

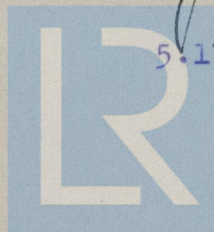
S.S. "ALABAMA"

Bearing on the last point that was discussed on the occasion of Messrs. Chiarella, Rodgers and Joslin's visit to this Office yesterday, namely, the position of the buckled deck plates which were repaired at Genoa in relation to the waved deck plates which were stated to have been observed in New York and Philadelphia, the reports have been carefully examined, and it is found that Mr. Chiarella is not correct in stating that the former damage was not coincident in position with the latter.

The waved deck plates referred to in the New York and Philadelphia certificates were at "a point approximately a little forward of the steering engine house"; and in the Genoa report it is stated that the deck plating port and starboard was buckled between the beams from the machinery casings to the forward main hatchway. This latter area would include the part mentioned by the New York and Philadelphia Surveyors.

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