

MANILA, P. I.

February 25, 1918.

I, WILLIAM SWANN

Messrs. Pacific Mail Steamship Co., Manila, attend on board the American Steel Co. Sr. "CACIQUE" 6202 tons Gross Reg. while lying afloat in Manila Harbour on 24th. & 25th. February 1918, for the purpose of surveying the condition of the Deep Tank with a view to loading a cargo of Cocos-nut Oil in bulk therein.

I found that the tank (which is in two compartments separated by a longitudinal bulkhead) had been properly cleaned, steamed and rubbed down with Copra Meal, thus removing all trace of the fuel oil with which it had previously been filled. All bitumastic cement on ships sides in tank was removed by chipping and scraping.

The ballast tank top forming the floor of the Deep Tank was tested by filling the ballast tank with fuel oil, up to a head of about twelve feet, and slight leaks were found therein, which were caulked and made tight. All oil filling and suction pipes and other pipes leading into the Deep Tank



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were securely plugged with screwed iron plugs. As the tank had been in use for carrying fuel oil, without showing leakage, it was not tested for tightness by water.

In the opinion of undersigned the vessel's Deep Tank is now in fit condition to load a cargo of Cocoa-nut Oil in bulk, without running undue risk.

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