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REPORT REGARDING THE STEAMER "DOCKLEAF".

May 3rd 1917.

1. Oil Bunkers. The Port bunkers have been leaking very considerably, so much so, that the Engineer estimates he has lost over seventy (70) tons of fuel, the leak started three days after our leaving Kirkwall. The caulking in the corners of the fuel tanks apparently is bad. It will be necessary to have this attended to on our return. The engineers have done what they could to try and stop the leaks, but all to no avail. As we shall not be able to take our full quantity of oil fuel in the port bunkers, I propose putting some in the after summer tank.

3. Steam Heating System. This is not at all satisfactory: no heat can be got in the cabins in the star-board alleyway, sailor's forecastle, Master's cabins or the chartroom: fault considered due, either to the steam pipe being too small, or else want of lagging.

4. Engine Room Telegraphs. These have repeatedly broken down: fault considered due to the right angle leads which might be obviated, (there are too many).

6. The Chief Engineer informs me the donkey boiler cannot be used for pumping out the cargo tanks, as there is no connections between the said boiler and the cargo pumps.

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