

s.s. "VEERHAVEN".

A letter has now been received from the Principal Surveyor at Antwerp enclosing sketches of the defects in the Centre and Port Boilers.

This information is not in agreement with the information contained in Mr. Schoo's letter dated the 17th instant.

Mr. Schoo showed by a sketch that the shell plating of the centre boiler in way of a removed piece of buttstrap was seriously cracked, and on this information it was considered that there was no alternative to the action which was taken, viz: - ~~to~~ to request the Owners to have the boiler put out of use.

Mr. McKinlay has now forwarded a sketch showing precisely the same cracks, but he states that these cracks are on the under surface of the piece cut out of the buttstrap.

In view of this conflict of evidence, IT IS SUBMITTED the following cablegrams be despatched:-

(1). To Antwerp Surveyors.

"Veerhaven Sketch showing cracks on under surface of piece cut out of Buttstrap. Rotterdam Surveyors state these cracks are in shell plate. Cable your remarks."

(2). To Rotterdam Surveyors.

"Veerhaven. Your letter 17th instant sketch of cracks in shell plating. Antwerp Surveyors state these cracks are in the removed part of strap and not in shell. Cable your remarks."



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