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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

15th October, 1932.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to the classification in this Society's Register Book of the steamer "GLADIATOR", which vessel it is understood has now become your property and has left Fowey for the Tees, to be broken up, I beg to acquaint you that the case of this steamer has received the consideration of the Committee at their meeting to-day.

As you are no doubt aware, the Second Special Survey No.1 became due on this vessel so long ago as July 1930, and the condition under which the steamer has been allowed to retain her class in the Society's Register Book, whilst laid up at Fowey, was that the overdue survey would be carried out before she again went into commission, and the late Owners furnished an undertaking to this effect.

As the vessel has left without the survey being held, the Committee, who have had the case under consideration to-day, have had no alternative but to give instructions for the vessel's class to be expunged from the Register Book with a red line, indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules.

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I may add that in view of the withdrawal of

this vessel's class, the record of the freeboard assigned by the Committee, together with the corresponding draught, will also be withdrawn, and the freeboard certificate is thereby cancelled and should be returned to this Office.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

pro Secretary.

"CERTIFICATE IS NECESSARY".

In reply to enquiry the following telegram was received Messrs. Tinnmouth's, Ltd., Shipbreakers, SOUTH SHIELDS.

"GLADIATOR BEING TAKEN TO TEES FOR BREAKING UP HARRISON'S STATE VESSEL COMPLETELY OUT OF THEIR HANDS AND NO INTERIM CERTIFICATE DESIRED".

The case was submitted to the Glassing Committee of Tuesday, 11th instant, and in view of the Special Survey being so long overdue (the year of grace expired 7,31) it was decided to give instructions for the vessel's character to be exchanged from the Register indicating non-compliance with the Palsmouth and Liverpool Surveyors accordingly.



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