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Dear Sir.

Reference

Enclosed please find summary of second day's evidence at the 'Hartley' inquiry.

It will be noted that the questions of Mr Carmichael, an Assessor, described as a Naval Architect, are given in full. Practically speaking this gentleman was the only one who brought Lloyd's Register into the discussion. May I add that the 'atmosphere' at the inquiry suggested to more than one present that this gentleman's remarks seemed to be made to create a good impression concerning himself. His questions concerning the strength of the ship, through beams etc, were really unnecessary. The evidence all proves that the ship sank from the filling of No 3 hatch and no single witness has, so far, hinted at any structural weakness.

From careful observation I conclude that the President did not treat these questions seriously. He made practically no note of them, and showed signs of impatience.

These remarks are impersonal, and only intended to convey an idea of the 'atmosphere', which can scarcely be conveyed by a mere summary of evidence.

A. Smith
London.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully, Colin Butler

Referred to the Chief ~~X~~ Surveyor.

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