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"ESSO LONDON"

IT IS SUBMITTED the NEWCASTLE Surveyors be informed in reply to their letter of 10th instant that the safety valves of the "Consolidated" type described by them are of a type and size that have been approved for this size of boiler; and as the accumulation test has proved ^{satisfactory,} they can be accepted.

The photostat copy of a First Entry report on boilers of this type was forwarded simply for guidance in the hope that the scantlings might apply also to the present case. It is known that there are variations in many of these vessels and it has not been possible to obtain plans appertaining to each set of boilers.

It is noted that the Classification Survey will be completed during the present year.

For their further information, it might be added that it has been found that in some of the T2 Tankers the boiler water gauges are of an undesirable type in that they are fitted with valves, top and bottom, and that these valves are solid with their spindles and can blow out if the gland nut should slack back. Again, operation of these valves is sometimes by means of a long chain attached to a crossbar on the spindle, and this spindle requires more than a complete turn from "OPEN" to "SHUT" position, which means ~~in effect~~ that full operation from a distance is almost impossible.

Suitable modifications should be made if practicable during the Survey, otherwise the class should be made subject to this being done.

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