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## Steamer "AUGSBURG"

This vessel was owned by the Norddeutscher Lloyd, and has been laid up at Dairen since the outbreak of the War.

Negotiations were in progress for the sale of the vessel to Dutch Owners before hostilities and on the 12th April last the Rotterdam Surveyors asked that instructions should be given to the Surveyors there to enable them to issue a Dutch Provisional Certificate, as it was the new Owners' intention to bring the vessel to Rotterdam for official registry.

The matter was at that time referred to the Trading with the Enemy Department of the Government, who agreed that the Dairen Surveyor might be authorised to carry out such inspection, but asked that the circumstances should be reported to the Admiralty.

On the Reprint of the Register Book it was agreed that particulars of German Flag and Ownership should be deleted but the Class was retained, with Ownership and Port of Registry blank, as the Admiralty stated on the 2nd May that the transfer of the vessel from the German to the Dutch Flag had been recognized by H.M. Government.

On the 2nd May the Dairen Surveyor wrote that he had discussed the case with Mr. Winning, Lloyd's Agent at Dairen, who was also acting Dutch Consul, who had informed him it was inadvisable he should attend on board until

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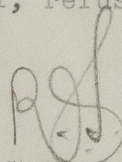


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the ship was officially transferred to Dutch Registry.

In a letter, dated 3rd ultimo, the Surveyor now states that no action has been taken and that he has now been definitely informed by Mr. Winning that the Agents, on instructions from the German Consul, refused to hand over the vessel.



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