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EXTRACT of letter from Mr Bell, Chief Engineer,

S/S "VISIGOTH" @ ANTWERP. (9/5/06).

Mr Crockett.

Dear Sir,

I write to inform you that there is a mistake in the arrangement of the No 5 Hold bilge pipe. It is the aft Hold Well. I have been pumping for ^{two} ~~four~~ days to get it dry. When the ship was on even keel there was 2½ feet of water in the forward end of the limbers and dry aft in the Well. The ship is now 4 feet by the stern and still there is 15 inches forward at the bulkhead and dry at the stern. I think the strum box should have been at the forward end owing to the shear of the ship and as the ship will be on an even keel leaving here it is absolutely necessary to have two connections put in the forward end or else we are going to spoil the cargo of cement or else cement up the limbers from forward until there is a run of few inches aft but that is putting weight in the ship.

They are putting cargo in No 4 Hold now so we shall have to have it done as soon as possible or else we shall be stopping the work.

I have given it a fair trial to run before writing.

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