

S.S. "ARMONIA"

This vessel was built in 1891 and not classed with this Society.

Lieut. Commander Barrie, Naval Attache to the Chilian Legation, called at this office on the 14th instant and stated that a cable had been received from the Owners at Valparaiso stating that they desired to have the vessel classed with this Society and requesting to know if this could be done at Valparaiso. He was informed that the vessel would have to be submitted to all the requirements of the 2nd S.S. No. 3 at a port where an exclusive Surveyor to the Society was stationed. He was also informed that the Surveyor at Valparaiso was not an Exclusive Surveyor and that the nearest ports where Exclusive Surveyors were stationed were San Francisco and Buenos Aires.

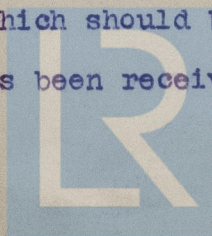
It is understood that the class is desired in order to bring a cargo of nitrate to the United Kingdom.

A letter has been received from the Chilian Legation confirming the above and asking if a Surveyor could be nominated specially to carry out the survey at Talcahuano.

It is submitted the Legation be informed that it will be necessary in the first instance for <sup>of hull & boilers</sup> plans to be submitted, if possible, showing the scantlings and arrangements as originally fitted in the vessel, in order that it may be ascertained if the same are equivalent to the requirements of this Society.

If plans are not obtainable the scantlings and distribution of material will have to be ascertained by examination and drilling, as may be necessary, from the vessel itself. <sup>and</sup> In addition the hull and machinery will have to be opened up and surveyed in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the Society's Rules, a copy of which should be forwarded.

The following telegram has been received from the Valparaiso Surveyor:-



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"ARMONIA 1471 owners purpose repairing to Society's requirements  
"can certificate seaworthiness be granted - Smith Pacific".

It is submitted that as this is an unclassed vessel  
the Surveyor should be informed that he cannot be authorised to  
issue a seaworthy certificate.

*J.M. E. L. L.*

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