

S.S. "VEERHAVEN"

Ant.20190

The case is dealt with in the endorsements dated the 3rd ultimo, the 14th, <sup>ind</sup> the 19th instant and the 20th instant.

It now appears that there was an error in the information contained in the Rotterdam Surveyors' letter dated the 17th instant.

In that letter it was stated that the cracks radiating from the rivet hole as shown in the sketch were in the shell plate and in view of that information the Owners were requested to put the centre boiler out of action and reduce the pressure in the other two boilers.

In a letter dated the 19th instant, however, the Antwerp Surveyors state that the cracks in question are in the buttstrap and this was confirmed by cable on the 21st instant in reply to an enquiry from this Office.

Mr. Mark, the Owners' Superintendent, called at this Office to-day and also confirmed that the cracks in question are in the buttstrap and not in the shell plate.

The case was fully discussed with Mr. Mark and it was decided that in all the circumstances the centre boiler could be continued in use but that the working pressure should be reduced to 200 lbs.

It is submitted the vessel is eligible to remain as classed subject to the working pressure being reduced to 200 lbs. and to the Boilers being examined on return from the present River Plate voyage.

The vessel is now on a voyage to the Plate and will return direct to Europe.



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It is further submitted the Antwerp and Rotterdam  
Surveyors and the Owners be informed.

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