

Wreck Report No. 15777

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 26th April, 1961.

Ship's Name s.s. "CAPE DREPANON" of Piraeus Tons Gross 7123 Net 4357

Built at Sorel When 1944 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner 21.4.61. Owner's reply 24.4.61.

Owners Merida Cia. Nav. S.A.

Agents ---

Address c/o Tropis Shipping Co., Ltd., Ibex House, (Suite 275/281), Minorities, E.C.3.

Classification details

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of Casualty 1st February, 1961.

Is of Casualty

Stranded on Huckleberry Island, NW. of Execution Rocks, Long Island Sound; subsequently refloated, declared a constructive total loss and sold for breaking up.

The owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 2. —Steamer Cape Drepanon, Bridgeport for New York, grounded two miles north of Execution Rocks, Long Island, about 9 p.m., Feb. 1, and has water in Nos. 3 and 4 holds. Agents are arranging for commercial assistance.

London, Feb. 2. —Steamer Cape Drepanon, part loaded with scrap: The following message has been received from New York, dated Feb. 2: Cape Drepanon went aground at 9 p.m. yesterday one mile north of Execution Rocks, taking water in No. 4 double bottom also No. 3 hold 16 ft., increasing slowly.

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 2. —Steamer Cape Drepanon, Bridgeport for New York, part loaded with 4084 tons of scrap steel, stranded at 9 p.m. on Feb. 1 on Huckleberry Island, north-west of Execution Rocks, Long Island Sound. Draughts before stranding 11 ft. 7 in. forward, 23 ft. 9 in. aft. No. 3 hold reported flooded 16 ft., which increasing, and No. 4 double bottom tank leaking. Bottom rock and considerable ice condition. Recommend employment of Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation on "no cure no pay" Lloyd's Open Form. Salvage tug Curb immediately available. (Later) Soundings reported by vessel show 24 ft. of water at bow, 33 ft. at stern, with minimum of 15 ft. on port side in way of No. 2 hatch and 21 ft. on starboard side in way of Nos. 1 to 4 hatches. Owners now instructed Merritt's to proceed "no cure no pay" Lloyd's Open Form and anticipate commencement of salvage operations as soon as passage cleared through ice.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 3.)

New York, Feb. 3. —Steamer Cape Drepanon: Merritt's salvage tug Curb on scene Feb. 2; salvage operation in progress.

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 3. —Steamer Cape Drepanon: Merritt's salvage tug Curb now alongside and operations proceeding. —Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 4.)

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 4. —Steamer Cape Drepanon: Merritt's unsuccessfully attempted to refloat vessel a.m. to-day, although heading changed 15 deg. Resultant upon present north-east gales, steamer, tug Curb and assisting tug all jammed in ice and waiting for icebreaker assistance. Salvors now thawing out and repairing vessel's deck steam exhaust line and maintaining steam to enable leakage from fractured forward engine-room bulkhead pump overboard. Heavy snowfalls presently paralysed transportation in north-east coastal area and ice conditions are becoming increasingly serious in Hudson River and Long Island Sound.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 6.)

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 6. —Steamer Cape Drepanon: Further attempt to refloat to-day, using two sets of beach gear and tug Curb, unsuccessful. Leakage which developed in No. 2 hold under control of salvor's pump, but water in No. 3 hold at outside level although arrangements being made for test pumping. Forward engine-room bulkhead shored and pumps placed. Salvor considers vessel heavily aground amidships and, as all ballast pumped overboard, now considering part removal of scrap cargo. In consequence of weather conditions, have not yet been able to get surveyor on board vessel.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 7.)

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 7. —Steamer Cape Drepanon: No. 2 hold flooded to sea-level during night. Merritt's placing large pumps to test amount of leakage. Consider now necessary to remove part cargo, which Merritt's endeavouring to arrange. Our surveyor on board vessel to-day. —Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 8.)



