

WRECK SECTION 583 REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

SECTION 13285 NO. 583

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Date of writing this report 13th October, 1948

Vessel's Name S.S. "Orion" of Piraeus Tons Gross 4798 Net 3054

Built at Glasgow When 1909 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner x Owner's reply x

Owner's Name P. Lyras Address To Lyras & Lemos Bros. Ltd, 9, Cannonmole Street, EC3.

Case previously before Classing Committee. Date Last Minute

Particulars of Classification. T100A1 Spade 2,48 Examined 1047 BS9,47 SS 2nd No 3-1,35 TS1,44CL

Date of Casualty 20th September, 1948

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel stranded to the west of Flower Island Lighthouse, Newfoundland, on the 20th September, 1948.

An explosion occurred in No. 1 hold and this was followed by a fire which was confined to the fore-castle.

No. 1 hold became flooded and owing to heavy pounding, No. 2 hold and the engine and boiler rooms were flooded two days later.

Efforts to salve the vessel were fruitless and she was subsequently abandoned.

The Owner's London Agents concur.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ORION.—Belle Isle Radio, Sept. 20.—Following received from SVIT, steamer Orion (Sydney, N.S., for Botwood): At 9 58 a.m., G.M.T.: Aground, position unknown. (Later) Aground west of Flower Island Lighthouse, afloat and in no danger of sinking. At 11 37 a.m., G.M.T.: Explosion in No. 1 hold, need help urgently. (Later.) We have wounded, still aground, ship on fire fore, Confusion, crew abandoning ship, we can get ashore, which is near. Master orders abandon ship. New York, Sept. 20.—New York coastguard cutter Andros Coggin was to-day on her way to steamer Orion which sent out SOS signals that she had gone aground and was on fire in the Strait of Belle Isle, between Labrador and Newfoundland. Coastguard officer here state that the Orion reported that she went aground in sight of Flower Island Lighthouse and that fire had forced the crew to abandon ship. The Andros Coggin, about 440 miles east of the burning vessel, was expected to reach the Orion about 9 a.m. to-morrow, the Coastguard stated.—Reuter.

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ORION.—St. John's, N.F., Sept. 21.—Greek steamer Orion, Sydney, N.S., for Botwood, cargo coal, reported aground in sight of Flower Island, Strait of Belle Isle, Ship on fire and crew abandoning upon master's orders. (See issue of Sept. 21.) New York, Sept. 20.—Salvage vessel Foundation Josephine is proceeding assist steamer Orion. New York, Sept. 21.—Steamer Orion: Coastguard reports fire under control. Eight injured removed, thirty still on board.

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ORION.—St. John's, N.F., Sept. 21.—Steamer Orion: Latest reports indicate that master and part of crew reboarded the vessel, but efforts to extinguish the fire, which is apparently confined to the fore-castle, were abortive. No report as to condition of vessel, but we think there must be some prospect of refloating as her master, in a message to vessel's local agent, states that he is now awaiting a tug. Salvage vessel Foundation Josephine, diverted by Foundation Company from sea, is due alongside at 10 30 p.m. on Sept. 21. No arrangement yet made, but presume it will be on "no cure no pay" basis.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 22.)

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Suggested Record

Wrecked 9,48 In Lyras 15/10

Date of Committee

FRI. 15 OCT 1948

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 9,48



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**ORION.**— St. John's, NF., Sept. 22. — Steamer Orion: Following received from master of salvage vessel Foundation Josephine to-day: Alongside casualty this morning, No. 1 hold tidal, No. 2 hold leaking through tanks into hold. Weather worsening; if wind shifts to west or north-west vessel will be a total loss. Have clams and four-inch pump on board with shore labour. Vessel working on bottom. Towed at noon high water with engines of Orion full astern; vessel shifted a few yards. Jettisoning cargo now; will try again on to-night's tide. Now awaiting result of second attempt to refloat. Meanwhile have suggested that if reloaded, vessel be taken to St. Barbe harbour, which nearby, where she could be safely held pending diver's examination and arrival of surveyor to determine next move. Cannot recommend immediate tow to any distant port without examination as tug and tow must traverse considerable distance in any direction along coastline without safe harbour for sheltering after leaving St. Barbe. Unable to dispatch surveyor until local weather improves as must fly him by seaplane and all aircraft grounded for past several days.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 23.)

St. John's, NF., Sept. 23. — Steamer Orion: Master of salvage vessel Foundation Josephine reports: Casualty pounded heavily during NE. gale to-night, flooded No. 2 hold, engine-room and stokehold; crew abandoning. Will examine in morning but fear further salvage not practical.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Assc.

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**ORION.**—St. John's, NF., Sept. 23.—Salvage vessel Foundation Josephine reports: Have abandoned steamer Orion. Our salvage vessel Traverse is proceeding to collect pumps and clam shell buckets. Leaving for another job.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 24.)

Harbour Grace, NF., Sept. 23. —Greek steamer Orion was abandoned to-day after fruitless salvage efforts. A heavy NE. gale forced the crew to abandon the vessel.—Reuter.

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**ORION.**—New York, Sept. 27.—Greek steamer Orion: Tug Traverse is standing by to remove cargo; at present she is sheltering from strong NE. winds. Local authorities believe Orion will probably be a total loss. (See issue of Sept. 25.)

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**ORION.**—New York, Sept. 28. — The Foundation Maritime Company consider that Greek steamer Orion is a total loss, and that salvage is impossible. Tug Traverse has abandoned the wreck and is proceeding to Trinity Bay. (See issue of Oct. 1.)

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