

Anglo Australian
Mr. Nutton phoned a.m. Monday

Mr. Nutton has some definite information about the bunkers, which he is posting to this office and some indefinite information about water ballast.

No 2 Waterballast tank (capacity on Plan 571 tons) was emptied either in, or before entering, Dry Dock on 3rd. or 4th. March.

Vessel completed bunkering at 7.50 a.m. on the 8th.
Mr. Weaver (Boards Trade Office) took drafts at 8.5 a.m. viz 12'-6" forward and 17'-8" aft.
(Density of water 1012)

The Master signed the Pilotage Note for 17'-9" Dorkmaster read draft as 18'-0" when vessel moving but states "Pulling" at least 2".

Deadweight scale for mean draft as above would indicate 4200 tons.

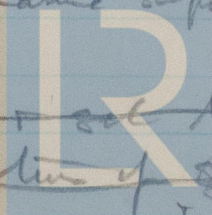
Total deadweight with bunkers, drinking water, crew stores, full ballast would be 4590 tons.
It would therefore appear that No 2 ballast tank was empty when vessel left.

Mr. Nutton suggests that stress curves should be made for condition with No 2 tank full & for condition with No 2 tank empty.

The enquiry will probably be adjourned for 13 June for 1 month. On 14th. June only the Secretary of owners & 2 marine superintendents will be called.

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