

S.S. "TZAR MICHAEL THEODOROWITCH".

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The towline for this vessel has been supplied of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " wire instead of 4" ; also one length of steel hawser instead of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". To make good the deficiency two coils of 90 fathoms of 2" wire have been supplied. The mistake has arisen owing to ordinary wire of flexible size having been ordered. The Classing Committee on Friday last deferred action in the case with a view to the towline and wire being supplied of the size required by the Rules. The Antwerp Surveyors were informed accordingly, and in reply that the vessel is now in commission at sea so that some time must elapse before the wires can be exchanged, which the Builders are perfectly willing to do. In the meantime, however, the Builders are anxious to obtain the classification certificates, and it is submitted that, under the circumstances, the vessel's class might be assigned, subject to the equipment of wire ropes being put in order.

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