

Inquiry into the loss of the "LA CRESCENTA".

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It is submitted the Solicitors to the Board of Trade be advised in reply to their enquiries as follows:-

1. The particulars desired as far as they are available are detailed in the copy of the report for the assignment of freeboards in accordance with the International Convention which has already been forwarded to the Board. A copy of the report of the Annual Freeboard Survey held at Yokohama on 23rd October, 1934 should be sent. This report does not give any of the detailed information desired, but merely certifies that the Annual Survey was held and had been completed to the Surveyor's satisfaction.

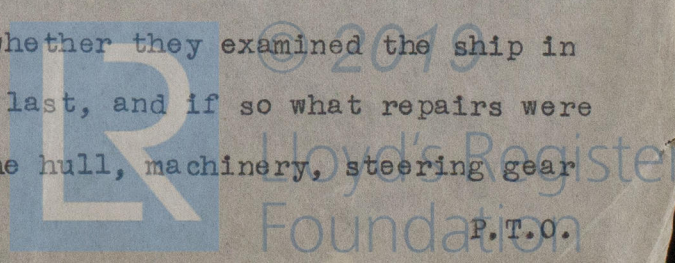
On the 20th and 23rd October, 1934 the port and starboard boilers were surveyed at Yokohama when the boilers were found or placed in good order. Minor repairs were effected, but, as is usual with minor repairs, no details of the repairs are given in the report.

2. There is no report regarding a survey held by the Society's Surveyors in Kobe on or about the 24th August, 1934.

3. Report of Boiler Survey held at San Luis (Los Angeles) on 21st and 22nd November, 1934. There is no report of this date on the hull of the ship. At this time the aft boiler was surveyed and found in good order. The safety valves of all the boilers were adjusted under steam to the approved working pressure of 180 lb per square inch.

It does not appear from the report that the boiler which was surveyed at San Luis was tested or that it was filled more than once. The boiler would be empty when it was surveyed on November 21st, 1934 at San Luis and it was under steam the following day.

It is a matter for consideration whether the Kobe Surveyors should be asked whether they examined the ship in dry dock about August 24th last, and if so what repairs were required and effected to the hull, machinery, steering gear



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and equipment and whether from hearsay or from his observations he had any reason to suspect that the hull, machinery, including the oil fuel installation and auxiliary machinery, steering gear or equipment, were in a defective and unsatisfactory condition.

and further

whether the Yokohama Surveyor might be informed regarding the request of the Board of Trade as to whether from hearsay or from his observations the Surveyor or Surveyors had any reason to suspect that the hull, machinery, including the oil fuel installation and auxiliary machinery, steering gear or equipment, were in a defective and unsatisfactory condition.

and the Los Angeles Surveyor informed regarding the request of the Board of Trade as to whether from hearsay or his observations he had any reason to suspect that the hull, machinery, including the oil fuel installation and auxiliary machinery, steering gear or equipment, were in a defective and unsatisfactory condition. Also whether he has any knowledge of water being found in the starboard double bottom oil fuel tank when bunkers were being loaded.

In addition, whether he can say how many times the boiler under survey in San Luis was filled for testing or other purposes, if filled more than once, and on what date or dates the boiler was filled for these purposes.

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