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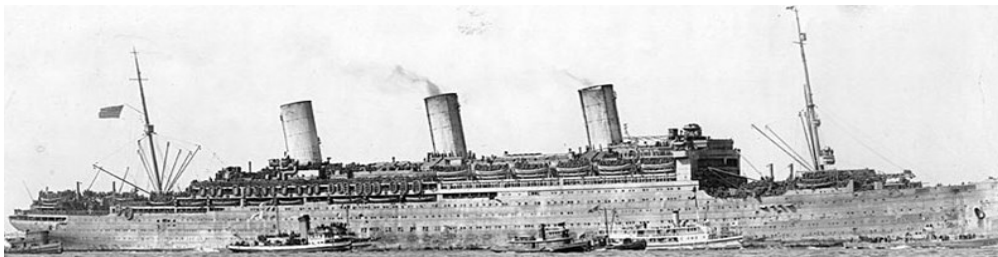
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100 Years Later - Recalling How an Ocean Liner, the SS Leviathan, Badly Damaged PVSC Outfall Pipes

Newark, NJ – PVSC was the subject of worldwide news in 1923 when the SS Leviathan, a luxury transatlantic Ocean Liner, slammed into PVSC's two outfall pipes in New York Harbor near Robbins Reef Lighthouse, less than a mile from shore.



Today marks the 100th anniversary of this serious accident.

Shortly after the crash, divers discovered that the 60,000-ton liner had badly ruptured two, 97-foot pipes, which lie four feet below the bottom of the harbor. These pipes lead to PVSC's nearby effluent dispersion field.

The repairs ultimately cost the Commission more than \$110,000. Factoring in inflation, that amounts to roughly \$1.9 million in 2023.

LINER'S GROUNDING DAMAGED SEWERS, 22 CITIES CHARGE

Leviathan's Mishap May
Bring About Actions For
Alleged Damages.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 27.—When the steamship Leviathan stranded off Robbins Reef in New York harbor last Friday she also jeopardized the outlets to the \$20,000,000 sewage system which serves Newark and twenty-one other municipalities that the Passaic sewage commission today notified the shipping board to prepare to receive claims for damages, if preliminary reports of engineers are corroborated by deep sea divers.

The Leviathan is alleged to have plowed through the soft mud where the outfall lines of the sewage system, being completed after twenty years' work, lie only four feet beneath the surface.

Some engineers predicted that the damage would amount to \$250,000.



Federal Government. Appeals reached the White House twice. Presidents Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt both determined that the Commission was not entitled to recover the sum by suit in admiralty.

PVSC was repeatedly rebuffed in attempts to secure payment for the damages from the