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Dear Sir,

I have to confirm cablegram regarding the S.S. "Huntress" sent April 10th 1930:-

"Huntress - Deep tank frames at deck about 6 feet missing. Deck beams about 2/20*. Shell plating found cracked through rivet holes and leaking. Recommended cargo to be discharged. Vessel is to be drydocked, thoroughly examined and repairs must be carried out before vessel proceeds to sea. Temporary repairs cannot be efficiently carried out afloat. Owners agents cable. Owners agree." With reference to the above I was called in by the Master to examine leaks reported in the Deep Tank. On examination found top part of frames missing & where frames left, wasted through & buckled. Deck beams also wasted through in way of brackets, & broken. Web frames ship side thin, buckled & broken. The shell plating appears set inboard & cracked on port & starboard sides in way of rivet hole & leaking. Web frames on forward bulkhead thin & bulkhead at bottom practically wasted through. This tank does not appear to have been scaled for some time & much neglected. The vessel is now discharging cargo into godown & when completed it is intended to thoroughly scale the

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deep tank for further examination & dry dock the vessel for repairs. At the time of writing the following repairs appear necessary. 15 Frames port & starbd sides to renew. Deck beams & brackets to renew. Web frames to renew. Forward bulkhead bottom strake plating to renew. Web frames & top brackets to renew. Shell plating requires further examination. To save discharging cargo & allow vessel to continue her voyage temporary repairs where first commenced, it being intended to fit deep beam brackets, but on finding the shell plating cracked & the remaining material thin this was abandoned. It was also stated privately the forepeak was leaking & I examined same. Found required scaling, two frames wasted through but did not see the wasted shell plate as I fell down, landed on the floors skinning my leg etc & had to have same dressed & bandaged. This vessel will be given special attention & a general examination made & reported for your information. The Owners have asked for the material removed to be shipped to South Africa.

I am Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

The Secretary

London

J. W. Matthews



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