

Oil Tanker "CASSIS"

This vessel was built in 1914 as a petroleum carrier, and is owned by the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co. The 2nd S.S.No.1 became due in 8,30, and the Newcastle Surveyors reported in September 1930, as a result of a general examination with a view to drawing up a specification of repairs required for this Special Survey, that general wastage was observed in bulkheads, stiffeners, brackets, side longitudinals, bottom girders, transverses, ^{and} weather deck plating. The vessel was laid up at that time. and nothing was done towards the Special Survey.

A letter has now been received from the Owners in which they state that the vessel has been out of commission since October 1930, and they propose to send her from the Tyne to San Pedro in ballast, to load a cargo of Diesel fuel for China or Japan, or alternatively, to send her to Abadan to load a similar cargo for discharge on the China Coast and Japan. On arrival in the East they intend to sell the vessel for breaking up, and the cargo of oil is for the purpose of covering the voyage expenses. They refer to the 2nd S.S.No.1, and point out that the vessel was in dry dock in September 1930, and they request that she might be allowed to retain her class to make one of the above voyages without carrying out the survey. They state that she will be run under their own insurance, both as regards hull and cargo.

It will be observed from the above that the year of grace expired last August, and it is a matter for consideration whether the Owners' request should be acceded to.

Should the Committee agree to the vessel proceeding, it is considered that she should be generally examined throughout; placed in dry dock for examination of bottom; all cargo tanks tested; steering gear and windlass overhauled and examined; and the vessel found or placed in a satisfactory condition.

Locher & Co. held the machinery tested under working conditions

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