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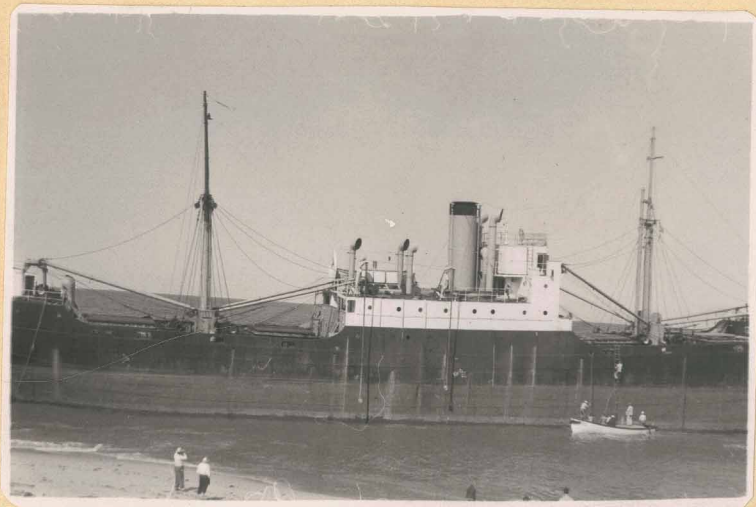
To Fellows And Friends

Thursday afternoon in Provincetown

As predicted and expected, another perfect and gorgeous day with the Race Point Coast Guard Station reporting a temperature of 61 and a night north, northwest breeze of between 10 and 12 miles. Each morning a startling sunrise brings life to the sleeping scene; each evening the setting sun draws yellow, gold and orange satins over its place of slumbering and the whole western skies burn in dull fire long after dusk. Yes, these are the perfect days.

They are ideal, too, for the salvage effort, now underway with the arrival of the Boston ocean-going tug yesterday, of the Panamanian registered Greek freighter, Evgenia, high up on the shore at Peaked Hill. On its arrival the tug began making soundings for the best course to pursue and today its crew has been laying heavy ground tackle with a 2-inch wire cable from tug to ship and a cable from the ship to an anchor lying in deep water. Water has been pumped in the stern compartment to bring that end of the vessel down and prevent her from going further ashore should the seas and wind pick up. The boilers have been fired, steam is kept up and a practice pull may be made on high tide around midnight tonight but the skipper of the tug would rather do his serious pulling in the daylight hours and unless unusual success is met with tonight, the real attempt will be made at high tide early to morrow afternoon. Just before the pulling begins the bow compartment will be filled with water to bring the bow down. Then as the tug starts its strain the engines of the ship will start to haul on the cable to the anchor.

The veteran salvage firm of Merritt, Chapman and Scott of New York is in charge of the salvage work and the operators of beach buggies are hoping it will take a couple of weeks to get the Evgenia off. Starting early in the morning and running 'til late at night they have been transporting just about everyone in town to the scene. The round-trip fare is good for a stop-over. Manager John C. Van Arsdale of the airport is also doing a brisk business with sightseers.



The "Curb's" Launch alongside.



The Arrival of Merritt, Scott & Chapman's Tugboat the "Curb" - Sept. 12, 1953

PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

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Hope Seen Now For Saving Grounded Freighter



Photo by Arthur C. Patrick, Jr.

Freighter Evgenia, wallows, helpless in the boiling, storm lashed surf off Peaked Hill after being driven ashore, without cargo, Monday morning. Coast Guardsman in foreground is readying a breeches buoy line which was used to bring ashore 17 of the 25-man-crew. An ocean going tug arrived early yesterday afternoon to begin salvage operations.