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Dear Sirs,

I have to acquaint you that a letter has been received from Messrs. F.C. Strick & Co., of this City, stating that they have acquired the S.S. "WEST CARUTH", No. 76998 in R.B., and propose to have the vessel classed with this Society.

The "WEST CARUTH", which was built in 1919 at San Pedro, Cal., and obtained with the American Bureau, is of the same dimensions as one of the types of American Standard Vessels, but several reductions have been made in the scantlings as compared with those approved by this Society for the same type.

Mr. Walker, of the Owners' Firm, called at this Office and handed in plans of midship section, shell expansion, bulkhead and tank top, and stated that whilst he believes the plans are in agreement with the ship as constructed, he will be greatly obliged if the scantlings and arrangements shown thereon could be verified from the vessel, as it is possible that strengthening additional to that indicated on the plans has been provided.

As it is understood that the ship is now at your port, the plans are being forwarded to your address under separate cover, and I shall be glad if you will arrange to verify from the vessel the scantlings and arrangements indicated thereon.

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From an examination of the plans it would appear necessary, if no additional strengthening beyond that indicated is fitted in the vessel, to double the upper deck stringer plate or alternatively the strake below the sheerstrake from within the bridge to the half length position at each end, and it is therefore desirable that a report upon the verification of the scantlings of the topsides and upper deck in the wells within the half length be forwarded at the earliest possible moment.

I may add that an alternative proposal has been discussed to submit the ship for the class 100A "With Freeboard", but before making a decision the Owners desire to have the scantlings verified as stated above.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Assistant to the Secretary.

The Surveyors,

ROTTERDAM.



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