

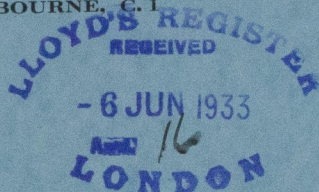
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The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
71 Fenchurch St.,
LONDON. E. C. 3.

Dear Sir,

S. S. "VINCAS".

We thank you for yours of March 21st. and in reply wish to state that when we bought the vessel we had hoped to be able to submit her to your Society Surveyors for her Special Survey No.3.

The various difficulties and aspects of the case were fully discussed with Mr. Turnbull, your Chief Surveyor at Genoa, Italy. We explained to Mr. Turnbull that we had primarily bought the vessel as a storage ship for oil in Australian waters but that we would like to maintain her class if possible and we suggested that Mr. Turnbull might recommend that we should be allowed to decide whether we put her through a Second No.3. Survey as soon as we had discharged the cargo that was already ordered for the ship to pick up on its first journey here to Australia. We would like to point out to you in this regard that the journey from Europe to America and then to Australia is just about the longest journey a ship could take and it actually took four months, which, of course is a good slice off the time left at our disposal from the date of purchase to the due date of the Survey.

We thought that as the vessel was dry-docked in June last at Genoa and that in view of these special circumstances, we might have been allowed 12 months grace before deciding definitely to withdraw the vessel from class. To make matters worse from our point of view, we, here in Australia, are now engaged in a most strenuous petrol price war which has upset

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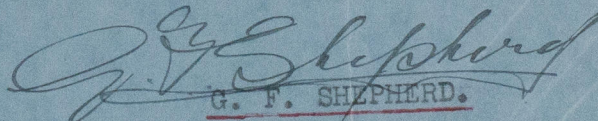
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the market completely and dislocated all calculations as to just when the present cargo will be discharged.

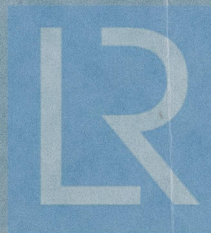
We note in your letter you state that the Committee consider that for the vessel to retain her class the Second Special Survey should be put in hand without delay. This is quite impossible for us to carry out because the vessel still has half her cargo undischarged and she is at anchor in Westernport Bay, which is over 50 miles from Melbourne (the nearest port with dry-dock). Under this ruling we would have no alternative but to request you to withdraw the vessel from class. At the same time, we would greatly appreciate it, if the Committee could, in this case, see their way to keep the matter in abeyance for a few months until the present dislocation of the market has righted itself, when we could say definitely if there is an opportunity of putting the ship through the survey and maintaining her class.

Yours truly,

PACIFIC OIL COMPANY PTY. LTD.


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and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.


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also for Mr. Spinks to note.



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