

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 69660 in R.B.

Wreck Book, p. 112/50

Date of writing this report 17th January 1951

Vessel's Name

S.S. "Monte Negro"

of

Bilbao

Tons

Gross 5252

Net 3210

Built at

Glasgow

When

1919

Casualty notice sent to Owner

Owner's reply

Owner's reply

Owner's Name

Naviera Aznar Sociedad Anonima

Address

Apartado 13, Bilbao, Spain

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

MONTE NEGRO.—Takoradi, Dec. 23.—Steamer Monte Negro grounded on rocks outside Takoradi breakwater in evening of Dec. 22, master requesting assistance. Midnight attempt to float off, assisted by harbour tug, unsuccessful. Cargo 7750 tons of bauxite for British Aluminium Company.

Accra, Dec. 24.—Steamer Monte Negro is now making water. Double bottom tanks full, water rising in engine-room, ship's pumps unable to cope. Master requesting shore pumps. Towing 14 hours with harbour tug at high water yesterday, assisted by engines, gave no result. Vessel pounding at high water. On master's arrangement, commencing jettison cargo from four hatches.

MONTE NEGRO.—London, Dec. 27.—The following message was received from motor vessel Apapa, via Portishead Radio, on Dec. 25: Following received from Elder Dempster Lines, Takoradi: Steamer Monte Negro: Position serious. (See issue of Dec. 27.)

MONTE NEGRO.—Takoradi, Dec. 27.—Steamer Monte Negro: Opinion of surveyors possibilities of salvaging vessel very remote. No proper salvage equipment available. Vessel running short of fresh water, unable to supply from shore. Short heavy swell running up to 7 ft., although present weather calm. At 4 p.m. yesterday, No. 2 hold water had risen to 15 ft., cross bunker 9 ft., unable to pump out. No. 4 hold 6 ft., unable to pump out. Vessel pounding heavily on hard bottom amidships. Even if possible to refloat, Harbour-master will not accept vessel inside harbour, therefore would require anchorage outside, and shore pumps used continuously to keep afloat while all remaining cargo jettisoned. Owners advised. (See issue of Dec. 28.)

MONTE NEGRO.—Takoradi, Jan. 2.—Steamer Monte Negro still aground, forepeak and afterpeak full of water. Nos. 1, 2 and 4 holds water covering cargo to sea level. Owners' superintendent engineer arriving on Jan. 3 to consider whether vessel can be saved. Cargo jettisoning ceased on Dec. 28. Estimate 1600 tons of bauxite, all in sound condition, jettisoned. Lighterage impracticable unless vessel can be floated off and brought into harbour, which authorities here will not allow.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 29.)

MONTE NEGRO.—Takoradi, Jan. 5.—Steamer Monte Negro: Owners' superintendent engineer has to-day cabled shipowners at Bilbao, requesting instructions to abandon vessel.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Jan. 4.)

MONTE NEGRO.—Takoradi, Jan. 9.—Steamer Monte Negro was abandoned this afternoon as a constructive total loss. Approximately 6000 tons of bauxite remains on board. (See issue of Jan. 8.)

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Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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22nd December, 1950

Particulars of Casualty

This steamer grounded on rocks outside Takoradi breakwater during the evening of 22nd December, 1950.

Towing attempts were unsuccessful and eventually the peaks were full of water, and Nos. 1, 2 and 4 holds filled to sea level.

On 9th January, ship was abandoned as a Constructive Total Loss.

The Owners concur.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

FRI. 19 JAN 1951

Wrecked 12.50

Wrecked 12.50

Im. 1,43.

Committee's Minute

Character Assigned

N. 1.51

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