

"WEI MING"

ex "Agwidale"

This vessel was built by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Docking Company in November 1918 and classed 100A1. In 1931 the class was withdrawn at the Owners' request.

She is at present classed with the American Bureau of Shipping and is now owned by Messrs. Chung Hsing Steamship Company of Shanghai.

A preliminary inspection has been carried out as far as practicable in dry dock by the NEW YORK Surveyors in order to ascertain her suitability for re-classification with this Society. It is pointed out by Mr. Bennett that it is anticipated that the request for re-classification will be received after the vessel's arrival on the Chinese coast.

In order that the vessel may have her character reinstated in the Society's Register Book it will be necessary for the requirements of a PERIODICAL SPECIAL SURVEY (D) to be complied with, which includes the drilling of the shell plating amidships, in the vicinity of the peaks and at such portions of the structure where signs of wastage are evident, as deemed necessary by the Surveyor. Any major repairs which have been effected to the structure since the vessel was dis-classed will require to be specially examined in order to ascertain the character of the workmanship.

If the figure "1" is desired full particulars of the equipment on board will require to be furnished, together with those of any structural alterations which may have been effected since the class lapsed.

The attached drilling sheet, on which is indicated the original thicknesses of the shell plates amidships and at the ends of the vessel, should be forwarded for the Surveyor's guidance.

IT IS SUBMITTED the Shanghai Surveyor be informed accordingly, and that in view of the importance of the inspection and the age of the vessel great care will require to be exercised by ~~him~~ *the* Surveyor. If considerable deterioration of a general character is found in the shell plating the thicknesses of same as ascertained by drilling should be forwarded immediately to this Office.

*see case of  
'Chung Hsing'*



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