

A report has been received of the tests carried out by the Society's Surveyor at St. Etienne on air receivers manufactured by Brunon & Valette at Rive-de-Gier (Loire) for the Motorship "CAMPERO", building by the Sociedad Espanola de Construcccion Naval, Bilbao.

From the report it appears that the material for 4 receivers was tested for tensile strength only and the material for the remaining 4 receivers was subjected to bend tests only.

The Rules require that tensile and bend tests are to be made from the material of each receiver.

The Surveyor's attention was called to the matter through the Paris Office and from a reply now received it appears that in 1926 authority was given to test some air receivers in accordance with a specification adopted by the French Navy and that since that time the Surveyor has applied that specification in all cases dealt with by him.

Mr. Taxil, of the Society's Paris Office, states that he has now drawn the Surveyor's attention to the fact that the specification in question was of an exceptional character.

It is submitted the air receivers be accepted in this instance provided the thickness is in accordance with the Rules and that the Surveyor be again asked to state the internal diameter of each size of receiver covered by the report in question.

In connection with this matter it may be observed that the French Navy specification referred to was accepted at the special request of Messrs. Sulzer Bros. (See their letter dated June 17th 1926) addressed to the Paris Office) in view of their statement that the only French Firm from whom they were able to secure a tender for the manufacture of air receivers had informed them that they were unable to accept any specification other than that of the French Navy and <sup>it</sup> is submitted Mr. Taxil be requested to state whether the same difficulty still exists, or whether French Makers of air receivers are prepared to carry out the Society's requirements.

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