

Takoradi,
December, 5th. 1935.

On Thursday November 28th the Greek s.s. "Stefanos Costemenis" arrived at Takoradi and berthed at No.3 Wharf and started discharging a cargo of Rice and Gunny Bales from Calcutta. At 11 a.m. the Master reported that he had found 21 feet of water in Fore Peak. The ship's draft at that time was approximately 21 feet.

The Master asked for a Diver to examine the hull and a Diver was sent down by the Engineers Dept. of the Railways. The Diver reported a fracture in the plate on the Port Side forward about 8 feet below water. The fracture extended for about four feet and was at the base of the joint of the horizontal frame and the side plating. The vessel was moved from the wharf to Buoys on Friday at 11.30 a.m. and arrangements were made with the Railway Authorities to undertake the repairs, which necessitated the use of two Divers. The repairs consisted of a 9/16th inch Steel Plate with Rubber jointing between ship's side and patch each nut grummeted with greased asbestos cord and asbestos cord packing ring right round the outer edge of Plate between ship's side and patch. The patch was completed at noon on December 4th, in the meantime boys had been employed in pumping out Fore Peak from noon on December 3rd and the water was then reduced at the rate of 6" per hour. Pumping was resumed on the morning of December 4th and the water was lowered at the rate of 1-foot per hour and at 2 p.m. the upper bolts of the patch were visible and at 3 p.m. the bolts in the Chain Locker were above water level and a cement box was built over a small leak showing around bolt. This box effectively stopped the leak. A relief gang was sent off at 6 p.m. and pumping continued throughout the night, the water was below the lower bolts at 10 p.m. and cement box four and half feet long was built in between the frames and covering the whole length of the fracture. The peak was then pumped dry and the vessel is now completely watertight and making no water.

The fore peak is not connected with the Engine Room Pumps but is fitted with a Downton double acting pumps.

Report of Diver is attached.

This report is made at the request of Lloyds Agent by whom I have been appointed as Surveyor.

I hereby, now certify that having personally examined the damage from inside and seen the repairs carried out and the cement boxes made and placed that the leak from this fracture has been effectively and efficiently stopped and that the vessel is in a seaworthy condition and fit to proceed at once on her voyage.

I have been paid the sum of £15/15/- for acting as Surveyor and for issuing the above Report.

Chas. E. Knowle
Master Mariner

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