

Copy of the report by
Messrs Duran & Barbe.

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- 1^{stly} We have examined the line of the shaft, which we have found correct.
- 2^{ndly} The part of the shaft which carries the screw cannot be called defective on account of the simple difference of the sound under the blows of the hammer with the other parts of the middle shaft.
- 3^{rdly} This difference in the sound can only proceed from the pressure of the two brass cylinders, ascribed to the shaft.

As to the existence of a flaw, or the difference of colour of the metal on the conical part which carries the screw, we have found out after having knocked off several chips from it that the difference proceeds from a want of homogeneity in the Metal which is of iron in the flawed part as in the body of the shafts. This flaw is irregular in form & about 6 or 7 sq. Centimetres.



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