

S.S. "HARPORT".

A telegram was received yesterday from Messrs. Smith's Dock Co. stating that the covers of the after hatch in tween decks had been caulked ^{+ made} gastight, the forward hatch where in way of crew space being of steel. The plans of this vessel are at present in Middlesbrough and not available for reference and it was concluded that the hatchways referred to were in way of oilspaces, and the writers were informed by wire that the hatchway covers should be of steel and constructed to the Surveyor's satisfaction.

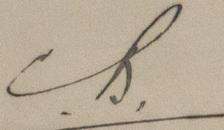
A telegram has been received from Messrs. Smith's Dock Co. stating that the hatchway referred to is not in way of the oil space but over the after hold on the upper deck with a hatchway immediately over the same on the shelter deck.

They state that efficient ventilators with steam ejectors are fitted to this hold, these ventilators extending from bottom of holdspace to above the wood hatch covers, the space being additionally ventilated by two 10" ventilators.

It is submitted the writer be informed by wire as requested that in view of their explanatory telegram of today's date the proposed arrangement of wood hatch covers caulked gas tight could be approved.

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