

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC.

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WRECK SECTION No. 785

Ship's Name SS/MS "ADELFOTIS II" Gross tons 3725 Date of Build 10-1929 Casualty notice sent to Owners 27.3.63. Owners' Reply 28.3.63. Owners Omeros Shipping Co.

Details of classification

Table with classification details: BS* 4,62, MBS* 4,59, BS M 1,62, ss Dr 12,54, sp 4,59, ts 4,62 CL

Details of casualty

This ship, which stranded on Herd Sands, River Tyne, has been declared a constructive total loss and sold for breaking up. WRECK SECTION No 785 The owners concur.

Date of casualty 20th January, 1963.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

OTIS II.—Cullercoats Radio, Jan. 20. Following received from Lebanese steamer Adelfotis II, ODLV, at 2 27 a.m. T.: Please advise Newcastle upon Tyne Adelfotis II proceeding to Herd port owing to bad weather. Please stand by, vessel steering with difficulty and drifting northwards. Position at 2 27 a.m. G.M.T., lat. 54 54 5 N., long. 1 11 1 W. Cullercoats Radio Jan. 20.—Reference steamer Adelfotis II, now proceeding Tyne and does not require assistance. North Shields, Jan. 20. Steamer Adelfotis II entered harbour at 4 10 a.m. to-day and was driven by strong easterly winds towards the Black Middens at North Shields. The vessel checked and started going astern towards the South Pier. The vessel anchored alongside the South Pier, but was driven by the strong winds towards the Herd Sands, in between the South groynes and South Pier, and seems to be aground. Tugs are in attendance and are working. Tyne-mouth, Jan. 20. Lebanese steamer Adelfotis II aground on Herd Sands. North Shields, Jan. 20. Steamer Adelfotis II, displaying "not under command" signals, aground at low water on Herd Sands, South Shields. Tugs are standing by, but so far not been able to get a line on her. Strong easterly gale-force winds continue. London, Jan. 20. Steamer Adelfotis II, which developed steering gear trouble off the Tyne, beached the river early to-day but ran on to the Black Middens, North Shields. The impact at the stern damaged her steering further and the vessel was swept three-quarters of a mile across the harbour mouth and ran aground about 100 yards from the shore at Herd Sands, South Shields. North Shields, Jan. 20. Steamer Adelfotis II: All crew taken off by shore life-saving team. Vessel lying broadside to sea hard aground inside Tyne harbour on Herd Sands. Weather very bad. Vessel will be examined at low water this evening for possible bottom damage before refloating attempt. London, Jan. 20. All 23 members of the crew of steamer Adelfotis II have been landed at South Shields by breeches buoy. They include the master, five deck hands, two stokers, two engineers, two firemen, two crew members, and two Greek seamen.

OTIS II.—South Shields, Jan. 20. Steamer Adelfotis II, which was aground on Herd Sands, South Shields, at 4 10 a.m. to-day, is now being worked by tugs. To-day a crew, along with a consulting engineer from London, returned to the vessel to inspect her for damage and see what repairs were required before a refloating could be considered. Mr. Darling said the ship had been pounding in the heavy seas and they wanted to see what damage she had sustained. Mr. Darling said the spring tides were rising all this week, and they were left with little time to see what could be done to get the ship off. (Later) Mr. Darling said on his return to-night after inspecting the steamer that quite a lot of water had been found in the engine-room and in three of the five holds and it was obvious that the vessel had some bottom damage. He said they could not stop raising steam until they had got some pumps on board and got the water out, so that they could ascertain the extent of the leaks. Mr. Darling said a refloating attempt was very indefinite at present.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue of Jan. 21.) London, Jan. 21. Information received states that Adelfotis II, which grounded in yesterday, is in ballast.

OTIS II.—South Shields, Jan. 28. Tugs from salvage firms are working on the steamer Adelfotis II, which grounded in Tyne harbour on South Shields eight days ago, are now being worked by underwriters, owners and other parties concerned. Any attempt at refloating, however, will not be possible until the next suitable tide towards the end of February. The vessel is leaking heavily and this damage must first be repaired. A 24-hour watch is being kept on board the vessel by members of the crew working on a basis. To-day, bonded stores were moved from the vessel under the supervision of Customs officers.—LLOYD'S Correspondent. (See issue of Jan. 29.)

ADELFOTIS II.—South Shields, Feb. 1. Most of the 23 Greek sailors rescued from steamer Adelfotis II when she grounded at South Shields 12 days ago are being sent home. Seven of the men are leaving to-night and another 13 will probably follow to-morrow. Captain Leonaros, the master, and two men will stay on to stand by the ship. Captain Leonaros is still awaiting news from the owners as to the salvaging of the Adelfotis II. Offers from salvage firms to refloat the ship are now being considered. A refloating attempt cannot be made until the next suitable tide towards the end of this month.—South Shields Gazette and Shipping Telegraph. (See issue of Jan. 29.)

OTIS II.—South Shields, Jan. 20. The vessel is now being worked by tugs to refloat Lebanese steamer Adelfotis II, which grounded on Herd Sands last month. The vessel has sustained damage and it was stated to-day that it will be impossible to put this right in time for a refloating bid on spring tides running this week, which will pass their peak next Monday (Jan. 28). The Adelfotis II has heavy leakages in engine-room and three of her cargo holds, which are tidal, there being several feet of water flooding into the vessel at high tides. Powerful salvage pumps will have to be obtained and put on board to reduce this flooding to enable leaks to be patched before any refloating can be considered. The steamer is now being examined by various salvors and offers are being invited from them to refloat the vessel. After the present spring tides, the next suitable high tides are from Feb. 24 to 28, with a peak tide of 46.1 ft. in the afternoon of Feb. 26. In view of the delay in refloating, it is expected that most of the crew of 23 Greek seamen, who have been staying at South Shields since being rescued by breeches buoy on Sunday (Jan. 20), will be sent home.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue of Jan. 22.)

ADELFOTIS II.—South Shields, Feb. 5. News is still awaited here as to the future of Lebanese steamer Adelfotis II, which grounded on Jan. 20. Negotiations are reported to be still going on between the owners, underwriters and other interested parties but it seems likely that in the end a decision will be made to dispose of vessel for scrap. Factors in support of this view are that the ship is now 34 years old and is heavily damaged about the bottom and the cost of refloating and repairing her will far outweigh her present value. If she is scrapped, it is likely this would take place where the vessel now lies.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue of Feb. 5.)

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Suggested record Date of Committee Minute

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ADELFOVIS II.—South Shields, Mar. 18.—
Negotiations are now well advanced and
are expected to be concluded later this
week for A. A. Tremble & Sons, Ltd.,
of Newcastle, demolition contractors, to
acquire steamer Adelfotis II for breaking
up. The owners offered the vessel for
sale "as she lies" some weeks ago.—
LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue
of Feb. 6.)

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ADELFOVIS II.—South Shields, Mar. 29.
— Work is expected to begin within the
next week on the breaking up of steamer
Adelfotis II. The owners of the vessel
have disposed of her for scrap to A.
Tremble & Sons, Ltd., and the firm has
now moved onto a beach site by the
wreck to undertake preliminary work.—
LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue
of Mar. 19.)



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