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SHANGHAI.

The Committee have today had before them your reports on the undermentioned vessels, and have noted the various particulars.

I shall be glad, however, if you will endeavour in due course to furnish replies to the following queries, viz:-

4273 "PING WO" So far no particulars appear to have been received in regard to the ~~originality~~ and testing of the chain cables, particulars of stream wire, tow line, hawsers and warps, cargo battens, scantlings of fore and after peak tank bulkheads. It is concluded the requirements of Section 20A of the Rules have been complied with respecting the carriage of cargo oil in the deep tanks, but perhaps you will confirm this, and when furnishing the necessary particulars regarding the above mentioned parts, perhaps you will state whether cargo battens are, or are not, fitted. As regards your report on the main boilers it is noted the figure of 8.295 sq. in. has been given as the area of the two safety valves. Since, however, this area is equivalent to one valve of $3\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter and as the Rule requirement is



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