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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 63926 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 23/31 Date of writing this report 25th June 1931

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Andreas K" of Piraeus Tons { Net 2252 Gross 3602

Built at Glasgow When 1903 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner X Owner's reply X

Name J. Margaronis
Address Kno Eleftherios Venizelos 121, Piraeus.

		Particulars of Classification.	
Previously before Committee.	Date	<u>T100A1</u>	<u>512-15-230</u>
	Last Minute	<u>4 par deck</u> <u>1-31</u>	<u>T1MC430</u>

Casualty 16th March 1931

Particulars of Casualty

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ANDREA — 16. — Greek steamer A. ... loaded with grain, grounded on sandbank to-day owing to dense fog at Kilia Point, near Bosphorus, and signalled for assistance. Salvage steamer La Valette left to render assistance. Weather moderate. 12 7.3.31

ANDREAS K. — London. — The Ocean Salvage & Towage Company, Ltd., have received the following cable from the Turkish Maritime Salvage Company, Ltd., Istanbul, dated Galata, Mar. 16: Greek steamer Andreas K., loaded grain, stranded 10 miles W. of Black Sea entrance to the Bosphorus. La Valette proceeded. 8/3

London, Mar. 17. — A radio message from the master of the salvage steamer La Valette, via Istanbul Wireless Station, Mar. 16, states: Greek steamer Andreas K., loaded 6200 ton mixed grain, stranded Molos, Agat Hill Black Sea, La Valette contracted Lloyd's Form arbitration London, commencing operations immediately. Weather thick fog, but very heavy swell from eastward. Securing vessel with heavy anchors.

Istanbul, Mar. 17. — Greek steamer Andreas K.: Signed Lloyd's Form of Salvage Agreement with salvage steamer La Valette. Salvage operations commenced, weather unfavourable.

London, Mar. 17. — The following message has been received from the master of the steamer Andreas K., dated Mar. 17, 9 40 a.m., G.M.T.: Position of ship same. List is increased slightly; wind N.E., strong sea washes deck. Have wired Consular (Ship's Agents, Istanbul) to send another tug for further assistance. Ship suffers much. In my opinion impossible to refloat with tugs.

The London agents of the steamer Andreas K. have now been advised by the salvors London representatives that further assistance has been sent.

Istanbul, Mar. 17. — Greek steamer Andreas K. ashore 10 miles west of Bosphorus, not at Kilia Point as before reported. Heavy sea impedes salvage operations; vessel is bumping.

London, Mar. 17. — The following cable has been received from the Turkish Maritime Salvage Company, Ltd., dated Galata, Mar. 17: Greek steamer Andreas K. loaded 6200 ton mixed grain. Salvage steamer La Valette contracted to refloat Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Agreement. Salvage steamers La Nina and Alemdar also proceeding.

ANDREAS K. — London, Mar. 18. — The Ocean Salvage & Towage Company, Ltd., have received the following cable from the Turkish Maritime Salvage Company, Ltd., dated Mar. 17: Steamer Andreas K.: Weather becoming bad, fear boating will be impossible, vessel carried away laid out cables. Now filling ballast tanks to steady her.

Istanbul, Mar. 18. — Steamer Andreas K.: Last night's report: Vessel bumping heavily on sand, listed starboard but making no water. Cargo jettied. Owing northerly gale vessel broke away from mooring tackle. Salvage steamers obliged return Bosphorus after ordering vessel flood all tanks. Gale continues, salvage operations impossible. No news from vessel to-day. Lloyd's Agent for Salvage Association.

London, Mar. 18. — The London agents of the steamer Andreas K. have received the following radio messages from the master: —

Dated Mar. 17, 6 10 p.m.: Gale, lost starboard anchor with four shackles. Tugs left for Istanbul stating would return again bringing larger anchors and ropes, ship bumping heavily on the sand, cross bunker (water tight ?) door (forced ?) open central stokehold pillar bent.

[Note.—Regarding the cross bunker door this must be considered a free translation as it is difficult to determine exactly what the master means. It may mean that the door is bent or cracked.]

Dated Mar. 18, 9 21 a.m.: Salvors have not returned, steamer swung against the wind north-east and now is not bumping, water has been found in Nos. 1 and 2 starboard bilges and No. 2 tank.

Dated Mar. 18, 2 43 p.m.: Wind north-east, gale force. Tugs have not returned, damage noticeable.

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ANDREAS K.—Istanbul, Mar. 18.—Steamer Andreas K.: Arranging your Special Officer inspect when weather permits. Message from master this afternoon states seas breaking over vessel, but position unchanged. Gale continues.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

London, Mar. 19.—The Ocean Salvage & Towage Company, Ltd., advise that the following cable has been received to-day from the Turkish Maritime Salvage Company, Ltd.:—Mar. 18. Andreas K.: North-east gale with snow, no operations at present. We are in wireless communication with her and so far apparently no serious damage to ship or cargo.

