

Steel S.S. "ACME"

This vessel has been built and engined by the Union Iron Works Co. of San Francisco under the special survey of the Society's Surveyors with a view to being classed 100 A1 "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk" and the notation "Fitted for Oil Fuel Flash Point above 150°F"

The vessel and her machinery are practically duplicates of the "LOS ANGELES".

On examination of the pumping arrangement which has been forwarded with the First Entry Report, it is noted that there is a connection between the cargo oil fuel tanks and the oil fuel bunkers. As the cargo oil tanks may, at any time, be carrying low flash oil fuel or spirit, any connection between the cargo oil tank and the oil fuel tanks (which are ^{only} approved for oil fuel having a flash point above 150°F) is considered highly dangerous.

There is a swing blank flange ^{on each pipe line} fitted in the aftermost cargo tank to shut off the oil fuel bunker and cofferdam.

It is considered that merely fitting a blank flanges in these pipe lines is not sufficient and that in lieu of this the cargo oil pipe lines should be permanently blank flanged at the after end of No. 9 cargo tanks and the next ~~length~~ of pipes abaft same should be removed, so as to prevent any possibility of the cargo oil flowing into the oil fuel bunker by accident or neglect.

It is further submitted that the San Francisco Surveyors be advised accordingly and that action in regard to the vessel's class be deferred until this alteration has been carried out.

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