

T.S.S. "PING WO".
No. 81519 in the Register Book - Built 1922.

Class assigned:- "A.1 For Service between Hong Kong and Canton".

It appears that owing to the continuance of Sino-Japanese hostilities considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining full information and plans of the machinery.

The Shanghai Surveyors have now forwarded a plan of the main boilers together with First Entry Reports for these boilers and the machinery. The particulars given on these have been examined and found suitable for the stated working pressure of 190 lb. per sq. inch, with the exception of the area of safety valves stated on the report, but it would appear that this is due to a clerical error.

A plan of the donkey boiler has also been forwarded and the scantlings indicated thereon are suitable for a working pressure of 100 lb. per sq. inch, as stated in the Register Book.

IT IS SUBMITTED the Shanghai Surveyors be informed with reference to the First Entry Report for the main boilers of this vessel that it is noted a figure of 8.295 sq. inches has been given as the area of the two safety valves. Since, however, this area is equivalent to one valve of $3\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter and as the Rule requirement is 13.14 sq. inches, it is concluded a clerical error has been made and that the correct area ^{of the valves} as fitted is twice the amount stated. The Surveyors should, however, be asked to confirm this.

