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# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 11th June, 1938

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Harmantek"* of *London*

Tons { Net 3243  
Gross 5415

Built at *Port Glasgow* When *1932* 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner *8/6/38* Owner's reply *10/6/38*

Owner's Name *Willis & Goad (J. & B. Harrison, Ltd. Agents)*

Address *66, Mark Lane, London, E.C.3.*

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## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before Classing Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.	
	Last Minute	+10091 1237	+LMC 10,35 TS9,35CL

Date of Casualty *22nd May, 1938.*

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have stranded in heavy weather on rocks north of Penguin Island, Messier Channel, near Punta Arenas, on the 22nd May.

The bow was resting on rocks and she was hard aground amidships with a list to starboard of ten degrees. The steamer was grinding on rocks under the engine room into which water was entering as well as in the bunkers and Nos. 1 and 4 holds.

Salvage operations were commenced, but owing to a heavy gale the vessel broke amidships, and these operations were abandoned.

The Owners concur.

**HARMANTEH.**—Punta Arenas, May 22.—British steamer Harmantek ashore Zenalous Island, Messier Channel, and likely to break up; abandoned by the crew. Blowing hard with heavy sea. Waiting report from steamer Austral, which sailed at daybreak from Wide Channel.

Valparaiso, May 23.—The crew of the British steamer Harmantek, which was abandoned after running ashore near Penguin Island, have been picked up by a sloop sent out from the wireless station at San Pedro, Chile, according to the Maritime Authorities in Valparaiso.—British United-Press.

LL 24/5

**HARMANTEH.**—Punta Arenas, May 23.—Steamer Harmantek: Port authorities ordered steamer Austral, hired by owners to assist steamer Arica, only to pick up crew, has not yet arrived at her destination, detained by contrary winds, but it is reported that part of the crew picked up by coasting steamers, remainder of the crew (mutilation here apparently meaning "standing by") meantime endeavouring communicate master to obtain particulars. Nearest available salvage assistance Punta Arenas but salvors waiting for further information before taking any steps.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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**HARMANTEH.**—Punta Arenas, May 24.—Steamer Harmantek: Steamer Austral reports by wireless ashore on rocks north Penguin Island, stem broken, holed in forepeak to 20 ft. Vessel resting bows on rocks, rocks under engine-room starboard side with 12 ft. water. Rocks extending under vessel towards port side under bridge with 21 ft. water. Vessel with a list to starboard 10 deg., bows south 36 east. Water in engine-room, bunkers, Nos. 1 and 4 holds. Nos. 2 and 5 holds dry. Water in engine-room rose slowly engine-room and No. 1 hold and more slowly No. 4 hold, where not yet reached outside water level. Vessel grinding on the rocks under engine-room. Water in bunkers entered from engine-room. Although very difficult there is a possibility of salvage, but no time must be lost.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

LL 26/5

Punta Arenas, May 24.—Steamer Harmantek: Salvage company offer send steamer with salvage pumps and endeavour to save vessel. Salvage company require guarantee payment for work at rate £80 daily, payable whether saved or not saved, in event saving vessel all remuneration submitted arbitration in London.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Punta Arenas, May 24.—Steamer Harmantek: Master, engineers and 10 crew standing by on shore, remainder of the crew sailed for Valparaiso. Latest reports indicate position and general condition better than Yero Carras.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (Note.—Greek steamer Yero Carras stranded near Cape Upright, Strait of Magellan, on Nov. 13, 1930, and was refloated on Dec. 6 and afterwards abandoned to the salvors.)

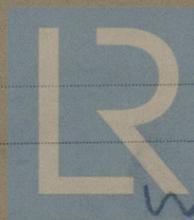
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Suggested Record *X Wrecked 5,38.*

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute *TUE. 14 JUN 1938*

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**HARMANTEH.**—Punta Arenas, May 25.  
—Steamer Harmanteh: Salvage contractors' steamer leaving on Friday (May 27).—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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**HARMANTEH.**—Punta Arenas, May 29.  
—Steamer Harmanteh: Lloyd's Agent and surveyor appointed by Lloyd's Agent left to-day in salvage steamer Araucano.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

LL 31/5

**HARMANTEH.**—London, June 1.—The following message has been received by the owners of the steamer Harmanteh, dated May 30: Salvage steamer expected to-morrow. Island stranded on not named. Heavy gale blowing yesterday doing much damage.

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London, June 1.—The following messages have been received this morning with reference to the steamer Harmanteh:

From Lloyd's Agent, Punta Arenas, dated May 31, 10 40 a.m.: Have received last night following message from Harmanteh: Hard aground amidships, bunkers and engine-room flooded, salvage company report prospects of salvage. Driven ashore during heavy north-east gale, vessel uncontrollable. Remainder of the crew landed and stored standing by. Still heavy gale blowing, badly straining, unable to remain on board at times.

From Lloyd's Agent, Punta Arenas, dated May 31, 12 30 p.m.: From Harmanteh May 30: Owing to gale yesterday further distortion engine-room (?) salvage steamer not yet arrived. Local wireless station refuses transmit previous messages.

From Valparaiso, dated May 31, 2 11 p.m.: Twenty-five (of crew) sailed to-day on steamer Orbita. Salvage steamer expects to arrive to-morrow. Will telegraph as soon as we hear from island.

**HARMANTEH.**—Punta Arenas, June 2.  
—Steamer Harmanteh: June 1, 5 45 p.m., Lloyd's Agent telegraphs as follows: Salvage steamer arrived to-day. Salvage operations commenced, agreement signed according to instructions master for trial period. Weather favourable for operations.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

LL 4/6

**HARMANTEH.**—London, June 7.—The following message has been received from the master of the steamer Harmanteh, dated June 7: Harmanteh: Owing to heavy gale blowing yesterday vessel is breaking amidships, tank tops No. 1 and engine-room broken, engine seating loose, forepeak No. 1 hold engine-room open to sea, salvage operations save vessel definitely abandoned, remaining crew now on board salvage steamer.

LL 8/6

**HARMANTEH.**—Punta Arenas, June 7.—  
—Steamer Harmanteh: June 6 Lloyd's Agent telegraphs as follows: Monday (June 6) owing to heavy gale Saturday and Sunday vessel now breaking amidships, tank top broken amidships forced engine seating loose, No. 1 hold cargo in wretched and deteriorated condition open to sea. Salvors abandoned operations to save vessel.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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