London, Mar. 19.—The following advices have been received from the London Agents of the owners of the steamer Andreas K.: We received a message yesterday from the master of this vessel stating that damage had appeared, and in reply to our inquiry, we have received the following radio messages from the master giving details of the damage:

Dated Mar. 18, 8 p.m.: Donkey boiler seating bent, starboard cross-bunker watertight door broken, cross-bunker watertight bulkhead buckled, stanchion in stokehold completely bent starboard side, bunker frames bent, dry tank top buckled upwards, port side bunkers bulkhead buckled and broken near engines, No. 2 bilge cast iron box (? valve box) broken, water appears in No. 2 tank, and also in Nos. 1 and 2 starboard bilges, many parts of engines and bilge fittings rendered useless.

Dated Mar. 19, 11 a.m.: Weather improved, waiting salvage tugs, stern post and rudder lost, water in starboard bilges of No. 1 and No. 2 is flowing into engine room bilges.

Istanbul, Mar. 19.—Steamer Andreas K.: Bad weather continues, snowstorm, salvage operations impossible. Vessel turned round, now heading sea. Master's message indicates probable leakage stokehold. Salvors anticipate necessity lighten when weather permits.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

ANDREAS K.—London, Mar. 20.—The London Agents of the owners of the steamer Andreas K. have received a radio message from the master dated Mar. 19, 4 45 p.m., stating: Two tugs arrived without lighters and have anchored in the roads.

London, Mar. 20.—The London Agents of the owners of the steamer Andreas K. have received the following wireless messages from the master: Weather good last night. Salvage tugs laid out large anchor which they had brought with them, and to-day they have laid out our anchor. Another tug has arrived and they are getting ready.

Captain Thompson, underwriters' representative, is here inspecting ship and salvage operations. Lighters are arriving, they have decided to discharge 1000 tons.

Istanbul, Mar. 20.—Steamer Andreas K.: Weather improved, operations resumed. Vessel's position re-secured. Your Special Officer proceeded last night.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

ANDREAS K.—London, Mar. 21.—The Salvage Association have received the following telegram from their Special Officer on board salvage steamer La Valette dated Mar. 20: Steamer Andreas K. stranded 11 miles west of Bosphorus, Cape Rumili: heading north-east, 4 cables from beach, minimum depth of water alongside 21 ft., draught 24 ft. Master reports heavy bumping during gales. Stern frame broken, rudder lost, signs of considerable straining under engines and boilers, stanchions badly buckled, some general leakage under control ship's pumps. Contract Lloyd's Open Form with Turkish Salvage Company. Operations proceeding: Anchors laid out. Cargo 6000 tons various grain. Probably necessary discharge about 1000 tons. Successful salvage practicable, providing reasonable weather conditions.

London, Mar. 21.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their Special Officer on board the salvage steamer La Valette, dated Mar. 21: Steamer Andreas K.: Weather fine. Discharge proceeding energetically. Leakage still under control of vessel's pumps. Diver reports vessel stranded ridge hard sand amidship. Salvage steamers La Valette and La Nina dredging. No further damage sighted. Prospects early floating.

ANDREAS K.—London, Mar. 23.—The Ocean Salvage & Towage Company, Ltd., have received the following cable from the Turkish Maritime Salvage Company, Ltd., dated Mar. 21: Steamer Andreas K.: Position secured with heavy ground tackle. Stern frame broken, rudder lost. Some straining under engine and boilers and minor leakage under the control of ship's pumps. Lightening craft alongside.

Istanbul, Mar. 21.—Steamer Andreas K.: Owing to stern frame and heavy bottom damage consider transhipment whole cargo and forwarding destination will be necessary; your Special Officer same opinion. Advised Antwerp cargo underwriters accordingly.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

London, Mar. 23.—The London agents of the owners of the steamer Andreas K. have received the following radio messages from the master:

Dated Mar. 21.—Lighterage continues. Hope refloat to-night.

Dated Mar. 22.—Refloated. We will go to Buyukdere.

Dated Mar. 23.—Being towed destination Buyukdere.

Istanbul, Mar. 23.—Greek steamer Andreas K. got off after discharging cargo to-day and is being towed to Bosphorus.

Istanbul, Mar. 23.—Steamer Andreas K. refloated, proceeding in tow of salvage steamers La Valette, La Nina and Alemdar. Leakage slight, under control of ship's pumps. Fear bottom damage under engines and boilers important, stoke hold bulkhead buckled, stanchions badly bent. Estimated quantity of cargo discharged one thousand tons, probably necessary discharge whole cargo for re-pairing.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Istanbul, Mar. 23.—Steamer Andreas K. arrived Bosphorus.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

London, Mar. 23.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their special officer on board salvage steamer La Valette, dated Mar. 23: Steamer Andreas K. safely anchored Upper Bosphorus.

ANDREAS K.—Istanbul, Mar. 23.—Steamer Andreas K. provisionally surveyed by Lloyd's Register Surveyor, who confirms vessel cannot proceed with cargo under temporary repairs. Permanent repairs Istanbul impracticable, consequently transhipment of whole cargo unavoidable.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Istanbul, Mar. 24.—Steamer Andreas K.: Necessary discharge whole cargo for permanent or temporary repairs.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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