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S.S. "EIGEN HULP VII" now "ORUEBORG"

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This vessel was recently built at Rotterdam by Messrs. Wilton's Engineering and Slipway Company for themselves but on completion has been sold to Danish Owners (Dampskibsselskabet Dannebrog" C.K.Hansen, Manager Copenhagen).

The Rotterdam Surveyors in their First Entry Report state that -

"In consequence of the shortage of material when the vessel was laid down the intercostal girders in double bottom and the brackets on the intermediate frames have been cut out of material previously used, while the frames and reversed frames to floors and the intermediate frames and reversed frames in double bottom as well as top and bottom angles to side girders and vertical angles to floors have been made of sections that had been previously used in building construction.

All material has been tested as required and some rivet holes in plates and angles have been carefully closed up by electric welding. The material has been annealed, tested and found to comply with the Society's Rules, it is all in excess of the required scantlings, and a sketch shewing the various thicknesses is enclosed with the report".

In reply to an inquiry, the Surveyors state that -

"the angles referred to in my report have been taken principally from the slipway at Wilton's Yard now demolished and for a smaller part from the steel shed construction of a disused shed on the same yard. The material from the slipway and the shed has been in use for about 12 years but has been kept in good condition.



The material for the brackets has been taken from different shearings left over from old and new plates".

It is submitted that the use of the secondhand steel material, which has been found to comply with the Society's tests for new material, might be approved in this case, subject to the consent of the Owners having been obtained.

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