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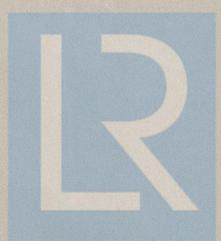
S.S. "OCEAN VANQUISHER". - (Ministry Owned)

Mr. Harvey of the Ship Repair Division of the Ministry states that this vessel is at Palermo and a preliminary survey is about to be held with a view to ascertaining the approximate cost of repairs in order to assist the decision as to whether such repairs are likely to be an economic proposition.

Mr. Harvey remarks that he understood that Mr. J.R. Smith, the Ministry's Representative, had arranged that Mr. MacFarlane the Society's Surveyor would deal with this case if and when it arose.

The question of classification at this early stage is not under consideration and Mr. Harvey requests that a copy of the cablegram now received from Naples should be sent to him with a formal request for his remarks and no further action taken in the meantime.

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