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Sent to Chief Surveyors _____

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VESSEL'S NAME Steel Sc. "EDERA" Report Gen. No. 10181**For the CHIEF SHIP SURVEYOR and CHIEF ENGINEER SURVEYOR.**

(In cases which have to be submitted to the Classing Committee "the endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/02.)

Nature of Survey _____ When due _____

The 2nd S.S. No. 3 became due 6,27 and a proposal to carry out the same within the year of grace was agreed to.

The Boiler Survey, due 9,27, has been partly held and to complete the same the survey of the donkey boiler requires to be carried out. A limit on the main boilers expired at the end of last month and the H.P. cylinder bottom requires to be examined at the special survey.

The Rotterdam Surveyors stated on the 23rd ultimo that the steamer had left that port for Ancona without having come under survey and on the 28th June the Owner was asked to make definite arrangements for the Boiler Survey to be completed and repairs to the main boilers effected on her arrival at Ancona and for the 2nd S.S. No. 3 to be held without further delay.

The Owner now writes as follows :-

We beg to reply to your favour of the 28th June, with some delay because until now we were not in a position to give you a definite answer in regard to this steamer.

In view of the most serious crisis the navy is passing through we are very sorry to inform you that we have, reluctantly, taken the resolution of abandoning your class unless we find means of meeting you as it is our earnest wish.

The steamer is at present undergoing a survey of the deck and outside plating on behalf of the R.I. and measurements will be taken of all the plates that eventually may be condemned in order to prepare all the necessary material and on the return of the steamer from her present voyage the alterations will be made without

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any further delay. The voyage the steamer is going to perform is the following :- "Ancona-Almeria-Rotterdam with ore and back to Ancona with coals for account of the State Railways". As you can see we are alive to the necessity of keeping the vital parts of the ship in its perfect efficiency. On the other hand, however, owing to the economical state which looks very grave we cannot submit to a rigorous survey No. 3 of which we have already the unfortunate example. Already many steamers are laid up in Italy and others will suffer the same fate if things go on in this way.

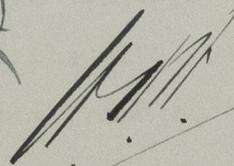
If you could offer us some formula that would conciliate our interests with the regulations of your institution we should be delighted to maintain also your class and your surveyor at Ancona might see and even inspect what the R.I. surveyor has done in order to satisfy himself that both the deck and the outside plating are in perfect condition and we will even accept a general inspection but made out under a rather unbiassed criterium.

We feel sure that you will appreciate our frankness and in the meantime we remain, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

The year of grace expired 6,28.

The case is submitted for the consideration of the
Committee.

J.P.R.




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