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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

4th May, 1925.

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with your letters of the 1st and 2nd instant, respectively, regarding the case of the s.s. "STAD VLAARDINGEN", and confirm my telegram to you today as follows:-

"Stadvlaardingen have wired owners as follows we find that Hamburg Surveyors recommended dry docking as a precautionary measure rendered desirable by local conditions and in accordance with long established practice."

I have received a further telegram from the owners, which has crossed mine to them and which reads as follows:-

"Stad Vlaardingen arrived today awaiting with loading on explication why docking prescribed cannot understand why docking when nothing has occurred and when something has occurred why Lloyds Surveyor does not mention it to us because now unnecessary costs by waiting."

but await a reply from the owners to my telegram of this morning.

In the meantime I have to request that you will kindly let me know by telegram whether the custom of dry docking after launch is observed in all German yards, or only in the case of vessels built in Baltic waters or on shallow rivers.

.Chisholm, Esq.,

HAMBURG.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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