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Steel S.S. "NARCISO DEULOFEU" : No.55 in the Register Book :

131 tons, gross : Built at Falmouth 1889-10 mo. : Class expunged with
red line 9, 95.

The S.S.No.1 became due in October, 1893.

In August, 1894 the vessel was stated in Lloyd's Index to have taken fire at Havana, and to have been filled with water.

The Owners were written to, and stated in their reply, dated 7th. November, 1894, that they were anxious to comply with all the requirements of this Society, and proposed to pay the expenses of the New Orleans Surveyor to proceed to Havana, or that Lloyd's Agent at Havana should be requested to appoint some capable person to make the necessary examination and report.

They were informed on the 28th. November that the survey must be held by one of the Society's Surveyors, and they accordingly communicated with the New Orleans Surveyor. He, however, found he could not go to Havana, but suggested to the Owners that the survey could be performed by any competent or reliable person, and provided a copy of all the papers relating to the survey were properly attested before a Notary, it would warrant him in recommending the Committee to continue the vessel's class.

The Surveyor was reprimanded for this action, and he subsequently forwarded a letter from the Owners, dated 2nd. April last, in which they stated that in view of the thorough way in which the repairs had been effected, they considered the requirements of the survey had been complied with, and the docking of the vessel would receive attention as soon as possible.

The Owners were again informed on the 26th. June that the S.S.No.1 must be completed, and the damage repairs inspected, by one of the Society's Surveyors, without delay, to entitle the vessel to retain her character in the Register Book, otherwise the Committee would be unable to allow her to retain her class.

In the absence of any further communication from the

Owners

Owners, the General Committee decided at their meeting on the 19th. ult. to expunge the vessel's class from the Register Book with a red line, indicating that the class had been expunged for non-compliance with the Society's Rules.

A letter was received from the Owners on the 8th. instant dated 21st. September, forwarding reports, written in Spanish, of a survey held by the Official Naval Expert of the port, under the direction of the Naval authorities. They explain the delay which has occurred in completing the survey, and hope the reports will prove satisfactory.

From the translation of the reports it appears that the vessel has been carefully examined on a slipway, and every part, including the bunkers, found to be in good condition. The damage by fire is stated to have been confined to the galley, pantry and bath room, and it has been satisfactorily repaired. It also appears that the survey on the machinery has been carried out.

The case received the consideration of the Classing Committee on the 15th. instant, when it was referred to the General Committee.

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