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Steel Screw Steamer "VINCAS"; No.74108 in Register Book.

4963 tons gross. Built: 1908 - 9. Port: London.

Owners: Pacific Oil Co. Proprietary Ltd., Melbourne.

Classed: 100A1 7,32 LMC.4,30
Carr.Petr.in bulk TS(CL)4,30
S.S.No.3-3,21 BS.9,31
S.S.No.2-30

The Boiler Survey became due on this tanker in September last and the 2nd Special Survey No.3 in March last.

The vessel was under survey by the Society's Surveyors at Curacao in September on account of leakage of gasoline from the cargo tanks into store spaces, tunnel and cofferdams. Temporary repairs were carried out, and the Surveyors recommended that the main cargo tanks be further examined and permanent repairs effected on completion of the vessel's present voyage.

The vessel subsequently arrived in Australia, where it appears she is now being used as a depot ship for petrol in Western Port Bay (about 50 miles from Melbourne).

The case received the consideration of the Classing Committee in March last, when a letter was addressed to the Owners stating that, in view of the recommendations of the Curacao Surveyors, it was considered that to entitle the vessel to retain her class the 2nd Special Survey No.3 should be put in hand without delay.

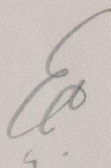
A letter has now been received from the Owners stating that they find it quite impossible to comply with this requirement at present, and should the Committee still insist on the survey being carried out immediately they would have no alternative but to request withdrawal of the vessel's class.

From reports which have been received from the Society's Surveyors at Genoa and Curacao in August and October last, respectively, it would appear that the maintenance

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of the vessel has been somewhat neglected. A letter has also now been received from the Society's Surveyors at Melbourne in which they state they have had an interview with a Representative of the Owners and understand the Owners will shortly be making application for withdrawal of the vessel's class. The Surveyors add they consider it very unlikely that the vessel would be submitted for the necessary survey.

The Classing Committee had the case before them on Tuesday, 13th instant, when in all the circumstances they decided to give instructions for the vessel's character to be withdrawn from the Register Book and three dots (...) inserted in lieu thereof, indicating withdrawal of class at Owners' request.



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