

# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

61, rue de la Bourse,

Havre 5<sup>th</sup> March. 1921

S.S. 'Avant Garde'

Jack Keene 77480 Sup

Dear Sir

Last Thursday my colleague  
Melin visited Tecamp to examine  
hinder of the above named vessel

Special request of the Owner,  
it appear that he found the H.P.  
so badly pitted as to consider

was necessary to write officially  
Secretary suggesting that a Surveyor  
from London - You have  
already seen the letter.

moments ago we have received  
phone communication from  
Slating that the H.P. bylinders  
now been opened and it is  
found to be pitted. I understand  
although bad the defects are  
such as to prevent vessel

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proceeding to sea. The real difficulty is to know what action to take in view of the burners refusing to accept the cylinder, on the one hand and our colleague having passed it ~~when~~ possibly, when in the workshop, or as may probably have happened & I believe there is some reason to think so, that a condemned casting may have been worked into the machine. I am writing you in the hope that you will kindly advise how best to act as Mr. Hume informs me that he would himself have refused to pass the cylinder.

Yours respectfully  
and with kind regards from

Lewis Davies

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