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WEEK NO.

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## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &amp;c.

No. 74076 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p.

25728

Date of writing this report 19th December 1928

Vessel's Name

Steel S.S. "Ioannis"

of Argosfidi

Tons

Net 2624

Gross 4207

Built at Middlesbrough

When

1917

5

Casualty notice sent to Owner 6 12 28

Owner's reply 17 12 28

Owner's Name

A.C. Mazarakis

Address

Spiraeus Greece

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

+1000H

5002.25

3.28

+414C

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191 2.25

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Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Date of Casualty

7th November 1928

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer went ashore 12 miles east of Tangier on 7th November, and was reported to be full of water; lying broadside to coast in 20-24 feet of water, resting on fairly even rocky bottom. Side plating is stated to be buckled down both sides of No 3 hatch, and there are several slight buckles in the deck. Siver reports several openings by the turn of the bilge. The most serious damage appears to be in No 3 hold where some of the cargo of grain is running out. Salvage operations have been in progress, and three attempts to float have been unsuccessful.

In reply to a special casualty letter the Owners state that it is impossible at present to give any information as to the extent of damage, but the Salvors are optimistic of refloating the vessel, and salvage operations have been resumed.

See Feb. Rpt. 2099.

To be towed to Genoa to be broken up. Was refloated & dry docked at Gibraltar.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

IOANNIS. - Gibraltar, Nov. 7. - Steamer Ioannis, off Cape Tarifa, wants immediate assistance. Tug proceeding.

Nov. 7. - Land's End Wireless Station. Following intercepted at 4 28 a.m. S.O.S. steamer Ioannis, SVWS (wireless call sign of steamer Ioannis, of Argosfidi), aground; position unknown. Tug assistance proceeding from Gibraltar.

Nov. 7. - Land's End Wireless Station. Following intercepted at 4 46 a.m. Steamer Ioannis, SVWS, aground at Al Boassa.

Tangier, Nov. 7. - Greek steamer Ioannis reported ashore near Tangier. Salvage steamer Svitzer (Em. Z. Svitzer) proceeding to her assistance.

Gibraltar, Nov. 7. - Greek steamer Ioannis reported ashore near Tangier. Salvage steamer Svitzer (Em. Z. Svitzer) left to render assistance; hope to float vessel in a few hours.

Gibraltar, Nov. 7. - Greek steamer Ioannis ashore twelve miles east of Tangier. Salvage vessel proceeding.

Gibraltar, Nov. 7. - Steamer Ioannis: Flooded, heavy swell, crew on board salvage steamer Em. Z. Svitzer returning to Gibraltar. Salvage Contractors per Salvage Association.

Gibraltar, Nov. 7. - Greek steamer Ioannis, ashore east of Tangier, is reported to have filled up. Crew taken off by the Svitzer (Em. Z. Svitzer) which is now arriving at Gibraltar. Salvage operations cannot be commenced owing to heavy swell.

Gibraltar, Nov. 7. - Tug Em. Z. Svitzer has arrived here.

IOANNIS. - London, Nov. 8. - Following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Nov. 7: Salvage steamer Svitzer (Em. Z. Svitzer) arrived at 1 p.m. with crew of steamer Ioannis. Master reports ship flooded, ashore about two miles west of Cires Point. Weather so bad impossible to approach her; sea breaking over her. Salvage steamer Freja ordered Gibraltar when weather moderates. Will inspect her and report.

Gibraltar, Nov. 7. - Steamer Ioannis stranded broadside on to beach near Point Cires; bumping heavily, engine-room flooded. It is feared that she will break up if bad weather continues. Master and crew brought to here by salvage steamer Em. Z. Svitzer which could not approach vessel. Arrangements being made for salvage on the principle of "no cure no pay". Lloyd's form of salvage agreement; salvage operations will be begun as soon as the weather permits. In the meantime Em. Z. Svitzer proceeded to sea to assist Vinemoor and salvage steamer Freja ordered to proceed Gibraltar. - Salvage Association.

