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s.s. "FRANCESCA".

I have this morning interviewed the Owners' representative regarding the main boiler of this vessel.

They state that some welding repairs have been effected here to the front end plate and centre combustion chamber back and that the boiler is now under steam.

They are willing to prepare the furnaces and combustion chambers for survey, but state that they will be in serious difficulty if the boiler has to be emptied of water for the purpose of survey.

They further state that on arrival at Savona the present main boiler will be replaced by a second hand boiler which they have in readiness.

The repairs carried out here were not effected under the inspection of the Society's Surveyors.

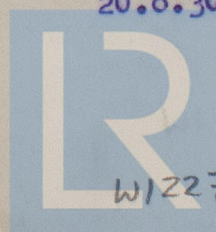
IT IS SUBMITTED the Antwerp Surveyors be requested by cable to state in view of the survey held by them whether for a voyage from London to Savona, the condition of the main boiler can be ascertained without emptying the boiler of water.

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