

DECLASSIFIED SECTION.

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Steel Screw Steamer "TOSCA"; No.36630 in Register Book.

449 tons gross. Built: 1908 - 6 mo. Port: Ayr.

Owner: W.A.Wilson.

Classed:	EL00A1	LMC 8,28
	5,32	BS 10,32
	s.s.Hul. No.3-5,20	TS 5,32 CL
	s.s.Sou. No2-28	

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The Second Special Survey No.3, which became due on this vessel in May, 1932, has been partly held, and a proposal to complete this inspection within the year of grace has been agreed to by the Committee.

At the end of May last the Southampton Surveyors reported that the vessel was laid up at that port, and in view of the fact that the year of grace had expired the Owner was asked to furnish the usual undertaking, which duly came to hand.

On the 2nd instant the Owner wrote to say that he had disposed of the vessel to Italian Buyers. He added " I must therefore notify you that she is being withdrawn from class as purchasers are putting her under the Italian flag and Register "Italiano".

In view of the fact that the vessel was laid up under an undertaking, the Classing Committee, who had the case under consideration on Tuesday, the 5th instant, decided to give instructions for the vessel's class to be expunged from the Register Book with a Red Line (12,33), indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules, this being in accordance with the usual practice in such cases.

The Owner was advised to this effect and a letter has this morning been received in which he states "I very much regret if I have done anything which is not in keeping with the rules laid down by your Committee and I really intended my letter to convey to you that the boat was to be withdrawn from class. I agree that it was not worded clearly in this direction. I had no idea when first negotiating the sale of this ship that she would be withdrawn from class"

