

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 23914 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 130/35 Date of writing this report 6th April 1936.

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Donetz"* of *Leningrad.* Tons { Net 1050 Gross 1710

Built at *Glasgow* When 1924 - " Casualty notice sent to Owner x Owner's reply x

Owner's Name *Sovtorgflot.*

Address *Moscow, U.S.S.R.*

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

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Helsinki (Helsingfors), Jan. 3.—Mystery surrounds the finding of the bodies of a man and a woman washed up on the south coast of Finland. Wreckage from the Soviet steamer DONETZ was found at the same time. No report has been received of an accident to the DONETZ, and it is concluded that the vessel must have sunk with all hands, probably due to an explosion in the engine-room or from striking a mine.—Reuter. (Note.—The DONETZ left Stockholm on Dec. 24 for Leningrad.)

DONETZ.—Helsinki (Helsingfors), Jan. 4.—Russian steamer Donetz is supposed to have struck a mine south of Styrsudd. Two bodies, two lifeboats, no name to be seen, lifebuoys, 60-70 hatch boards and wireless room have drifted ashore at Pitkapaasi and neighbouring islands; grain floating. (See issue of Jan. 4.)

DONETZ.—Helsingfors, Jan. 2.—A quantity of wreckage from a vessel has been washed ashore at Stora Fiskaren, outside Viborg (Viipuri). It includes about 50 planks such as are used for covering cargo hatches. There were also a life-belt and a lifebuoy, bearing the name "S.S. Lauritz, Helsingfors," and the bodies of two men and a woman. It is thought that the Lauritz is identical with a steamer which was sold to Russia and which struck a mine and sank, the crew being drowned.—"Helsingborgs Dagblad." (Note.—The Donetz was formerly the Lauritz, of Helsingfors.) (See issue of Jan. 6.)

DONETZ.—Moscow, Jan. 8.—The Russian steamer Donetz, which sailed from Leningrad for Hamburg and Rotterdam on Dec. 29, has been lost at sea. Two bodies of members of the crew and wreckage have been cast up on the shore near Viipuri. Two Russian ice-breakers have proceeded to the scene.—Reuter.

Helsingfors, Jan. 8.—The Russian cargo steamer Donetz had a crew of 31, including two women, on board, it is announced here. Finnish experts believe that the vessel struck a minefield outside Kronstadt. The vessel left Leningrad on Dec. 29 with a cargo of grain. Since then nothing has been heard of her.—Reuter.

DONETZ.—Helsingfors, Jan. 7.—Steamer Donetz, ex Lauritz, is supposed to have struck a mine south of Styrsudd. It is reported from Styrsudd that on Dec. 30 a detonation was noticed. The detonation was of such force that the pilot station building shook. There was a dense fog in the neighbourhood at the time.

Helsingfors, Jan. 8.—Steamer Donetz: The Russian authorities have been able to identify the bodies washed ashore on the Finnish coast. It is stated that the bodies come from the steamer Donetz, and they have therefore been delivered to the Russian authorities. The Donetz left Leningrad on Dec. 29 with a cargo of rye, and was assisted from Leningrad by an icebreaker. The crew is reported to have consisted of 31 persons, including two women.

Helsingfors, Jan. 9.—The detonation heard south of Styrsudd on Dec. 30 is attributed to the explosion of a mine, and it is thus presumed that the steamer Donetz struck a mine on that occasion.

DONETZ.—London, Feb. 14.—In reply to inquiry for later news with reference to the Russian steamer Donetz, which left Leningrad on Dec. 29 for Hamburg and Rotterdam, Lloyd's Agents at Helsingfors write under date of Feb. 11: There is no other information than the report of wreckage, already reported. The Russians were able to identify the bodies washed ashore, and, in the circumstances, the bodies were delivered to the Russians. (See issues of Jan. 4 and 14.)

UNTRACED VESSELS

London, Apr. 1.—In consequence of no information having been received of the following vessels since the dates given, closing entries have been made to-day against their names in Lloyd's Records:—

Donetz, steamer, of Leningrad, 1710 tons gross, which left Leningrad on Dec. 29, 1935, for Hamburg and Rotterdam, with a cargo of grain.

This Russian vessel sailed from Leningrad on the 29th December bound for Hamburg and Rotterdam, & since then nothing has been heard of her.

It was reported from Styrsudd that, during dense fog, a loud detonation was noticed, & it is believed the "Donetz" struck a mine outside Kronstadt.

Bodies & wreckage washed ashore have been identified by the Russian Authorities

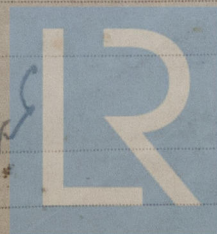
Closing entries were made at Lloyd's on the 1st April, 1936.

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Date of Committee *TUE. 7 APR 1936*

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