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Messrs.

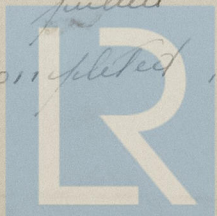
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Dear Sirs.

In 1932, when I bought in partnership with Mr. Achille Loro of Naples the s/s Wray Castle, actually of Olympia, I found that while in your latest annuery record she was reported as built in 1920, in the annuaries up to 1920-21 she was reported as built in 1916. Therefore I asked our agents, Messrs. Gelharth, Penrose & Co. to enquire of you what was the date of the launching, and your reply was that she had been launched in 1916. As a matter of fact, I have heard that the said steamer was really launched in 1916, but this was not done only to free the ship for building of warships, as when she was launched, in ~~the~~ the hull was absolutely incomplete and the shell plating, for instance, only ranged above her floating water line in dock in some very light conditions, just enough to prevent her from sinking in dock. That after the war she was pulled again on the ship, and the hull completed, and she

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was then launched a second time in 1920, and  
after this second launching completed of  
machinery.

Could you tell me if this tale is true, or, how  
things really stand about the launching of  
said steamer?

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours truly,  
P. Mazzella.

Referred to

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