
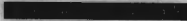



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"Faustus" wrecked, near Hook of Holland 110 metres.

The first November storms over Holland have taken their toll of the navigation. Before Hook of Holland, the Panamese freighter "Faustus" built in 1943, 63479 tons, ran ashore. The position of the ship became very dangerous so that the Greek captain asked for the life-boat to take his crew off the ship. In the afternoon this life-boat left Hook of Holland harbour and one of our cameramen joined the boat's crew to try to obtain close shots of the rescue.

In a rather rough sea the life-boat "President Jan Lels" went to the Panamese ship. After an half hour's journey the life-boat reached the ship, which was making a very heavy list and which was battered by the high waves of the North Sea. The life-boat managed in manoeuvring to the side of the ship, which was turned to the shore and by doing so, came in rather calm waters. Within 12 minutes all 25 of the crew were taken from board and the life-boat went back to harbour through high seas again. The ship was left as a prey for the sea. Captain George Palaikrasas sadly looked back to his lost ship.



In entering the harbour, there was a great interest of the public who saw all the men after a 24 hours' nightmare come safely ashore. In the next day the high sea took up the heavy loaden ship (it had coal on board), and pushed it to the Northern harbour-pier and here the impossible came possible.

The "Faustus" was at night thrown over and through the basalt-dike into the mouth of the harbour, where it sank, thus becoming a terribly dangerous obstacle for other ships, which were forbidden to enter or leave the harbour. This meant very heavy damage to Rotterdam, because no ship could reach this important harbour.

The next morning the great damage to the dike could be clearly seen. One of our cameramen flew over the spot and made aerial pictures of it. In open sea before Hook of Holland, various types of ships waited. Amongst them the Holland-America Passenger liner "Maasdam". Another Holland-America liner the "New Amsterdam", biggest of the Dutch merchant marine, and whose home-harbour is Rotterdam, was directed to Amsterdam, where it entered for the first time in its existence, being the biggest ship that ever entered Amsterdam harbour.

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Another 24 hours later the Faustus' wreck was located and harbour authorities gave permission to all lighter ships to enter and to leave the harbour through a small passage between the Faustus and the Northern dike.

The heavy ships, such as oil-tankers and passenger-liners however are not allowed to do so.

Hundreds of people came to Hook of Holland to see these first ships coming in, in a long line or leaving in a long line.

In the next few days ~~the~~ salvage-steamers of the British Navy will arrive in Hook of Holland to assist the Dutch Navy in clearing the harbour.

In the meantime however Rotterdam is losing lots of money.

ATTENTION PLEASE:

We joined to our coverage a card, giving an impression of what happened with the Faustus when it was thrown over the dike and in the same time giving a situation of the Hook of Holland harbour, the important entry of Rotterdam.

The piece of white film may be the place for this card.

Story sent 3 days ahead of release.