

"VEERHAVEN"

A letter has been received from Mr. McKinlay, Principal Surveyor for Belgium, stating that the Owners' Superintendent Engineer called on him yesterday and informed him that the Managing Director of this Shipping Company "proposes to arrange with the manufacturers of the boilers, "Messrs. Central Marine Engine Works Ltd., W. Hartlepool, "for a conference to be held at their works about the 11th "instant in order to discuss the best method of making "further investigation of the defects and of repairing or "replacing parts in connection with same on the vessel's "return from present voyage to Antwerp in March".

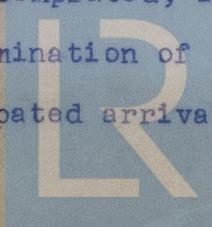
The letter also indicates that arrangements have been made for a Principal Surveyor from the Boiler Inspectorate Department of the Dutch Government to be present at this Conference.

The Managing Director expressed himself as being anxious that Mr. McKinlay should attend at this Conference if and when it should be held.

Although no definite date for such a Conference has yet been decided, Mr. McKinlay states that it is provisionally proposed that the Owners' Superintendent should attend at the London Office on the morning of the 10th instant, in company with himself, and then to proceed to Hartlepool for the Conference the following day, and he requests to know if such an arrangement can be agreed to.

IT IS SUBMITTED Mr. McKinlay might be informed that it is not seen how such a Conference can serve any useful purpose at the present time, and that it is considered that, if such a Conference is contemplated, it would be only of service after a further examination of the vessel's boilers has been made on her anticipated arrival at Antwerp in March.

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In any case, such a visit of Mr. McKinlay to West
Hartlepool should be at the direct request of the Owners of
the vessel.

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