

WRECK BOOK

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 9211

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Date of writing this report

12th October

1936

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Antonios Vrontdisis"

of Andros

Tons { Net 1644
Gross 2690

Built at Hoboken

When 1904 - 2

Casualty notice sent to Owner 9/10/36

Owner's reply 10/10/36

Owner's Name J.A. Vrontdisis

Address (Agents in London) S.V. Embiricos Ltd. 88, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3.

Previously before
Committee.

Date

Particulars of Classification.

+100A1
9.34

SS Mol 2nd 1/03

-4.29

SS Pr N° 1-34

+LMC 9.34

BS 12.35

Last Minute

Casualty

6th August 1936.

Particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported to have stranded near
Kem, White Sea, on the 6th August.

A salvage agreement was signed on the U.S.S.R.
Arbitration Commission Form - "no cure no pay."

Salvage operations were undertaken, and after
refloating she was towed to Kem with extensive
bottom damage.

After repairing by divers & discharging sufficiently,
she proceeded to Archangel.

The Salvage Association then reported on the 19th
September that the vessel has been lying full of water
during the last weeks. The floating dock is so occupied
that the vessel cannot be received during this season.
She will, therefore, only be removed to a sheltered
place, where she must remain over the winter. The
bottom damage is stated to be extensive.

A special casualty letter was sent to the Owner's
London Agents on the 10th October. In reply, they state
that after discharging the remainder of her cargo at
Archangel, she was to drydock for inspection.
The only drydock available for ships is, however,
under repairs, & it will not be possible for the inspection
to be carried out until next Spring, when the course to
be adopted with regard to repairing her will be decided.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ANTONIOS VRONDISIS. — London, Aug. 6.—A cable received by the agent of the owners of the Greek steamer Antonios Vrontdisis from the master states that the vessel grounded near Kem in the White Sea and was flooded and subsequently sank. A salvage agreement has been signed on the U.S.S.R. Arbitration Commission Form "no cure no pay."

7/8/36

ANTONIOS VRONDISIS. — London, Aug. 10.—The following message has been received from the London agents of the owners of the steamer Antonios Vrontdisis: Steamer stranded through head and engines; bottom rocky; compartments flooded with water; engines and poop up to the deck; weather permitting will salvage whole cargo. Steamer will refloat; commenced discharging, crew remaining on board.

11/8

The following message has been received by the London agents from the owners, dated Aug. 10: Wire received from master, dated Aug. 8: Steamer refloated, grounded same spot. Russians insist crew leave Leningrad—London. If approve order steamers Frangoula Vrontdisi and Giannoulis Gounaris take half each.

ANTONIOS VRONDISIS. — London, Aug. 11.—The following message has been received from the master of the steamer Antonios Vrontdisis, dated Aug. 10: Crew left yesterday for Kem. Impossible ascertain bottom damages and prospects steamer's salvage. Salvors will commence new efforts refloat.

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ANTONIOS VRONDISIS. — London, Aug. 12.—The following cables have been received from the master of the steamer Antonios Vrontdisis, dated Aug. 11:— Steamer refloated, towed to Kem; damage to bottom extensive. Arrived outside Kem, divers repairing discharge sufficiently proceed Archangel discharge there whole cargo and repair. If possible send underwriters' representative.

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ANTONIOS VRONDISIS. — Archangel, Sept. 19.—Steamer Antonios Vrontdisis is partly discharged only and has been lying full of water on a sandbank in the river here during the last weeks. The harbour master states that the floating dock is so occupied that they cannot receive the Antonios Vrontdisis during this season. The vessel will, therefore, only be removed to a sheltered place, where she must remain over the winter. The harbour master also states that the bottom damage is extensive and that, when the steamer was brought here, the divers found a large stone in the hold, which had been pressed through the bottom at the stranding place.—Salvage Association.

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

TUE. 13 OCT 1936

Committee's Minute

TUE. 13 OCT 1936

Stranded 8.36 Refloated - now in port damaged