

WRECK BOX No. 65 (Bottom)

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &C.

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No. 39309 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 25/30 Date of writing this report 7th April 1930 Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Ament" of Sunderland Tons Net 1656 Gross 2298 Built at Sunderland When 1930 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner 2. 4. 30 Owner's reply 3. 4. 30 Owner's Name Westport Steamships Co (J. Westoll & Co. Mgrs) Address 13. John Street. Sunderland

Particulars of Classification.

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AMENT. - North Foreland Wireless Station, Mar. 15. - Following from British steamer Ament: "SOS" position Long Sand two miles south of Sunk Head Buoy. Wants immediate assistance.

North Foreland Wireless Station, Mar. 15. - The following message has been received from the master of the British steamer Ament: Ament ashore Long Sand, very critical position; require immediate assistance, breaking up.

Harwich, Mar. 15. - Walton-on-Naze reports steamer Ament ashore two miles south of Sunk Head buoy, position critical. Requires immediate assistance. Walton and Clacton lifeboats launched.

North Foreland Wireless Station, Mar. 15. - Following from British steamer Gorchester: Train Ferry No. 2 is now alongside us and taking men from two lifeboats to Harwich. There is only a few of crew left on steamer Ament now.

North Foreland Wireless Station, Mar. 15. - Following from British Train Ferry No. 2: Now picking up last of crew. All crew on board; proceeding to Harwich. Steamer Ament lying on Long Sand with back broken 14 ft. of water in hold.

Harwich, Mar. 16. - British steamer Ament: Crew landed at Harwich last night from Train Ferry No. 2. Master reports when on voyage from South Shields for London, loaded coal, vessel went ashore during dense fog on Long Sand at about 1 p.m. yesterday. As tide ebbed vessel started straining, back broke and side badly buckled in midships. Position perilous. Crew left in lifeboats. Proceeding with master to vessel this morning to ascertain position. -Lloyd's Agent.

Harwich, Mar. 16. - British steamer Ament: Vessel lying on Long Sand with 20 degrees list to port, engine and boiler room and bunkers full of water. Decks awash. Vessel set up midships about 9 in., rails bulwarks bridge sheerplates fractured and open five and a-half inches port side, four and a-half inches on starboard side, main sheerstrake buckled badly both sides. Fore end of vessel dropped and considerable movement. Boiler room casing cracked both sides, position apparently hopeless. Request you send expert surveyor to-morrow if interested. -Lloyd's Agent.

AMENT. - Harwich, Mar. 18. - Steamer Ament: Inspected vessel on Long Sand to-day by lifeboat from Walton. Position very critical, broken midships way of stoke hold and open about one foot, both ends submerged and only part of bridge deck showing at half tide. Vessel appears to be settling rapidly in sand, and owing to exposed position consider total wreck where little or nothing may be recovered of either ship or cargo. -Salvage Association's Special Officer.

AMENT. - London, Mar. 20. - The Salvage Association have received the following advices from their Special Officer, dated Mar. 19: - Steamer Ament: We left about 11 a.m. on the motor lifeboat, and arrived at the vessel before 1 p.m., about half tide, a fresh wind was blowing with choppy sea at the time, seas were breaking over the bridge deck the only portion of the vessel which remained uncovered, and altogether she presented a sorry spectacle. We, however, got very close to her and could see she was broken midships in way of the stokehold, the opening being about one foot, both ends of the vessel were submerged, and the angle of the masts clearly indicated that the vessel had broken her back. She appeared to be settling rapidly in the sand, and owing to the exposed position and the damage already sustained there is no doubt that the vessel is a total wreck, and I fear that little or nothing of either ship or cargo can be recovered.

is of particulars of Casualty

This steamer is reported to have stranded on 15th March on Long Sand, south of Sunk Head Buoy, and on 20th March it was stated that she had broken amidships, and there was no doubt that the vessel was a total wreck.

The Owners concur.

Suggested Record

Wrecked 3.30

Date of Committee

TUE. 8 APR 1930

Committee's Minute

Wrecked, 3.30

per 24/4/30



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Spacing All metal frames

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