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Wreck Report No.

14429

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 00318 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 18/56 Date of writing this report 16th April, 19 56.

Ship's Name s.s. "AENOS" of Monrovia Tons { Gross 3543 Net 2150

Built at Sunderland When 1920 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners General Sea Transport & Navigation Co. Inc.

Managers ---

Address c/o Union Maritime & Shipping Co. Ltd., 9, Fenchurch Buildings, London, E.C.3.

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Classification details

✠ 100A1	✠ LMC5,52
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Casualty 4th March, 1956.

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This ship was badly holed by rocks, and sank three miles N. of Galle, Ceylon.

The Owners state that she is a total loss.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

AENOS.—Colombo, Mar. 4. — Steamer Aenos, from Vizagapatam (for Genoa), calling at Colombo for bunkers, is aground four miles north of Galle; Nos. 1 and 2 hatches flooded.

Galle, Mar. 5.—Steamer Aenos, with a full cargo of manganese ore in bulk for Genoa, is lying a quarter of a mile offshore three miles north of Galle, firmly aground on rock and sand in depth of water 25 ft. forward and 30 ft. aft, awash fore and aft up to main deck, all holds, engine and boiler rooms flooded. Vessel appears to be cracked in vicinity of No. 2 hold. All crew, including master, landed.

Colombo, Mar. 5. — When the steamer Aenos had settled on the reef with only her funnel and bridge above the surface, the master, Captain Zagouries, visited her to retrieve some of his personal belongings from the bridge. Captain Zagouries said he was in his cabin last night when he heard a noise from the port side, and shortly afterwards he felt the ship rocking. He rushed to the bridge and found that the ship had struck a rock, ripping open her port side. All hands were ordered to pump out the water rushing through the hole in the hull, but their efforts were unsuccessful. Captain Zagouries said that while he was trying to get the ship to the beach she hit another series of rocks, which cracked the hull in two. The ship's agents said to-day that salvage operations were expected to begin soon. They said the ship has 6000 tons of manganese in her holds.—Reuter.

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AENOS.—Colombo, Mar. 6. — Steamer Aenos: We have already inspected vessel and find she is lying a quarter of a mile off shore three miles north of Galle, firmly aground on rock and sand in depth of water 25 ft. forward and 30 ft. aft, awash fore and aft up to main deck, all holds, engine and boiler rooms flooded. Vessel appears to be cracked in vicinity of No. 2 hold. Master reports that prior to grounding vessel struck a submerged rock on port side of No. 1 hold resulting in flooding of hold and collapse of bulkhead between Nos. 1 and 2 holds, he therefore decided to beach vessel. Special surveyor arriving on Mar. 7, will then dispatch him to casualty accompanied by diver. Meantime consider prospects of refloating poor as nature of bulk cargo, manganese ore, stowed approximately 500 tons No. 1, 3000 tons Nos. 2 and 3 with common lower holds, No. 4 1500 tons and No. 5 1000 tons, makes it almost impossible to lighten by discharge in view holds flooded and no power on vessel, also on account of heavy surf lighters cannot be worked from beach, moreover casualty can only be approached from sea with difficulty on account of numerous rocks in vicinity.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 8.)

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AENOS.—Galle, Mar. 10.—Steamer Aenos stranded in position lat. 6 3 30 N., long. 80 10 30 E., initial contact with submerged object, probably Mada Gala rocks. Vessel is fully exposed to south-west monsoon, when consider position and condition will worsen, lying quietly with five deg. starboard list, eight ft. by the stern, parallel to and 1/4 mile from beach, both anchors out on short cable; skin diver reports bottom rock and sand. Main deck awash from stern to No. 2 hatch; sounding aft 40 ft., forward 32 ft. Flooded fore and aft and indications holed badly in Nos. 1 and 2 holds; other spaces flooded on account of collapse of bulkheads. Initial damage forward only but further damage sustained on grounding, fuel now leaking from aft double bottom tanks. Subject to moderate to heavy swell breaking over deck, numerous fittings gone or breaking loose. No signs of hogging or fracture at No. 2 hold as previously reported. Vessel looted, all cabins, &c., above water and not destroyed by swell now stripped; radio, telemotor, echo sounder and cabin fittings missing. In view of position in swell, numerous adjacent rocks and expected early deterioration in weather on account of monsoon, salvage operations would be extremely difficult, also necessitate full crew and long preparation. Cargo all in lower holds and doubtful if this could be grabbed out economically unless swell lessens. In my opinion vessel is a Constructive Total Loss.—Salvage Association's Special Surveyor. (See issue of Mar. 7.)

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Suggested Record

"WRECKED 3,56"

Date of Committee

TUESDAY 17 APR 1956

Committee's Minute

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