

s.s."ORLA".

The Boiler Survey of this vessel became due in June last and was partly held.

The class was subject to the stern tube being renewed before the end of January last.

The Owner informed the Bergen Surveyor in January last that the vessel had been classed with the Norske Veritas and that he desired to discontinue the Society's class.

The case was considered by the Classing Committee on January 29th when they decided to give instructions for the vessel's character to be withdrawn from the Register Book and three dots (...) inserted in lieu indicating withdrawal of class at Owners' request.

This decision was confirmed by the General Committee on January 31st.

The vessel's character has accordingly been deleted and three dots inserted in lieu.

The Owner was informed on the same date of the Committee's decision and no communication has been received from him until the following telegram was received yesterday:-

"PLEASE NOTE STEAM ORLA MAINTAINING CLASS UNTIL ARRIVAL EUROPE AUGUST THIS YEAR CONFIRM".

The Owners' London Agents state in a letter dated the 3rd instant that "there must have been a misunderstanding as it was not the Owners' intention that she should yet be actually withdrawn from Lloyd's class; she is eventually to be transferred to the Norwegian Veritas, but only at the conclusion of the round voyage on which she is about to start.....Steamer is at present loading lumber in the Gulf of Mexico for the River Plate and we understand the present situation is causing shippers difficulty with their Underwriters; also it is holding up negotiations for a homeward cargo from the River Plate".

The case is submitted for the Committee's consideration.