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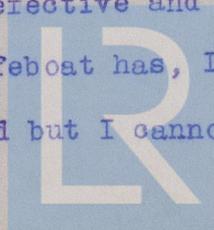
Antwerp, 11th December 1926.

Communications to be addressed to
THE SURVEYORS.

Dear Mr. Mayne,

My official report of the S/S "HOUTHANDEL" has gone forward today. When the vessel was due to arrive here the Superintendent called and we arranged to do a considerable amount of the survey, however, when she arrived he called again and said the cargo was waiting for her and they had commenced loading. I agreed to go on board and do what I could in connexion with the survey. I went on board on Thursday last & made certain recommendations. It was arranged that the repairs recommended would be carried out and I made an appointment for this morning. This morning the Superintendent telephoned to say that 500 tons of cargo had not arrived and that the vessel had sailed for Kobe last night.

I do not consider the vessel is now in a seaworthy condition. The port lifeboat is in bad condition. The fidley top is holed and my foot went through it when I stood on it. All the glasses in the Engine Room skylight are more or less broken. Several hatch covers were defective and the hatch webs require repairing. The starboard lifeboat has, I am told by the Superintendent, been renewed but I cannot put any trust in



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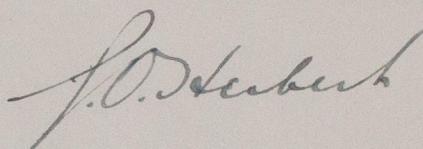
his statement.

I am told the vessel has been sold to a Japanese firm and is to be taken over on arrival at Japan. There is no undertaking on behalf of the present owners to complete the survey, therefore, their letter sent to you on the 23rd ultimo is misleading.

To my mind this whole business is most unsatisfactory. I have thought it advisable to let you know the facts of the case.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,



F. A. Mayne Esq.,

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