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s.s. "VERBORMILIA"

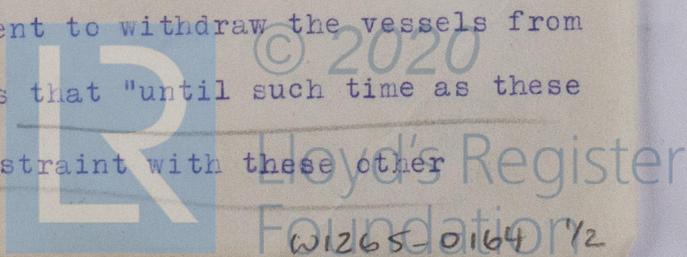
In April last the Owners informed this Office that they had decided to withdraw the above steamer from class with this Society, and intended to class her elsewhere. As the year of grace had not expired, when this letter was received, the class was withdrawn from the Register Book and three dots (...) inserted in lieu thereof.

The Braila Surveyor was communicated with and requested to make discreet enquiries, and ascertain if possible whether there was any particular reason for the Owners' action. In reply he stated that the steamers "MIRUPANO", "VERBORMILIA" and "NOEMIJULIA" are under the management of Capt. Rujenski, and that last year the "MIRUPANO" was expunged from the Register Book because the Owners did not carry out her Special Survey No.3 when due. She was subsequently classed with the Bureau Veritas at Constantinople, and from private information received no repairs were effected at this survey.

With regard to the "VERBORMILIA" he was informed that she is also classed with the Bureau Veritas, and he understands her classification survey was held at Constantinople "where it would seem as if the Surveyor there was rendering great facilities to the Ship Owners especially when transferring the class of a vessel from one Society to another".

He adds that the fact that these vessels are able to be classed with the Bureau Veritas without apparently having any repairs carried out is certainly a great inducement to the Owners to withdraw their vessels from this Society's classification.

In view of the above comments the Istanbul Surveyor was requested to furnish his remarks, and he confirmed the Braila Surveyor's statement that as only minor repairs are required to be carried out for reclassification with the Bureau Veritas, this is a great inducement to withdraw the vessels from this Society's class, and he adds that "until such time as these malpractices are placed under restraint with these other



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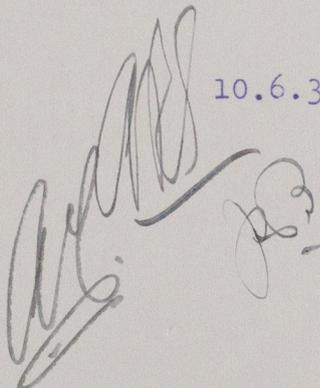
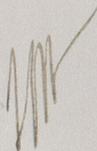
Surveyors, I am afraid the Society will be in danger of more ships leaving their classification.

It is submitted the Istanbul Surveyor be informed that his remarks have been noted.



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Special attention is called to the information which the Society's Surveyor has obtained from Lloyd's Agent, and from the Management of the Jones Engineering Works, which information was given to him strictly privately and in confidence, regarding the malpractices of the Surveyors to the Veritas Bureau/and Registro Italiano, and it is a matter for consideration whether any action should be taken in regard thereto.



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