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Steamers. "HAVRE MARU", "MILAN MARU", "NANSIN MARU",
"MALTA MARU", "SYOZIN MARU", "BOSTON MARU",
"SYOGEN MARU".

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a translation of a letter from Messrs. Ishihara Sangyo Kaiun K.K. in which they state that they have decided to withdraw the above vessels from Classification in the Society's Register Book as their next Government Surveys become due.

They have informed me that this will apply to the "HAVRE MARU", "MILAN MARU", "NANSIN MARU" and "MALTA MARU" this month, to the "SYOZIN MARU" in April of next year, and to the "BOSTON MARU" and "SYOGEN MARU" in June of next year.

In explaining the reason for this step they said that they do not find the Society's Classification necessary, and that it is now the Company's principle not to have a foreign Classification", although I understand that the vessels will have the B.C. Class in addition to that of the Teikoku Kaiji Kyokai since the survey work for the B.C. is done by the Japanese Society.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. Jasper Cox.

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