (Not as reported in issue of Nov. 29.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Nov. 29. — The position of the motor vessel Colombia, aground at Skeppsmalen, was unchanged yesterday. The S.W. storm has increased and it is impossible to do anything at the moment. — "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Dec. 1.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Nov. 30. — The strong wind decreased somewhat on Monday (Nov. 29) but the seas were still too heavy for any attempt to be made to board the Swedish motor vessel Colombia, aground at Skeppsmalen. — "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Dec. 3.)

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Dec. 1. — It has still not been possible to board motor vessel Colombia, aground near Skags Light. — "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Dec. 4.)

COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Dec. 4. — Motor vessel Colombia: Situation unchanged.

COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Dec. 2. — Two men from a pilot cutter succeeded in boarding the motor vessel Colombia yesterday and from the rapid inspection which they were able to make the prospects of salvage appear to be good. There are only a few minor cracks in the vessel's hull. When weather has improved further, a salvage vessel will proceed to the scene to examine the vessel's under-water damage with the aid of divers. — "Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning." (See issue of Dec. 6.)

COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Dec. 6. — Motor vessel Colombia: After examination ship found much damaged.

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COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Dec. 8.—
Motor vessel Colombia: Now discharging cargo and equipment. (See issue of Dec. 7.)

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COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Dec. 8.—
Information received from Ornskoldsvik states that discharge of general cargo from the motor vessel Colombia had to be suspended on Tuesday evening (Dec. 7) owing to heavy swell. A large quantity of machine goods, boxes and wood fibre plates, all in undamaged condition, has been taken to Ornskoldsvik by a large lighter. Some has been loaded into railway wagons for carriage to Stockholm. The vessel, which has three decks, has water up to the tween deck. All lower holds are full of water. These contain bales of pulp, which have swollen. The hull has withstood the pressure of the pulp, but upward dislocations have occurred. Some of the hatches have been forced up one metre and in way of the hatches of No. 3 hold a beam has lifted

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and caused considerable damage. The vessel has a heavy list and one side, which has been exposed to the heavy seas, is heavily indented between frames, but the rivets have held. The two engines are leaning over on account of the hull indentations, but have not come away. The deck erections are badly damaged.—“Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning.” (See issue of Dec. 9.)

COLOMBIA.—Ornskoldsvik, Dec. 23.—
Motor vessel Colombia is still on rocks, heavily damaged; discharging continues. (See issue of Dec. 11.)

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COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Dec. 24.—
The discharge of the cargo of the Swedish motor vessel Colombia, aground at Skag, recommenced at noon on Wednesday (Dec. 22), but had to be suspended on Thursday morning owing to increased wind. It is probable that the work will not be able to be continued until after Christmas.—“Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning.” (See issue of Dec. 24.)

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COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Jan. 5.—
A report received from Ornskoldsvik states that discharge of the undamaged cargo from the motor vessel Colombia, aground off Skag, was considered as completed yesterday evening when the last lighter was taken to Ornskoldsvik. It is intended to leave the vessel where she lies for the winter and a fisherman at Skeppsmalen has undertaken to keep a watch on the stranded vessel to see that no unauthorised person goes on board.—“Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning.” (See issue of Dec. 30.)

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COLOMBIA.—Gothenburg, Feb. 15.—It is learned that Neptunbolaget will make no further attempt to save the Swedish motor vessel Colombia, aground off Skags light, or her cargo.—“Goteborgs Handels och Sjöfarts-Tidning.” (See issue of Jan. 10.)

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