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Hotel des Voyageurs.

Brest.

Wednesday

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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your cablegram of today's date: as follows:-

"Natenna cleared cross in a dash"
"3343 tons gross port registry Orange"
"cross L.M.C. 7.19. Committee"

With regard to the temporary measures being taken with view to enable the vessel to proceed to her port of destination without discharging the cargo at this port I regret to state that the work is proceeding very slowly, firstly on account of two holidays intervening this week, and secondly due to the difficulty of obtaining the necessary skilled labour.

The bunker coal has now been removed from the deck tank and placed in the permanent bunkers aft; and the four small holes for the sluice valves, cut through the tank bulkheads. The sluice valves for same are in hand, but are not yet completed.

The leak at the after peak bulkhead has been largely checked with soft wood wedges, and it is proposed to cofferdam the after frame space in engine room.

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Society's Surveyor, (Harkes) visited the above vessel, lying in Bristol Commercial Harbour

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the bulkhead by means of wood chocks and platforms efficiently caulked, and I feel confident that any slight leakage which we may be unable to overcome there can well be taken care of by the will and pumps.

We found that the caulking of the upper tier deck from the bridge front to the middle of no. 3 hatchway was started and soft in places, and arrangements have been made to have same overhauled and made good.

Today we tried to pump through the bilge suction line to the holds on starboard side and after one or two attempts succeeded, so that on leaving the vessel at 5.45 p.m. this evening the sounding at fore end of no. 1 hold was 8", and at after end of no. 2 hold 23". The vessel then being about 3'-10" by the stem. The port pipe line to the holds, which had been disconnected in the storeroom by the engineers ^{on her arrival here} ~~during the voyage~~ is being re-connected and will be tried tomorrow.

I am of the opinion that, with the exception of the leak at after peak bulkhead, the vessel, as now lying in harbour, is not making water.

As Mr. Demarsh had to return to Nantes midday, yesterday on account of his duties there, I am proposing to remain here.

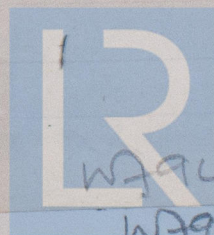
will be lying in Bristol Commercial Harbour well

for another four or five days, by which
time it is anticipated that the temporary
measures now in hand will be nearly
completed, after which I shall request
Mr. Demarest to return here, and we will
~~prepare~~ prepare the interim certificate, and
also the report on the case for the Committee.
so that I hope to leave for London on
Monday or at latest on Tuesday.

I am Sir

yours obediently.
David Nicholas.

The Secretary
London



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of these documents.

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and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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Also for Mr. S. A. Hill to note.
Referred to Mr. Mayne.

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