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Extract from Algiers Surveyor's letter dated 18th
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ORIGINAL WITH S.S. "GEORGES ET HENRI"

I expect to be in Oran at early date for
the s.s. "STYLIANOS CASTANOS" No. 85638 now salved
and in port for repairs. *notes*

STYLIANOS CASTANOS.—Oran, Sept. 9.
—Greek steamer Stylianos Castanos,
for Alexandria, cargo timber, aground
Vesta Rock, about 20 miles west of
Oran. Proceeding on board with sur-
veyor.—Lloyd's Agent.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS.—Oran, Sept.
9.—Greek steamer Stylianos Castanos
aground stem to bridge, plates bent
and torn 2 ft. from stem on length of
12 ft. and breadth of 10 ft., approxi-
mately. Forepeak and No. 1 hold
full of water, No. 2 hold dry. Weather
fine and consider steamer's position
not dangerous if weather persists. Tried
pull steamer off with tugs without
success. Consider necessary to dis-
charge part of cargo immediately.
Master signed "no cure no pay" con-
tract arbitration London, with Societe
Les Goelands, who are commencing dis-
charge of deck cargo to-night.—Lloyd's
Agent.

—London, Sept. 10.—The
following cables have been received from
Gibraltar:

Dated Sept. 9: Salvage steamer
Valkyrien proceeded to render assistance
to Greek steamer Stylianos Castanos,
aground west of Oran.

Dated Sept. 10: Salvage steamer
Valkyrien returned to Gibraltar.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS.—Oran, Sept.
10.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos:
French steamer Procida and French
coasting steamers Maarif and Isly, now
employed in transshipping deck cargo.
If favourable weather continues possibly
refloat Tuesday or Wednesday (Sept. 11
or 12). Consider work proceeding satis-
factorily up to the present.—Lloyd's
Agent per Salvage Association.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS.—London,
Sept. 12.—The Salvage Association have
received the following radio message
from Lloyd's Agents at Oran on board
steamer Stylianos Castanos, dated
Sept. 11: Discharged complete deck
cargo from forepart approximately 900
tons. Endeavoured pull steamer off
this evening without success. Zagame
now co-operating (under) existing con-
tract. Weather keeping fine.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS.—Oran, Sept.
12.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos:
Making another attempt to pull off to-
night, in the meantime arrangements
are being made for lightening further
if attempt unsuccessful.—Lloyd's
Agents per Salvage Association.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS.—Oran, Sept.
13.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Posi-
tion unchanged. Coasting steamer
Maarif left here this morning for dis-
charge of deck cargo aft in order to
permit further installation for pulling
astern.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage
Association.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS.—London,
Sept. 15.—The following radio has been
received from the master of the steamer
Stylianos Castanos via Oran Radio:
Position of steamer very difficult, rough
sea, strong west wind. Commenced
jettison cargo.

—Oran, Sept. 16.—
Greek steamer Stylianos Castanos during
heavy swell yesterday afternoon ulti-
mately got off rocks and now refloated
and in Oran harbour. Divers now
visiting (? inspecting) damage.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS.—Oran, Sept.
15.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos:
Heavy sea last night interrupted dis-
charge and position of the vessel now
dangerous. No. 2 hold now full of
water.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage
Association.

—Oran, Sept. 15.
—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Position
of vessel now very critical.—Lloyd's
Agent per Salvage Association.

—Oran, Sept. 16.
—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: During
heavy swell yesterday afternoon steamer
ultimately got off rocks and now re-
floated and in Oran harbour. Divers
now examining damage.—Lloyd's Agent
per Salvage Association.

STYLIANOS CASTANOS.—Oran, Sept.
19.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos now
moored in Oran harbour drawing 27 ft.
forward, 17 ft. aft. Badly holed under
No. 1, some damage under No. 2. Pro-
posed diver try to plug No. 2 damage
and discharge cargo from forward to
gain even keel with object of taking
vessel to a drydocking port. About
1500 tons of timber has been discharged
and a quantity jettisoned.—Salvage
Association's Special Officer.

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STYLIANOS CASTANOS.—Oran, Sept. 20.—Steamer Stylianos Castanos: Forward part of vessel to stokehold bulkhead floating on timber cargo, diver cannot effectively deal with bottom damage. No facilities for beaching. Propose contractors deliver vessel at Algiers for drydocking with cargo on board when temporary repair can be effected to permit discharge of cargo.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.



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