

Wreck Report No. 14997

WRECK SECTION
REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.
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 No. 655

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Ship's Name s.s. "ANASTASSIOS" of Piraeus Tons Gross 4835
Net 2909

Built at Sunderland When 1937 5 Casualty notice sent to Owner 8.4.59. Owner's reply 13.4.59.

Owners San Anastasias Cia. Ltda.

Managers ---

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Classification details

✠ 100A1	✠ LMC 10,57
with freeboard	BS M12,58
12,58	A12,58
ssHam 10,57	sp 11,56
	ts 7,57 CL

Date of Casualty 20th February, 1959.

Details of Casualty

This ship stranded in Esbjerg Roads in heavy weather and suffered serious damage. Subsequently raised, she was declared a constructive total loss.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ANASTASSIOS. — Esbjerg, Feb. 20. — Greek steamer Anastassios, Aalborg for Jeddah, cargo cement, reported grounded in Esbjerg Roads at 1 p.m. on Feb. 20. Tug Mimer is proceeding.

ANASTASSIOS. — Copenhagen Feb. 20. — Greek steamer Anastassios, lying aground on a sandbank off Esbjerg, had her decks swept by gale-force winds and lashing waves during fierce storms which blew up in the North Sea to-night. Rescue ships were standing by throughout the night ready to take off the master and crew, if necessary. — Reuter. (See issue of Feb. 21.)

— Esbjerg, Feb. 21. — The master of Greek steamer Anastassios asked the Danish Rescue Service by radio this morning to take off his crew. Two Danish salvage vessels, Signy, of Hals Barre, and Mimer, of Esbjerg, arrived at the scene earlier to-day and are preparing to refloat the steamer at high tide later to-day. — British United Press.

— Esbjerg, Feb. 21. — The master and crew of 23 of Greek steamer Anastassios were taken off the vessel to-day as she lay, battered by a gale, aground on the sandbanks outside the harbour here. The position of the Anastassios, which drifted aground yesterday after her engines failed, is said to be serious. She is listing and has a crack amidships. Attempts to get a line on board last night and this morning failed and it was decided to take the crew off. — Reuter.

— Esbjerg, Feb. 21. — Greek steamer Anastassios was left by crew at 10 a.m., Feb. 21.

— Copenhagen, Feb. 22. — The crew of the Greek steamer Anastassios were hoping this afternoon to board their ship. They are still hopeful of saving the ship as the wind dropped to-day, but the vessel has a crack amidships and it is feared that much water may have penetrated her cargo of cement. If the cement solidifies, salvage operations will be more difficult. — Reuter.

ANASTASSIOS. — Esbjerg, Feb. 21. — The master of steamer Anastassios reported on Feb. 19 that boiler water was required urgently but as the 26-ft. draught of the vessel prevented her from entering Esbjerg, arrangements were made for delivery of 20 tons of water by a local vessel. After receiving the water in the Graadyb Channel, the Anastassios developed engine trouble and grounded about 1/2 mile north of the channel, just outside Skallingen, at about 1 p.m. on Feb. 20. Salvage vessels Mimer and F. V. Mortensen, together with the local lifeboat, have been standing by, and the A/S. Em. Z. Svitzer's salvage vessel Sigyn is proceeding from Aalborg. Owing to a north-westerly gale, it has, up till now, been impossible to establish contact with the Anastassios. The weather forecast is still NW. gales and the position is considered very serious as the vessel is rolling and hitting the sand bottom hard in the heavy sea. (See later report in issue of Feb. 23.)

ANASTASSIOS. — Esbjerg, Feb. 23. — Since the crew left steamer Anastassios on Feb. 21, the weather has improved and tug Mimer and salvage vessel Sigyn are at present trying to refloat the vessel. (See issues of Feb. 23 and 24.)



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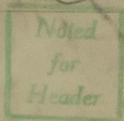
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Committee's Minute

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ANASTASSIOS.—Copenhagen, Feb. 24.—
Work was proceeding as quickly as possible yesterday in order to take advantage of good weather in the attempt to save steamer Anastassios. Salvage vessels Sigyn and Mimer were in attendance on the vessel, which was being pumped dry of the water which had penetrated to the cargo and into the shaft tunnel. It is expected to raise steam on one boiler soon for use on the winches. Part of the cement cargo will be discharged to-day into lighters and other vessels if the weather remains favourable. — "Borsen." (See issue of Feb. 25.)

—London, Feb. 26.—
The following message has been received from Copenhagen, dated Feb. 26: Steamer Anastassios: Five hundred tons of cargo discharged, being landed at Esbjerg; 40 tons jettisoned. Discharging stopped this morning owing to westerly wind, force 4 to 5 (moderate breeze to fresh breeze). Vessel heading north. Two warps laid out, anchor chains cut, aftship turned one point. Vessel bedded in six to seven feet. Further attempt to refloat on this afternoon's high water, though calculated may be necessary to discharge 2000 tons.

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ANASTASSIOS.—Esbjerg, Mar. 7.—
Steamer Anastassios is still standing firmly on shallow ground west of Esbjerg. The salvage vessels Sigyn and Mimer have been trying to bring the Greek steamer afloat, but so far they have only succeeded in moving her half a ship's length. During the salvage operations one-third of the cargo has been unloaded and it may be necessary to unload still more. The operations are difficult as the loading gear is unable to work. The trawler Hertha had to leave the scene because of rough weather conditions; she will return and resume assistance as soon as the weather and sea permit.—British United Press. (See issue of Feb. 27.)

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ANASTASSIOS.—Esbjerg, Mar. 8.—
Steamer Anastassios refloats at midnight on Mar. 7 after discharging about 3300 tons. Vessel now at Esbjerg for temporary repairs.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 9.)

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ANASTASSIOS.—London, Apr. 3.—The London agents of the owners of the steamer Anastassios report that the vessel was declared a constructive total loss on Mar. 25. (See issue of Mar. 10.)

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ANASTASSIOS.—Esbjerg, Apr. 6.—
Steamer Anastassios is at Esbjerg with cargo of about 5000 tons of cement on board. The owners of the vessel have abandoned the voyage and the cargo will probably be sold here. After that she is likely to be condemned, but there is no definite solution to the many problems. (See issues of Mar. 10 and Apr. 6.)

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