

"CAMBRIAN DUCHESS" now named "VALHALL".

The Boiler Survey of this vessel became due in June, 1930.

In July, 1930 in reply to an inquiry addressed to the late Owners regarding this survey a letter was received from the Receiver and Manager stating that the vessel was under arrest by creditors at Antwerp docks, and a request was made for the postponement of the Boiler Survey until it had been decided what action the Belgian Courts would take regarding the vessel.

In December, 1930 the Receiver and Manager, in reply to further inquiry stated that although the vessel was still under arrest in Antwerp he hoped to complete arrangements with the creditors so that she might be released and transferred to the Tyne for sale, and he asked that permission might be given for the Boiler Survey to be postponed until she arrived in the Tyne.

The Committee agreed to this proposal subject to the boilers being examined under steam by the Antwerp Surveyors and found satisfactory before she left the port.

The vessel duly left and has been laid up in the Tyne up to the present time.

In October last the Newcastle Surveyors reported that they had been informed that the vessel had been sold to Mr. V. Skogland of Haugesund, who, it was understood, intended to withdraw the vessel from the Society's classification and class her with the Norske Veritas.

The Society's Surveyor at Bergen was then communicated with and requested to ascertain from the Owner whether the Boiler Survey due June, 1930 and the 2nd Special Survey No.2 due June, 1931 would be carried out to entitle the vessel to maintain her classification with this Society.

The Bergen Surveyor called on Mr. Skogland at

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Haugesund on the 14th October when he informed him that this vessel was classed by the Norske Veritas but that he intended to maintain the class with this Society also.

The Owner added that he expected to go to Newcastle to make arrangements for the requisite surveys.

The Owner, however, has up to the present not called at the Newcastle Office and on the 22nd instant the following telegram was received from the Newcastle Surveyors, viz:-

"VALHALL EX CAMBRIAN DUCHESS NOW BUNKERING EXPECTED SAIL TONIGHT
"AGENTS HAVE NO INFORMATION SOCIETYS SURVEYS STATE OWNER HAD
"BEEN EXPECTED ARRIVE LAST NIGHT BUT APPARENTLY NOT YET LEFT
"NORWAY".

In reply the Newcastle Surveyors were informed that the Boiler Survey and a General Examination must be held before the vessel proceeded to sea otherwise her class would be dealt with.

A letter has been received from the Newcastle Surveyors this morning confirming their telegram and enclosing a letter from the local Agents of the Owner stating that the Master of the vessel has instructed them that the Owner has decided to keep the steamer in the Norske Veritas only.

They add that the vessel has not been submitted for survey by the Society's Surveyors and they understand she is sailing tonight for Havre, Antwerp and China.

The case is submitted for consideration.

23rd December, 1931.

General Committee,
Thursday, 31st December, 1931.

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