

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 19107 in R.B.

Wreck Book, No. 50/47

Date of writing this report 27th August, 1947

Ship's Name S.S. "Amberton"

of Newcastle

Tons Gross 5377
Net 3245

Built at Sunderland When 1928

Casualty notice sent to Owner 13.8.47

Owner's reply x

Owner's Name Carlton S.S. Co. Ltd. & Cambay S.S. Co. Ltd. (R. Chapman & Son)

Address Maritime Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

AMBERTON.—St. Pierre, Mic., July 23.—S.O.S. from steamer Amberton (Quebec for London), ashore Western Head, Cape Pine, requires tug immediately.
—Cape Race Radio, July 24.—Following received at 11.5 p.m. G.M.T., July 23: S.O.S. steamer Amberton, G.N.R.Z., ashore off Cape St. Mary, require immediate assistance. (Later) Master now says ashore Western Head, Cape Pine.

—Harbour Grace, N.F., July 24.—Rescue ships were proceeding to-day to the assistance of the British steamer Amberton, which radioed last night that she had gone aground at the Western Head, Cape Pine, on the St. Shotts coast. The Foundation Maritime salvage vessel Foundation Franklin was expected to reach the Amberton this afternoon, it was reported from Halifax. The United States base at Fort Pepperell has asked a United States Army vessel to go to the aid of the distressed vessel.
—Reuter.

—London, July 24.—British steamer Amberton is carrying a cargo of timber.

AMBERTON.—St. John's, N.F., July 24.—Steamer Amberton reported ashore at Western Head, Cape Pine. Surveyor proceeding this afternoon, meanwhile United States Coastguard cutter Spencer proceeding to the scene and salvage steamer Foundation Franklin left Halifax late p.m. on July 23. —Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 25.)

—St. John's, N.F., July 24.—Steamer Amberton: Latest report from Wreck Commissioner indicates vessel resting easily and prospects of refloating favourable. Salvage steamer Foundation Franklin due in vicinity at 5 a.m. on July 25, now in dense fog. Believe some deck cargo already jettisoned and have instructed Wreck Commissioner to do all possible to protect. —Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

AMBERTON.—St. John's, N.F., July 25.—Steamer Amberton: Surveyor reports Salvage vessel Foundation Franklin arrived at 2 a.m. on July 25 and preparing hawser for attempt at high tide this p.m., also putting pumps on board. Vessel apparently fast in vicinity of No. 2 hold but active; shifted slightly inshore during night with tide. Forepeak and Nos. 1 and 2 holds full. Cargo situation not quite clear but apparently some has been jettisoned preparatory to attempting to refloat. (Later) Surveyor reports: Salvage vessel Foundation Franklin made unsuccessful attempt to refloat vessel at high tide p.m. on July 25. Heavy ground swell, vessel grinding and resting heavily between Nos. 1 and 2 holds, water in forepeak and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds. Indications are ship's side buckling in way of after part of forward welldeck. Have one 4-in. pump on board in forepeak but swell handicapping getting equipment alongside. If conditions improve will make further attempts next tide but position looks serious. Afterdeck cargo intact. One hundred and twenty-one standards on foredeck before jettisoned, 50 standards removed on July 24 and 25 standards on July 25. —Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 26.)

—New York, July 26.—Steamer Amberton: Jettisoning deck cargo of lumber. Salvage vessel Foundation Franklin failed to float at high water last night. Vessel now taking water in Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds and stokehold; apparently hull punctured from rocks. Crew of 35 taken off and taken to Argentina; master and five others on board Foundation Franklin.

AMBERTON.—St. John's, N.F., July 26.—Steamer Amberton: Surveyor reports vessel abandoned in morning of July 26, as impossible to refloat. Salvage tug now removing pumps and gear. Will endeavour to arrange best possible for salvage of hull avails and cargo. —Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 28.)

AMBERTON.—New York, July 29.—Salvage steamer Foundation Franklin returned to Sydney, N.S., yesterday and reports steamer Amberton and cargo given up as total loss. (See issue of July 29.)

AMBERTON.—Montreal, Aug. 1.—Steamer Amberton: Following received from Lloyd's Agents at St. John's, N.F., board vessel on July 31, but too rough. Their observations show vessel now badly twisted. If conditions suitable will board to-day, otherwise returning St. John's. —Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of July 30.)

Previously before Committee.

Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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846 TS 746CL
SS 846

Casualty 23rd July, 1947

of particulars of Casualty

This steamer stranded at Western Head, Cape Pine, Newfoundland, on the 23rd July, 1947.

She was held between Nos. 1 and 2 holds, which became full of water, also the forepeak. The sides subsequently buckled in way of after part of forward well deck.

Attempts to refloat were finally abandoned four days later and she has been given up as a total loss.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 13th instant.

No 25 please to
R B Chapman & Son

M/M Box 986

S Dept - Classed for 14th 7/88

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 7/47

Aug. 29 AUG 1947

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L. Lloyd 29/8
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Lloyd's Register
Foundation

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See minute on Casualty Report