

S. S. "Hokai Maru"
 Nagasaki - Japan
 P.M. 26th of April-

Sir-

Notwithstanding the very positive
 assertion of my opinion, made to you
 last night, that this ship is in suffi-
 ciently sea worthy condition to make
 her proposed voyage I deem it my
 duty to put you in immediate posses-
 sion of new facts in regard to her
 which have developed themselves since
 I saw you and which may modify
 all that I have said. - My opinion
 was based upon a careful examination
 made of myself and supported by
 the expressed coincidence of Captain
 Brown's views with my own and
 until after I saw you last there was
 nothing to change my belief.

After my return to the ship last
 night it was discovered that there
 was no less than four (4) feet of water
 in her and it was found necessary

P. Scribble

I have forgotten to state that I took the responsibility last night of ordering Captain Brown to engage a Dive to go under the vessel bottom for the purpose of examination - I will inform you if there is anything in his report which can be taken as modifying what I have written -

Very respectfully
C. W. Leiper

to man the pumps at 3 o'clock in the morning to clean her. I was still however of the belief that persons on board who might be interested in hindering the ship from sailing had allowed the water to run into her through the "Kington" or some other valve & thus create an impression of the unseamworthiness of the vessel, but this morning upon a shell late examination of that part of the ship where the leak is known to be I find that it, the leak, has increased very largely since I last saw it and probably renders the ship to a certain extent liable to accident. It is my duty to inform you of this fact, unpleasant as it is, but it is also my right to say that both myself and the officers who are associated with me are as willing as before to take the ship to sea should it be decided to send her

Very respectfully
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Respectfully forwarded
with the recommendation
that, in presence of
facts newly developed,
the ship may remain
here for repairs. A
new programme of
action will be for-
warded at 12 o'clock.

Yours with respect