

STEAMER "LUNA" ex "PUNGUE".

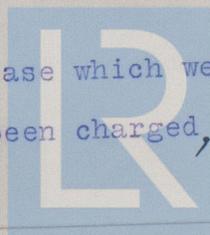
This vessel ^{is} ~~was~~ an ex-German steamer and in August 1924 was owned by Messrs. Salomao Benoliel & Azancot, Ltd., who submitted plans through the Society's Surveyor at Lisbon with a view to the vessel being classed.

Mr. Engledow, the Society's Senior Surveyor at Bilbao was instructed to proceed to Lisbon to join the local Surveyor in the survey which he did, his expenses amounting in all to 554 pesetas, about £17.

In September 1924 the Lisbon Surveyor stated that the Owners would not carry out their intention to completely repair the vessel, as was at first intended, ~~not~~ the main recommendations made by Mr. Engledow and himself, and as he considered that not 50% of the important reconditioning had been effected he withdrew from the case and stated that in no instance before had he encountered similar difficulties as were put forward when it was pointed out that the work was being inefficiently done and recommendations were not receiving attention.

On receipt of this letter the Lisbon Surveyor was informed that it was considered that he should render an account for his services so far as the survey had gone, and should include in the amount a fee to cover the visit of Mr. Engledow plus his expenses.

From the reports on the case which were received it appeared that a fee of £40 had been charged, and on the



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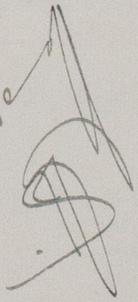
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5th June the Lisbon Surveyor was asked whether this fee had been paid in addition to Mr. Engledow's expenses, and writing under date of the 26th June in reply he stated that the Owners did not appear inclined to pay expenses, etc. so presumed same must be considered a bad debt now that the vessel had a violent explosion on board with the donkey boiler at Guine (Portuguese West Africa) which shifted the main boiler six inches aft and practically wrecked the vessel, destroying a greater part of her cargo, doing damage to the extent of £10,000, and ^{she} is reported to be a total constructive loss.

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*Left Oporto May 4 for Porto Praia
 Sailed St. Vincent's May 20.*



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