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S.S. "VALHALL" (ex "Cambrian Duchess").

Previously Owned by R.J. Thomas & Co. Ltd.

Boiler Survey due 6,30.

2nd Special Survey No.2 due 6,31.

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In February 1931 the Receiver and Manager for Messrs. R.J. Thomas & Co. Ltd. gave an undertaking that the Boiler Survey and all outstanding repairs would be carried out before this vessel proceeded to sea.

In October 1931 the Newcastle Surveyors stated that they understood the vessel had been sold to Mr. V. Skogland, who proposed to transfer her classification to Det Norske Veritas.

On the 15th October 1931 the Bergen Surveyor stated he had been informed by Mr. Skogland that the vessel had been classed with Det Norske Veritas, but that he intended to maintain her class with Lloyd's Register.

On the 22nd December 1931 the Newcastle Surveyors telegraphed that the vessel was expected to leave their port that day and that the Owner's Agents had no information regarding surveys. In the circumstances the Bergen Surveyor was requested to inform the Owner that the Boiler Survey must be held and a General Examination carried out before the vessel left the Newcastle district.

On the 22nd December 1931 the Newcastle Surveyors forwarded a letter from the local Agents to the effect that the Owner had decided to keep the steamer in Det Norske Veritas only.

On the 23rd December 1931 the Owner was informed that instructions had been given for the class to be expunged with a Red Line.

On the 30th December 1931 the Owner wrote that his Newcastle Agents were mistaken in saying that he did not wish to continue Lloyd's Register class, and he intimated that he desired a General Examination held at Havre, but to defer the Boiler Survey.

On the 5th January 1932 Owner was informed that as it was understood the vessel had 4,000 tons of cargo on board it would

not be possible to hold a General Examination, and further that as he apparently did not intend holding the Boiler Survey the Committee regretted that the vessel's class could not be re-instated.

In connexion with the above case it may be remarked that in a letter dated the 15th instant the Bergen Surveyor stated that the steamer "LYNGHAUG" had been purchased by Messrs. Johan Hvide's Rederi, of Bergen, and was being classed with Det Norske Veritas. The Surveyor added that the Owners had informed him that they had taken up a loan from Redernes Kreditforening Kristiansand, whose condition for granting a loan was that the vessel should be classed by Det Norske Veritas.

The Surveyor stated that so far as he understands the steamer "VALHALL" has also been classed by Det Norske Veritas because of this condition.

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