

Translation

Bremen, 8.9.31.

Dear Mr. Chisholm,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date with enclosed press copy of the Secretary's letter of the 4th instant regarding the case of the s.s. "GARDENGA". The machinery has been tested on the 28th July, 1931, on the Weser when the ship was proceeding under her own steam from the Atlaswerke to the coal loading place in the Industry Harbour, the steam pressure at that time being about 165 lb. The number of revolutions per minute was about 180 and an unnormal falling off of the steam pressure was not observed. The coal fired at that time was of a good quality. Both main engines, especially their top end brasses, worked remarkably quiet and nearly noiseless and this fact was noted also by Mr. Wardrop personally. Also the combined air and circulating pump which was completely overhauled at Bodenwerder, worked satisfactory. During the voyage from Bodenwerder to Bremen, where it was not present, this is also stated to have been the case. Mr. Wardrop was quite satisfied and said on vessel's arrival in Bremen that the engines had worked "like sewing machines". What the speed was during the trip on the 28th July I do not know but neither from Mr. Wardrop nor from other Gentlemen which were on deck during the trip I have heard unfavourable remarks.

Re the enquiry respecting the regrettable delay in forwarding the reports I desire to give you the following particulars:-

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| Last visit  | 31.7.1931 |
| The ship left Bremen on the   | 1.8.1931  |
| Report sent for signature to the Arminiuswerft, Bodenwerder (as the yard's representative who was present in Bremen, refused to sign the reports before he had discussed the whole matter at Bodenwerder) | 1.8.1931  |
| Reports received back from Bodenwerder  | 4.8.1931  |
| Sent to Hamburg for signature   | 4.8.1931. |
| Reports Received back from Hamburg  | 7.8.1931  |

Hamburg requested that various additions were to be added on the report. Mr. Meyer was absent on holiday and was notified and returned to the Office immediately he received the notification on the 10th August.

Reports despatched to London on the 11.8.1931

The correspondence forwarded to this Office is returned herewith.

Yours faithfully

(signed) G.H.C. Bahr