Gibraltar, Nov. 8. - Steamer Ioannis: Weather moderated. Understand possibility salvage steamer Freja proceeding to Palamos. Bland & Co. in communication with Svitzer Salvage Company regarding further assistance. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Tangier, Nov. 8. - Steamer Ioannis ashore 15 miles east Tangier, Torrecilla Point. Vessel full of water. Crew picked up by salvage steamer Em. Z. Svitzer and landed at Gibraltar. Master of Em. Z. Svitzer reports salvage operations impossible at present, sea rough. If weather improves will proceed to wreck immediately. - Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Gibraltar, Nov. 8. - Steamer Ioannis: Steamer Gibel Musa proceeded to the spot but could not approach vessel. Sea washed over vessel. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

FRI. 21 DEC 1928

TUE. 5 MAR 1929

Committee's Minute

Deferred 2 Nov.

(See Minute on Feb. Rpt. 2099)

Stranded 11-28 - Refloated

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Character assigned

Wreck Gen

ended 11-28 - Refloated

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**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 8.—Steamer Ioannis: Am informed that salvage steamer Hermes ordered to proceed stranding place. Contract for salvage on "no cure no pay" basis signed.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Tangier, Nov. 9.—Steamer Ioannis: Just returned from the wreck. Weather bad, heavy swell breaking over the vessel. Expect to receive news of salvage steamer from Gibraltar.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 10.—Steamer Ioannis: M. H. Bland & Co.'s Gibraltar tug Express proceeded to the spot today to inspect report on vessel's condition.—Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 10.—Steamer Ioannis: Tug Express returned, reports depth of water round vessel 4 to 5 fathoms, lying on rocks, all holds engine-room full of water to sea level, after-peak dry, both sides No. 3 hold badly dented also decks between No. 2 hold No. 3 hold No. 4 hold. Steamer badly plundered. Anticipated provided weather remains fine prospects of salvage are favourable. Awaiting arrival salvage steamer Hermes.—Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 12.—Steamer Ioannis: Hermes arrived Cires Point Monday morning (Nov. 12).—Switzer Salvage Company per Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 12.—Steamer Ioannis: Hermes reached her this morning.—Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 12.—Steamer Ioannis: Hermes reports by wireless: Divers report heavy damage starboard side, worst engine-room No. 4 hold, least No. 1 hold No. 5 hold. Forward No. 4 hatch considerable straining with hull buckled from bilges to main deck. Water entered all compartments. Preparing pump engine-room by fixed pumps. Probably another salvage steamer required. Weather fine. M. H. Bland & Co., Gibraltar, dispatching tug Express, lighters, labour, gear to discharge top sound cargo.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Tangier, Nov. 13.—Steamer Ioannis: Just returned from the wreck. Vessel rocky bottom. At present difficult anticipate prospects of floating. Bottom holed, heavy damage starboard bilge. Weather fine. Salvage operations commenced yesterday by salvage steamer Hermes preparing test engine-room. Part cargo on board dry.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 13.—Steamer Ioannis: Salvage steamer Hermes radios: Started discharge sound cargo Nos. 1 and 2 holds. If weather keeps good dispatch another lighter one gang work No. 4 hatch.—Switzer Salvage Company per Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Tangier, Nov. 13.—Steamer Ioannis: Started discharge sound top cargo in Nos. 1 and 2 holds.—Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 14.—Steamer Ioannis: Salvage steamer Hermes reports discharging continues; reached damaged cargo foreholds. Weather good.—Salvage Contractors per Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Tangier, Nov. 16.—Steamer Ioannis: Discharged into lighters about 900 tons sound cargo.—Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 17.—Steamer Ioannis: Rescue proceeded with your Special Officer.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 17.—Steamer Ioannis is resting on fairly even rocky bottom in very exposed position. Side plating buckled either side No. 3-hatch, other signs slight straining but not serious. All holds engine-room flooded to 20 ft. About thousand tons maize already dispatched Gibraltar, probably further 500 tons recoverable sound condition. Arranging pumps in engine-room for early trial. Will require jettison large portion damaged maize from all holds, to give sufficient floating buoyancy. Fair prospect of refloating if weather moderates. Calling salvage steamer Em. Z. Svitzer to assist.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 18.—Steamer Ioannis: Discharged further 200 tons dry maize to-day into two lighters, probably complete discharge sound cargo to-morrow. One motor pump fitted engine-room, probably test this compartment to-morrow. Swell has been too heavy for salvage steamer to lie alongside to-day.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 19.—Steamer Ioannis: Em. Z. Svitzer arrived on the spot.—Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—London, Nov. 20.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Nov. 19, 6 40 p.m.: Steamer Ioannis: Em. Z. Svitzer rigging motor pump engine-room, Hermes motor pump started engine-room. Discharging continues.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 19.—Steamer Ioannis: Completed discharge dry maize, hope dispatch last lighter to-night. Roughly estimated total 1400 tons. Shore gang employed jettison damaged cargo. Hermes nine-inch motor pump holding leakage engine-room six feet below level. Em. Z. Svitzer arrived, fitting additional 12-in. motor pump to assist pumping engine-room.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—London, Nov. 20.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Nov. 20, 10 20 a.m.: Steamer Em. Z. Svitzer left on board Ioannis motor pump and second engineer and proceeded at 3 a.m. to Lisbon to render assistance to the steamer Bessa.

