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Wood Motor Yacht "FLYING CLOUD"; No. 1800 in the Yacht Register;  
859 tons gross; Built in 1918-6 mo; Port of Registry, Plymouth.  
Owner:- The Duke of Westminster, G.C.V.O., D.S.O.

Classed:- 12A1                      NE 22  
                    6,23                      LMC 6,23  
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This vessel was formerly the "ELIZABETH RUTH", a wood auxiliary vessel built in 1918 at Biloxi, Mississippi, and classed 12A1.

In 1922 she was purchased by the Duke of Westminster and altered into a yacht at Plymouth, and a record was then made of S.S.-22.

The yacht recently came under survey at Southampton when it was found that the stem was decayed, together with several timbers in way of the forecastle, and as a result a Special Survey of the vessel took place, in which the local Surveyors were joined by Mr. Nicholas, the Principal Surveyor on the Outdoor Staff in London.

In his report Mr. Nicholas states that a considerable amount of dry rot was found at the fore end of the vessel in the beam ends and frame heads, in addition to the stem head and apron piece in way of the bowsprit housing.

The Owner's Agents were informed that in the circumstances it was considered that for the retention of the class a further thorough examination and extensive repairs would be necessary, and in reply they state that the Owner does not intend to continue the class.

The Classing Committee had the case before them on Friday, the 18th instant, when it was decided to give instructions for the vessel's class to be expunged from the Yacht Register with a black line (—), indicating that from reported defects she is no longer entitled to retain her class.

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24th July, 1924.