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PELAYO

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I beg to inform you that the salvage operation of the above vessel and her cargo are in course at Leghorn and it is hoped that by the end of this month the vessel be completely refloated.

The present Owners are Messrs. MacAndrews & Co., Ltd., Plantation House, Mincing Lane, London, E.C.3. but for the time being it is not possible to state whether the vessel will be repaired and placed in commission again, or sold for breaking up.

Undoubtedly, the vessel has sustained very heavy damages owing to the long period in which she remained sunk, and also in consequence of the various attempts to refloat her.

A final decision regarding the destiny of this ship can only be taken when she will be completely refloated and placed in drydock for ascertaining her actual condition and estimating the amount of the damages sustained.

A decision, therefore, on the convenience to repair the ship or to sell her for breaking up, can only be taken when the result of the Damage Surveys in dry-dock will be known.

Yours faithfully,



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