**IOANNIS.**—London, Nov. 20.—Greek steamer Ioannis: The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Nov. 20: Hermes reports engine-room soon dry.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 20.—Steamer Ioannis: Em. Z. Svitzer recalled, Hermes alongside to-day. Engine-room pumped dry, now plugging leakage from inside, hope raise steam to-morrow. Two shore gangs continue jettison cargo. Weather moderate.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—London, Nov. 21.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Nov. 21: Steamer Ioannis: Engine-room now dry, lighting fires.

**IOANNIS.**—London, Nov. 21.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Nov. 21, 12 50 p.m.: Rescue arrived, proceeding assist Ioannis.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 21.—Steamer Ioannis: One pump controls leakage engine-room, steam has been raised on one main boiler. Jettison of cargo continues, weather moderate easterly. Rescue returned to assist.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 22.—Steamer Ioannis: About 1400 tons maize landed Gibraltar in good condition. Recommend forward to destination by first suitable vessel. Proceeding to vessel to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Cargo Surveyor.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 22.—Steamer Ioannis: N.W. swell this morning caused heavy pivoting motion, condition now improved. Fitting pump in each cargo hold to deal with leakage. Jettison cargo continues accelerated by use of steam winches, estimate half cargo has already been disposed of. Rescue recalled leaving two pumps with attendants.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—London, Nov. 24.—The Salvage Association have received the following advice from their special officer on board salvage steamer Hermes, dated Nov. 18: Steamer Ioannis: I found the vessel lying stranded broadside to the coast in about 20-24 feet of water, resting on a fairly even rocky bottom. The side plating is buckled down both sides of No. 3 hatch, and there are several other slight buckles in the deck, but not of a serious nature. The diver has already made an underwater inspection and reports several openings by the turn of the bilge. The most serious damage appears to be in the No. 3 hold where some of the grain is running out. All compartments are flooded to water level. The salvors have made good progress discharging the dry maize from the top of each hold; yesterday they estimated about 1100 tons had been dispatched by lighter to Gibraltar, and to-day they hope to get out another 250 tons into a large lighter; 75 labourers are employed and

two gangs, passing the maize out in small baskets down a shoot into the lighter. They have wirelessed for another 100-ton lighter which will probably take the remainder of the dry maize.

Two pumps, one 10-inch steam and 9-inch motor, are being installed on a platform rigged in the No. 3 hold, when the suction will be led through the bulkhead into the engine-room by burning holes in the plates. This course is necessary owing to the depth of the engine-room, and it is hoped to have an early trial pump to test the leakage. It will be necessary to jettison the greater portion of the damaged cargo to gain sufficient buoyancy for refloating. We hope it will be possible to effect this jettison by the pumps.

