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St. Nazaire. December 13th 1917.

I beg to confirm our arrival yesterday at St. Nazaire after we had been delayed for 24 hours at Penzance on account of the absence of a convey.

Our crossing was made without any incident worthy of notice; I have nevertheless to call your attention to the bad working of the windlass which finds more and more difficulty in raising the anchor.

At Newcastle I had made my reserves on this subject and Mr. Blake who ascertained the weakness of *the* apparatus, caused ~~the~~ ^a reducing valve to be fitted on the auxiliaries admitting at 120 lbs, in place of that which existed formerly admitting at 90 lbs.

Notwithstanding this alteration it is almost impossible to lift the anchor as soon as the chain "force" a little. In a good many instances I was obliged to lift the anchor by the use of a steel cable which I worked on winch No. 1.

At present the port cable-^{is} lifted does not work any more, and in my opinion this apparatus is insufficient for the vessel.

(signed) A. CAUDAL.



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