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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

Enclosure.

16th November, 1937.

Dear Sir,

I have to acquaint you the Society's Surveyors at Antwerp report that, when carrying out a survey on the starboard boiler of the steamer "IRENE MARIA" at Ghent recently, serious cracking between the rivet holes of the centre and starboard combustion chamber wrapper plates was observed, and I send herewith a copy of a communication which has been received from the Surveyors on the subject, from which it would seem that this might be a case of caustic embrittlement.

It would appear that similar trouble was experienced with the port boiler a few years ago, when repairs were effected by part renewal of the wrapper plates, and a sample of the material removed from the wrapper plate of one of the combustion chambers of this boiler has been received.

This sample, together with the samples of the soda and salts which have come to hand, are being sent to your address under separate cover, and I shall be glad if you will arrange for Mr. Lewis to carry out the usual investigation and forward his report on the same to this Office in due course.

The Secretary,  
GLASGOW.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

Lloyd's Register  
Foundation  
Secretary.

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