

## NEWCASTLE-on-TYNE,

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As Owners Superintendent, examine the ex-German Steamer "KOTIKES" 7399 tons gross while the vessel was in dry dock and while afloat at the Works of Messrs. Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd., Wallsend-on-Tyne, on the 14th January, 1921 and on subsequent dates for the purpose of ascertaining the general condition of the vessel.

The bottom, rudder, holds, tween decks, machinery space, bunkers (where practicable) tank top plating under boilers, decks, W.T. Doors, hatchways and hatches, windlass, steering gear, boats, casings, ventilators, anchors (3B, 1B, 1K) and general equipment examined. Masts, spars and rigging examined from the deck.

When examining the rudder it was found that the rudder plate was slightly set over to port side in way of the second arm from top. Two shell plates in F strake on port side Nos. 5 and 6 from aft were found slightly pitted. The plating on second deck in No. 1 hold was found set down on port side between the second and third beams from the after end of No. 1 hatchway from ship's side to deck girder. As some cargo battens in the vicinity of the buckling were found to be charred, the



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damage was probably caused by fire.

The plating of third deck in No.1 hold port side was found to be set up in the fourth space forward of the after bulkhead in the strake next stringer. Four lifeboats were renewed to Board of Trade requirements. The tank top plating in Nos. 2 & 5 holds slightly indented, also tunnel top in Nos. 4 & 5 holds.

Judging from the examination of the parts of the vessel which have now been seen, and after reading the reports of the Society's Surveyors at Bristol dated the 29th September, 1920 London the 17th July, 1920 and Liverpool the 27th January, 1920 we are of opinion that the vessel is in a fit condition to run for a further period of six months.

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