

# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

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Hamburg, 8th May, 1925.

Dear Mr. Scott,

I desire to inform you that the s.s. "STAD VLAARDINGEN" (Messrs. Flensburger Schiffsbau Gesellschaft's No 391) has been placed in dry-dock at Rotterdam and is to undergo damage repairs.

Sufficient damage has been found to fully justify the recommendation that the vessel be placed in dry-dock which was made by this Office and contested by the Owners.

Director Bauer of the Flensburger Schiffsbau Gesellschaft has received an urgent call to proceed at once to Rotterdam to see the ship in dock and to discuss and arrange ~~regarding~~ the damage repairs. It is understood that the amount involved in the repairs will be claimed from the German Insurance Company which carried the insurance prior to launch.

It is also stated that the placing of the vessel in dry-dock has been insisted upon by the Insurance Company with which the Owners desire to effect insurance for the vessel's maiden voyage to South America.

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These facts are interesting and have, I think, a significant bearing on the question which has been raised by the attitude of these Owners in connection with the docking of their ship.

Although in the official cablegram sent on the 1st instant regarding the case it is stated that the Society is not concerned with whether the risk is Builders' or Owners' but simply with the efficiency of the vessel it appears that the Underwriters have considered it prudent to insist on an examination in dry-dock before negotiating a policy on the ship although vessel is fully classed.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

A. Chisholm.

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