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S.S. "KURMARK".

This ex-German Steamer was built in 1912 and classed with the Germanischer Lloyd. She is now the property of the India Office, and has recently been under survey at Antwerp with a view to classification with this Society.

The plans were examined in this Office, and several points were raised with the local Surveyors. A First Entry Report has been received, and the Surveyors have replied to the various points raised, the only item remaining open in regard to the structure of the vessel being the strengthening necessary to be fitted in the deep 'tweendecks in way of the bridge, and it is considered that in view of all the frames in the deep 'tween decks being scarphed at the mid height, a web should be fitted on each side in these 'tweendecks, namely at or about frames 83, 112 and 125.

In forwarding their First Entry Report the Surveyors also attach therewith a letter dated 19th January, in which some items which require to be carried out are enumerated, viz:

- Wood upper deck to examine in fore and after wells;
- Forecastle deck to examine;
- Rigging, except backstays, to renew;
- Indented shell plates to be dealt with at Owners' convenience;
- Freeboard to be assigned and verified;

They also refer to the strengthening at the bridge ends, and to the web frames previously mentioned, but although they examined the ship in dry dock, and have forwarded details of all the scantlings as found in the vessel, they have not stated any opinion in regard to whether the ship is worthy to be classed provided the scantlings on examination are found satisfactory, and it is submitted that before the case receives further consideration the Antwerp Surveyors should be asked to state whether in their opinion the vessel

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is worthy to be classed, subject to the points enumerated in
their letter of the 19th January 1923 being complied with.

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