Suggested Record DAMAGED BY STRANDING 2,61 - TO BE BROKEN UP

Date of Committee TUESDAY - 2 MAY 1961

Committee's Minute

Damaged by stranding 2,61 - To be broken up



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CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 9.
—Steamer Cape Drepanon: Our surveyor reports vessel apparently hard aground on port side in way of Nos. 1 and 2 holds and more lightly aground on starboard side in way of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds, with engine-room leakage into boiler-room not increasing and bulkhead adequately shored. No. 2 hold flooded and not yet tested. Three sets of beach gear over stern now holding. Derrick and two large barges alongside, and discharge of scrap cargo from No. 1 hold commenced a.m., Feb. 8, but rate only 10 to 15 tons per hour as magnet crane not available and clamshell bucket being used. Present intention discharge 500 tons from No. 1 hold and 500 tons from No. 4 hold and then consider possibility of refloating attempt. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 9.)

LH10/2/61

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 10.
—Steamer Cape Drepanon: Approximately 600 tons of cargo discharged from No. 1 hold and 100 tons from No. 2 hold. Now discharging from No. 3 hold instead of No. 4. No. 2 hold flooded but pumpable and apparently leaking into No. 1 hold through bulkhead. Anticipate refloating attempt over week-end, dependent on progress of discharge. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 10.)

LH13/2/61

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 12.
—Steamer Cape Drepanon refloated at 8 35 p.m. to-day and proceeded Todd's yard, Hoboken, to drydock. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 13.)

LH14/2/61

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 14.
—Steamer Cape Drepanon refloated at 8 30 p.m., Feb. 12, and arrived here on Feb. 13 in tow of four Moran tugs. Vessel proceeded to Todd's shipyard, Hoboken. (See issue of Feb. 14.)

New York, Feb. 13.
—Steamer Cape Drepanon drydocked late to-day with approximately 3000 tons of cargo on board. Bottom hull damage plating and internals severe in way of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 double bottom tanks with side shell plating buckled vertically in way of No. 2 hold on port and starboard sides. — Salvage Association's Surveyors.

LH15/2/61

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 15.
—Steamer Cape Drepanon, with cargo, refloated from strand in Long Island Sound pursuant to Lloyd's Contract. — Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation. (See later report in issue of Feb. 15.)

LH16/2/61

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 13.
—Steamer Cape Drepanon was refloated by Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation salvage tug Curb at 8 30 p.m. on Feb. 12. The Curb towed the vessel to City Island. (See issues of Feb. 15 and 16.)

New York, Feb. 16.
—Steamer Cape Drepanon: Preliminary survey in dry dock shows 77 bottom and side shell plates renew or part renew, together with extremely heavy damage to internals and visible space of tank top in No. 2 hold, which set up to maximum of 2 ft. and extensively fractured. Temporary repairs presently being carried out to bottom plating fractures and holes with view to refloating vessel to discharge remainder of cargo for survey of tank tops and internals. — Salvage Association's Surveyors.

LH18/2/61

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Feb. 21.
—Steamer Cape Drepanon: Temporary repairs to bottom plating now completed and tested. Necessary ballasting to permit vessel undocking agreed but owners not yet given orders to ballast and undock vessel, stated due to difficulty in obtaining discharging berth. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 18.)

LH23/2/61

CAPE DREPANON.—New York, Mar. 1.
—Steamer Cape Drepanon undocked to-day with water ballast in forward holds and tanks to compensate for cargo in after holds. Vessel presently afloat alongside pier at Todd Shipyards Corporation, Hoboken, discharging ballast from forward holds to maximum possible draught by stern to minimise weight of water on bulkheads in forward holds. Anticipate moving to discharge berth for cargo discharge Mar. 2. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 23.)

LH3/3/61

CAPE DREPANON.—London, Apr. 12.
—Information received states that steamer Cape Drepanon has been settled as a constructive total loss and has been sold for breaking up. (See issue of Mar. 3.)

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