

UNDER DK. 8127  
NET 6521

Managers  
W251 - 0023

Surveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock  
WB=CellDBorDBa  
total capacity \_\_\_\_\_ tons. FPI  
N.B.—All alterations in the existing  
If the Vessel has Water Ballast Tanks  
of the tanks examined. Also state the  
girders, and of the inner bottom plating  
Last Report, No.

S.S. "LEOPOLDVILLE"

The Owners propose on the homeward voyage from the Congo to use the foremost deep oil fuel tank for the carriage of palm oil. A cofferdam is to be constructed to separate this cargo from the oil fuel in the adjacent deep tanks, and the Antwerp Surveyors forward plans shewing the proposed construction.

With a view to avoiding the cleaning of the bilges it is proposed to plate over the frame brackets in way of the foremost deep tank, and to use the new bilge compartment so formed (1) as a dry bilge, or (2) as part of the double bottom; holes being cut in the margin plate for access and drainage.

It is submitted the Surveyors be informed that the scantlings and arrangements of the proposed new cofferdam bulkhead as shewn and amended will be approved, provided they be carried out to their satisfaction.

With regard to the arrangements shewn on the sketch for the construction at the bilges in way of the foremost deep tank, the Surveyors should be informed that the proposals as shewn and amended will be approved. They should, however, be requested to direct the attention of the Owners to the necessity for making arrangements so that the under surface of the double bottom plating shall not be subjected to undue pressure when the double bottom tanks are being filled with oil fuel.

The Surveyors might be informed by wire, as requested, as follows:-

"Scantlings new cofferdam bulkhead approved excepting boundary bar on side .45 thick. Proposals for construction at bilges in way foremost deep tank approved with minor amendments but Owners' attention should be drawn to necessity for making arrangements so that under surface double bottom plating shall not be subjected to undue pressure when double bottom tanks are being filled".

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Plans  
Retained.

