

"PEGASUS": No. 31424 in R.B.

A telephone message was received this afternoon from the Anglo-American Oil Co., the Agents for the Owners of the above vessel, who stated that they had received a cable from the Owners in New York in which it was mentioned that she is at present at Istanbul available for survey, but that, owing to the present state of emergency, it was not possible to obtain facilities for carrying out the survey due in June, 1939.

The vessel was granted the year of grace, and the Owners state that she is restricted to Mediterranean trading. It is essential that she should be kept in service, as it is understood she is trading on behalf of the British Government, and the Owners suggest that she should be thoroughly examined and repaired as necessary under the survey of one of the Society's Exclusive Surveyors for the purpose of the Committee allowing her to continue trading until June, 1941.

Unfortunately this vessel does not come within the decision of the Committee to grant postponement for 12 months after examination, owing to the fact that she is 27 years old, but against this is the fact stated by the Owners that she had a complete new bottom and very extensive repairs in 1935. Her cargoes consist of refined oil and gas oil.

The Owners are very anxious that this matter should be dealt with as expeditiously as possible in view of the fact that the vessel is completely ready for survey.

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