



Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

3, Steinhoeft,

Hamburg, 15th June, 1925.

LLOYD'S REGISTER
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LONDON

Dear Mr. Scott,

I duly received your letters of the 10th and 11th instant with reference to the delays which have arisen and the mistakes which have occurred in connection with the First Entry Reports on the motor vessel "TOPEKA" and the steamer "STAD VLAARDINGEN".

Both vessels were under the survey of Mr. Priess and in explanation of the delay in forwarding reports I have to state that there has been during the past two months an exceptional amount of work in Mr. Priess' district due to a strike which took place in ^{Denmark} ~~Holland~~ diverting a number of ships to Kiel for damage repairs and the carrying out of classification surveys.

In Hamburg Mr. Priess has also put a number of vessels through survey during the same period and as in many cases the surveys were of an extensive nature demanding a considerable amount of

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attention Mr. Pries has not been able to obtain the time
~~into~~^{the} Office necessary to complete the writing out of the
First Entry Reports.

It is unnecessary to point out that the work
at this Port is exceptionally heavy at the present time as this
is known to you through the reports, returns and correspondence.

The failure to keep the reports up to date and
the slips which have been made are due to the great pressure
of work and not to any lack of attention to duty on the part of
individual Surveyors or of the staff as a whole.

I have, however, spoken to all Members of the
staff here and explained the necessity to have reports kept up
to date.

There are at present no outstanding First Entry
Reports.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

A. Chisholm

A. Scott Esq.,

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