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LONDON,

3rd April, 1923.

DAVID NICHOLAS,

Messrs. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., make an examination of the Steel Screw Steamer "OHIO", of Southampton, ex-German Steamer "MUNCHIN", when lying in the dry dock at Bremerhaven, in order to ascertain the condition of the bottom plating, rudder, &c., in view of the vessel having lain afloat in the River Weser at Bremen, since being launched in 1920.

On Wednesday, the 21st March, 1923, immediately after the vessel had been placed in the dry dock at Bremerhaven, the undersigned found the bottom and rudder below the light load line coated with a slimy gritty sludge; the flat keel strake also A, B, and C strakes on each side of same under after body rubbed bare of paint, evidently of recent occurrence, and two or three slight ribbon scratches on either side under after body.

The rudder plate locally bent to starboard between the 2nd and 3rd arms above heel.

In order to make fuller examination the undersigned then recommended that the bottom plating below the light load line be thoroughly scraped and afterwards cleaned down with wire brushes.

The circular bearing disc above the 3rd pintle of the rudder to be removed.



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S.S. "OHIO".

The bent portion of the rudder plate to be faired in place.

On Thursday, the 22nd March, 1923, and subsequent dates, upon further examination found the bottom plating throughout in good condition, and free of indents, pitting due to corrosion, or other defects.

The rudder pintles and gudgeons in good condition.

The bottom and rudder now painted as before.

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