

S.S. "MANUEL RIONDA", No. 89403 in Suppl.

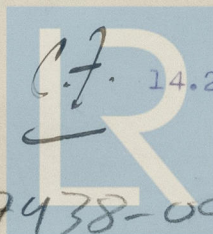
This vessel was submitted by the Builders for classification as a "Self-propelled Barge".

She is of extreme proportions, being 15 depths to length to the upper deck. There is, however, a broad expansion trunk extending from forecastle to poop, and the proportions to the top of the trunk are 11.66. There is a forecastle and also a poop fitted, but from the plans there would appear to be no bulwarks.

It is considered there is no necessity that this vessel should be classed "Self-propelled Barge", except that she was submitted by the Builders with a view to that classification, and it is probable that had she not been so submitted, the notation might not have been added.

As, however, the plans of the ship were dealt with in the New York Office and the vessel classed by the American Committee, it is submitted the question might be referred to the New York Office.

At the same time consideration should be given as to whether such information could be furnished to an Insurance Company without the consent of the actual Owners, except that the point raised is a matter of general interest.



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