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## Doomed Greek Freighter Sails Again, Tug Frees Ship For Tow To Boston

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Amazement, admiration and relief mingled as Cape End folks and their visitors watched the appearance around Long Point Saturday afternoon of the Greek freighter, Panama registered, Evgenia, the ship that was doomed, that would never be moved from Peaked Hill bars where she struck early on Monday of last week, and from which she was removed shortly after noon Saturday by the Merritt, Chapman and Scott tug Curb.

The Curb which looked so small beside the comparatively small freighter, nevertheless had that air of cocksure determination, common to tugs, and wasn't taking any nonsense from the big hulk she had pulled practically from dry land, but it was obvious that the task of making the Evgenia with damaged rudder and propeller behave was not an easy one. Finally the Curb got her tow on a good anchorage off the North Truro shore, about a mile south of Long Point, and the freighter lay astern the tug all night. Next day, on Sunday before noon, the Curb stirred her unwilling charge into action and headed toward Boston. It was announced that the ship was to be taken to drydock at New York City but brisk winds may have been the factor which altered plans.

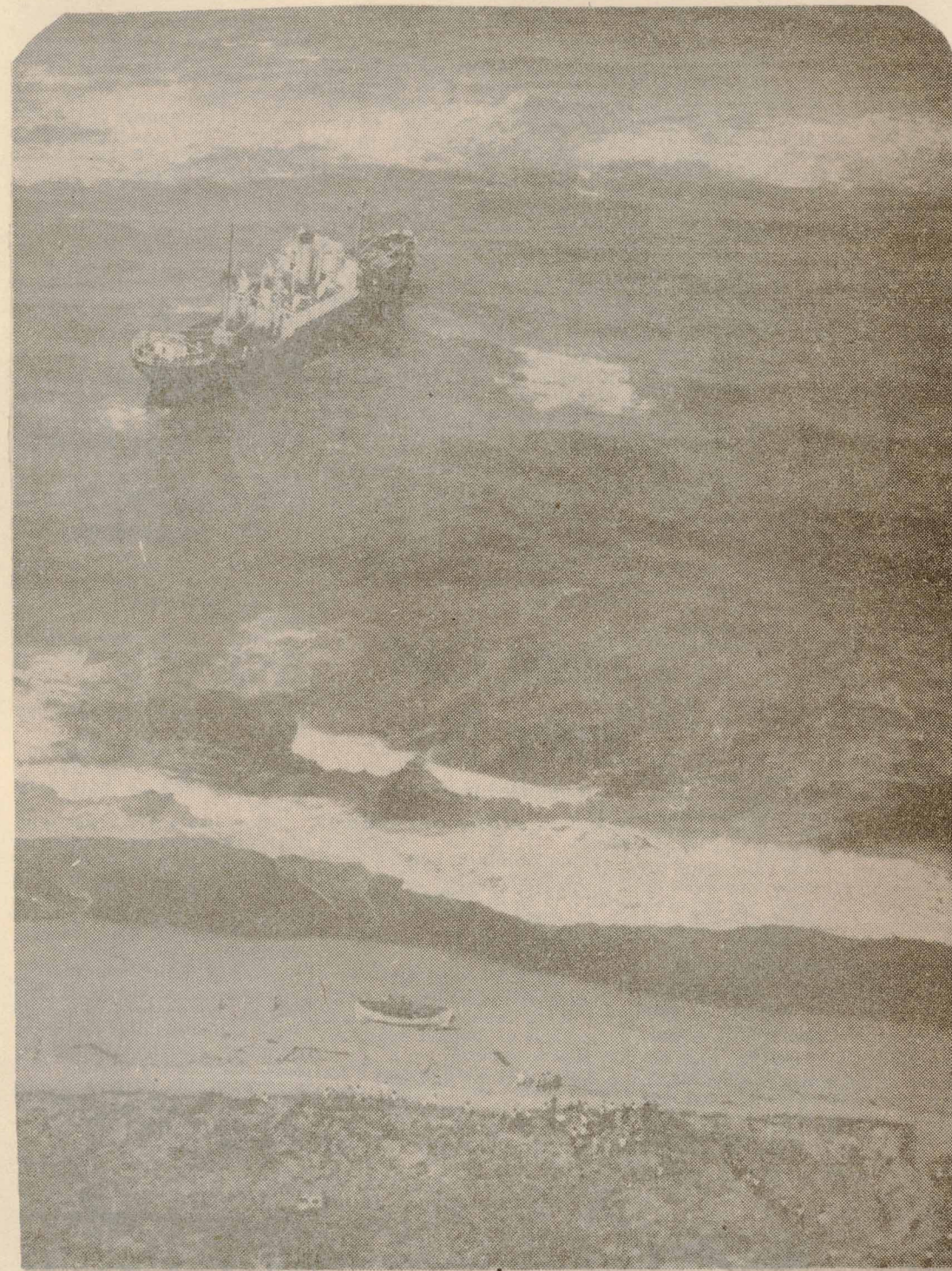
On Tuesday the Curb scurried back to the scene of her triumph to pick up her buoys, anchors, cables and other gear used in hauling the Evgenia into deep and safe waters.

The stranded freighter which lured many hundreds of sightseers to Peaked Hill during the five days she was grounded and became the cause of rich pay-dirt for beach-buggy operators, made her first move toward the open seas on Saturday. With cables straining to the Curb and to a heavy anchor out beyond the bar, the Evgenia was broken from her sandy berth and moved about a quarter of a mile on the high tide. Four additional salvage experts were flown to the Provincetown Airport and later put aboard the Curb. As many returned members of the Evgenia's crew rejoined the seven who refused to leave the ship, helped aboard by the Coast Guard. On Friday Dr. Daniel H. Hiebert, medical immigration officer and Cape End U. S. Public Health Service



physician, was put aboard to check up on the health of the men on the Evgenia.

On Saturday, at full tide, wind-whipped seas gave the Curb a helping hand. She waited for a heavy swell, pulled when it lifted the cargoless freighter, and the Evgenia was free.



OFF SHE GOES !!