The position of the vessel is exposed to the westward, and the most difficult part is the ground swell which prevents the salvage steamer lying alongside. We hope, however, a change of wind will remedy this. There seems a fair prospect of refloating the vessel given moderate conditions.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 23.—Steamer Ioannis: Jettison of cargo continues with shore gangs and pump working from Nos. 3 and 4 holds. One pump fitted cross-bunker, fitting another No. 2 hold. Necessary jettison greater portion of cargo to get pump suction low enough in all holds for controlling leakage before can attempt refloat.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 25.—Steamer Ioannis: Jettison of cargo continues chiefly by pumps working from all holds.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 26.—Steamer Ioannis: Visited vessel Saturday (Nov. 24) view selling cargo at present being jettisoned, find sale impracticable. Maize being pumped out. Cargo landed Tangier was picked up by natives from sea after jettison.—Salvage Association's Cargo Surveyor.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 28.—Steamer Ioannis: Jettison of cargo continues, pumping from all holds. Diver working under water to-day stopping leakage; his operations are difficult owing to swell and currents and may occupy a few days, in the meantime ground tackle set taut for refloating earliest possible.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 29.—Steamer Ioannis: Salvage steamer Hermes alongside to-day dredging maize from vicinity of No. 3 damage to facilitate plugging. Diver reports opening about two feet under bilge, presumably rock through tank. Jettison continues.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Nov. 30.—Steamer Ioannis failed to refloat to-day. Three pumps failed to control No. 3 hold. Further jettison of cargo necessary.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 3.—Steamer Ioannis: Pumps control all compartments except No. 3, this necessitates further jettison cargo gain sufficient buoyancy. Failure ship's boiler feed pump interrupted operations to-day. Hermes returned Gibraltar refuel, returning to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—London, Dec. 5.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Dec. 5: Salvage vessel Rescue arrived from Lisbon assisting Ioannis.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 5.—Steamer Ioannis: Boiler feed pump still unsatisfactory, operations delayed in consequence. Trying procure Worthington as supplementary pump from Gibraltar. Wind easterly, condition vessel unchanged.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 6.—Steamer Ioannis: Rescue arrived yesterday. Bunkered, proceeded Ioannis.—Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 7.—Steamer Ioannis: Boiler feed pump still unsatisfactory. As we depend on steam for pumps and jettison operations necessarily delayed.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 8.—Steamer Ioannis: Attempt refloat to-day with Hermes and Rescue towing resulted in hauling stern five points seaward. Expect make further trial to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—London, Dec. 10.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Dec. 10: Steamer Ioannis: Hermes radios attempted refloat last night; strong tide and wind broadside caused vessel swing take ground again port side to shore necessitating slipping tow rope, which is lost. Do not know whether vessel sustained further damage in consequence as all holds allowed fill steadiness except engine-room where steam retained. Resuming operations when weather moderates.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 10.—Steamer Ioannis: Attempt refloat last night Hermes towing. Vessel's stern had previously been hauled seaward. Westerly wind with strong current on broadside turned vessel round where she grounded port side to shore. Tow rope had to be slipped. Not known if further damage to vessel in consequence as all holds allowed fill for steadiness except engine-room where steam retained. Further operations delayed until weather moderates.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 11.—Steamer Ioannis: Strong westerly wind continues with heavy swell breaking over vessel. Compelled flood engine-room. Returning Gibraltar with workers until weather moderates.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—London, Dec. 12.—The following cable has been received from Gibraltar, dated Dec. 11: Steamer Ioannis: Hermes radios strong westerly wind, heavy seas breaking over vessel compelled flood engine-room, returning Gibraltar.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 15.—Steamer Ioannis: Weather moderating (salvage steamer) Hermes proceeding Cires Point.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 16.—Steamer Ioannis: With moderate weather operations resumed. Engine-room pumped dry; now raising steam on main boiler, hope possible to make an early trial to refloat. Salvage vessels Rescue and Hermes are operating.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 18.—Steamer Ioannis: Attempt to refloat yesterday and to-day unsuccessful. Pumps Nos. 1 and 2 holds failed to control leakage below ten feet owing to suction being choked frequently. Arranging further pumping power those compartments before make further trials.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 20.—Steamer Ioannis: Further attempt refloat this morning unsuccessful. Failed control leakage forward hold, chief difficulty keep pumps working owing to suction getting choked and gas from cargo. Suggest assistance of another steamer with more pumping plant.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 21.—Steamer Ioannis: Position improved this morning. Vessel heading seaward. Operations proceeding.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 22.—Steamer Ioannis refloated.—Salvage Association.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 23.—Greek steamer Ioannis arrived to-day in tow of salvage steamers Hermes and Rescue.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 23.—Steamer Ioannis refloated yesterday, successfully towed Gibraltar overnight, now anchored in bay shallow water, pumps controlling leakage. Meantime divers will commence tightening under water. Roughly estimate about 2000 tons wet maize remains in holds.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**IOANNIS.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 28.—Steamer Ioannis: Discharge commenced this morning Nos. 1 and 2 holds and cross bunker.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.



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