

CASES DEALT WITH BY THE CLASSING COMMITTEE
SINCE THE LAST GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

"CABO LA PLATA" This Spanish vessel is owned by Ybarra & Co. who in pre-war days were strong supporters of Lloyd's Register. She has had no full Special Survey since 1937 and in October last the Classing Committee decided that if definite arrangements were not made for the 3rd Special Survey No.2 to be commenced without fail by the 1st December, they would have no alternative but to deal with the vessel's class.

In reply to cabled enquiry Mr. Scott cabled early in December that the vessel had been seen in drydock with cargo on board but that nothing had been done towards urgent repairs recommended by the local Surveyor.

By direction of the Classing Committee, who had the case before them on the 29th December, one more appeal was made to Mr. Scott in the following terms:-

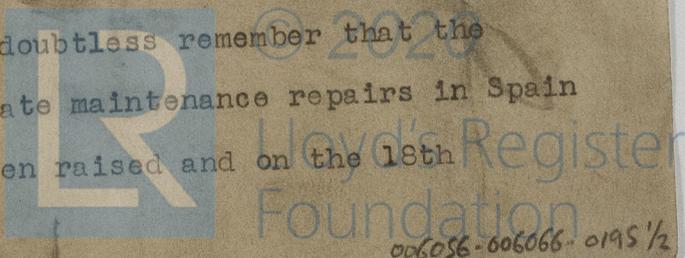
"Committee are considering giving black line in view threats my letter third October stop Have you any comments which might help them to avoid this drastic action particularly as regards nature urgent repairs referred to by Surveyors cable reply."

to which the following reply was received:-

"Have spoken again Owners who state the vessel may pass survey next month urgent repairs necessary several bottom shell plates stop internal repairs certainly also necessary stop Vessel engaged coasting trade only and urgently required".

The matter was again referred to the Classing Committee on the 12th ultimo when instructions were given for the vessel's class to be expunged from the Register Book with a black line indicating reported defects. It was added, however, that the Committee would be prepared to reinstate the class immediately the outstanding survey and repairs had been held.

As a point of interest I think the Committee will be interested to have Mr. Scott's comments on the general situation of this fleet. The Committee will doubtless remember that the difficulties in arranging for adequate maintenance repairs in Spain and Portugal have more than once been raised and on the 18th



November 1943 the General Committee decided "it would be desirable for the Classification Committee to adhere so far as present circumstances warrant to the normal procedure in cases of vessels where the surveys are long overdue and give red or black lines as, in their opinion may be justly merited."

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