

UNCLASSIFIED  
EX No. 98 (Bottom)

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Steel Screw Steamer "VALHALL", ex "Cambrian Duchess"; No.42761  
in Register Book. 4865 tons gross. Built 1913 - 7.

Port: (now) Haugesund.

Late Owners: W. Thomas Shipping Co. Ltd. (Mgrs. R.J.Thomas  
& Co. Ld., Holyhead).

Present Owner: V. Skogland, of Haugesund.

Classed:            L100A1 1,29            LMC.MS.8,27  
                          S.S.No.3-6,23            BS.6,29  
                          S.S.No.1-28            TS.10,28 (CL)

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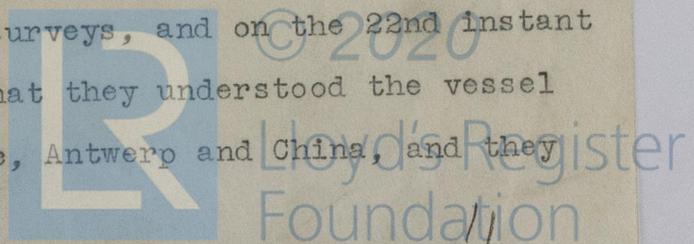
The Boiler Survey of this vessel became due in June, 1930, and the 2nd Special Survey No.2 in June last.

The Classing Committee deferred action in respect of the Boiler Survey from time to time on the application of the Receiver & Manager for the late Owners, the vessel being then (July-December, 1930) under arrest by creditors at Antwerp Docks. On the 23rd December, 1930, the Classing Committee agreed to allow the vessel to leave Antwerp for the Tyne, subject to a satisfactory examination being made of the boilers under steam before she sailed.

The vessel has been laid up in the Tyne since January last, and the Receiver & Manager furnished on the 19th February an undertaking that the Boiler Survey would be carried out before she again proceeded to sea.

In October last the Society's Surveyors at Newcastle reported they had been informed that the vessel had been sold to the present Owner, Mr. V. Skogland, of Haugesund, who was then communicated with, through the Bergen Surveyor, with a view to ascertaining whether the overdue Boiler Survey and the 2nd Special Survey No.2, due June 1931, would be carried out to entitle the vessel to maintain her class with the Society.

No arrangements, however, appear to have been made for carrying out the Society's surveys, and on the 22nd instant the Newcastle Surveyors wrote that they understood the vessel was sailing that night for Havre, Antwerp and China, and they

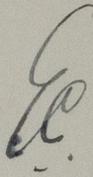


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enclosed a letter from the Owner's local Agents stating that it had been decided to keep the steamer in the Norwegian Veritas Register only.

The case was under consideration on the 23rd instant when it was decided that the vessel's class should be expunged from the Register Book with a Red Line (72.31), indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules, and the Owner was informed accordingly.



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