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"VEERHAVEN"

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When the boilers of this vessel came under Survey in 12,35 it was found on removing some defective rivets from the shell buttstraps that there was some cracking of the shell plating and straps.

This is a rare condition but as the cracking is bound to be progressive it is a very serious condition.

After the removal of a portion of one of the buttstraps and a careful examination of the plating, it was considered that the vessel might make a South American voyage at considerably reduced pressure subject to a full investigation on the vessel's return to Europe.

The Antwerp Surveyors now report that the buttstraps have been removed from the upper longitudinal joint of the centre boiler and the shell plating found cracked round the rivet holes ^{chiefly} in the bottom outer row.

In consequence of this all the boilers will be renewed as repairs are not practicable.

The vessel is proceeding to Rotterdam where the new boilers will be made and fitted.

It is submitted action be deferred.

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