

SS. "RAYO" Phl. report No. 1943.

The Philadelphia Surveyors report that this vessel's machinery has been constructed under special survey. The screw shaft has been fitted with liners the whole length of the stern tube, but the joints of these liners instead of being burnt as recommended in the Rules have been lapped and soldered. Experience has shewn that this type of joint is never permanently satisfactory and the Philadelphia Surveyors were informed to this effect in a letter dated 28th September, which however, would not have reached them until their survey on this vessel and her machinery was completed.

It is submitted that in the circumstances this shaft might be accepted in this instance subject to its being specially examined at the end of two years, and if at that time the joints between the liners ~~are~~ found to be in any way started, the liners should be cut back to enable the shaft to be examined in way of same, and that this vessel is now eligible for the record of LMC 10-12 subject to the screw shaft being specially examined before the end of October, 1914.

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