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**SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT,
BOARD OF TRADE,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.**



10th April, 1935.

Dear Sir,

"LA CRESCENTA."

I think you are aware that the above-named vessel is one of those into the loss of which the Board of Trade have ordered a Formal Investigation. The kindness which you have shown me in the "Usworth" case leads me to ask for your assistance in this case also.

The Surveyors would like to have the information which is set out below if you can give it to them, and I shall be very grateful for any help which you can give us in this matter.

(1) Report from Lloyd's Surveyor in Yokohama dealing with the condition of the ship and repairs required and effected when the Annual Load Line Survey was conducted in October, 1934. Detailed information should be given as far as is possible as to the hatchway to the fore hold and to the coal bunker hatchway on the upper deck, to the coal bunker hatchway on the after bridge deck, and the hatch in the forecastle to the fore peak stores, particularly in regard to the coamings, including their stays and horizontal stiffeners, shifting beams, wood covers, tarpaulins, including their number, bearing surfaces for covers and beams, battening cleats, including their spacing, and any lashing arrangements provided; also in regard to the structure of the front and after bulkheads of the after bridge, the fidley and engine casing tops, covers for fidley openings, engine skylight and machinery space and other ventilators; further, in regard to the after gangway, shifting boards to the forecastle, and doors to companions and to the after bridge.

The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
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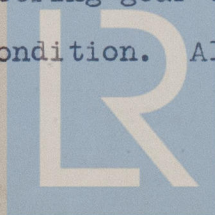
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It is understood that two boilers were surveyed in Japan about this time and information should be given in such case as to their condition and repairs required and effected to these.

Also 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. *yes* *B*

(2) Report from Lloyd's Surveyor in Kobe stating whether he visited the ship when the vessel was in dry dock in Kobe on or about 24th August, 1934, and, if so, what repairs were required and effected to the hull, machinery, steering gear 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. *Kobe*

(3) Report from Lloyd's Surveyor who surveyed one of the boilers at San Luis in October or November, 1934, covering the condition of the boiler, any repairs required and effected and any information available regarding the condition of and recent repairs to the two other boilers, the machinery, steering gear, hull, including the riveting of the shell and bulkheads and the equipment. Also 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* *D*



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.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Mort

For Solicitor,
BOARD OF TRADE.



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Referred to the Chief ~~Surveyor~~ and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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