

— S. S. Bonaccord —

The evidence given by the Chief Engineer, regarding the pumps of this vessel, as reported in the Newspapers. "Asked if the pumps worked well, he said they had to cut the pipe of the main bilge pump because it was threatening to choke. The centrifugal pump did not pump steady. "Having no valve it only caught the water as the water "rolled towards the pump. The whole of the pumps otherwise worked well.

It is therefore submitted that the above evidence, shows that the main bilge pipe was cut on account of choking and justifies the remark made in the last letter relative to the choking of the pump.

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With regard to the Hull, it is submitted that in the absence of any evidence as to how the water found its way into the vessel, excepting through the stoke hole grating, no opinion can be expressed as to the cause of the leakage.

The vessel was of the well deck type, with strong bridge, raised quarter deck, poop and forecastle, and web frames in lieu of hold beams. Many vessels have been built of this type, especially at Hartlepool and Sunderland, and we have not heard of any vessel fitted with web frames instead of hold beams, showing any symptom of structural weakness through the omission of the beams, as suggested by the Owners.

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