

OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 30317 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 26/38

Date of writing this report 5th May

1938

Vessel's Name *Steel Y.Y. Mount Kyllene* of *Piræus*

Tons { Net 3170
Gross 5313

Built at *Sunderland* Year *1919* Month *9*

Casualty notice sent to Owner's Agts 28/4/38 Owner's Agts reply

Owner's Name *Kulukundis Shipping Co. S.A. & others*

Address *16 Omirou Street, Piræus.*

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.
+100A1
Shelterak
with fwd 4.38
S.S. No 3-831
S.S. No 1-36
+LMC 6.36
BS3 38
TSN 338CL
Jitted for oil
fuel 9.19 FP
above 150°F

Date of Casualty *9th April, 1938.*

Précis of particulars of Casualty *This vessel is reported to have*

broken into two parts in the Atlantic Ocean (lat. 43 30N. long 28W.) on the 9th April, during heavy weather. She was in ballast and nearly all the crew were rescued from the two parts, which were likely to float for several days.

No further reports have been received regarding the forepart, but the after part was observed to be floating on the 20th April, with the stern and propeller out of the water.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice, addressed to the Owners' London Agents on the 28th April.

In reply to inquiry Lloyd's state the Underwriters have accepted this case as a total loss.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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Date of Committee

FRI. 6 MAY 1938

Committee's Minute

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Abandoned at sea after breaking in two

TUE. 10 MAY 1938

Abandoned at sea, after breaking in two, 4.38

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Committee's Minute

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