

EXTRACT FROM SEMI-OFFICIAL LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. REDMAN, PARIS, BY MR. MAYNE, AND DATED 18th FEBRUARY, 1920.

.....I am in receipt of your letters of the 12th and 14th instant respecting various vessels belonging to the French Government and note what you say in regard to these cases.

As you will see from Mr. Ward's letter dated the 5th instant the "MARIA DEL CARMEN", "SAN JOSE", "SAN MIGUEL" and "SAN RAFAEL" now belong to the French Navy, and it occurs to me that perhaps the best thing to do in these cases would be to omit the classes from the next reprint of the Register Book. Will you kindly let me have your views on the matter?

.....While writing I thought I would mention the cases of the steamers "OUSTITI" ex "BRAGI" and "SEDUISANT" ex "FINISTERE", which are overdue for survey, as follows, and I think it possible that these vessels, as well as the four trawlers mentioned above, may belong to the French Navy, but you will be able to find this out."

"OUSTITI" ex "BRAGI"
(No. 22723 in R.B.)
(Built 1912 - 2mo)

Boiler Survey due 2,18
Screwshaft survey due 2,19
S.S.No.2 due 2,20

"SEDUISANT" ex "FINISTERE"
(No. 25930 in R.B.)
(Built 1905 - 1mo)

Screwshaft survey due 1,17
Boiler Survey due 10,16
S.S.No.3 due 1,17

TO

EXTRACT FROM SEMI-OFFICIAL LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. MAYNE BY MR. REDMAN, PARIS, AND DATED 21st February, 1920.

MARIA DEL CARMEN") By a typist's error in my letter of the 14th February,
SAN JOSE") it was stated that these vessels belong to the Marine
SAN MIGUEL") Marchande. As stated in Mr. Ward's letter of the 5th
February, they belong to the Marine (i.e. War Navy).

I wrote to the Marine on the 12th February asking what was going to be done about the overdue surveys. On the 20th I had occasion to write again to the Department about the "SAN RAFAEL", "OUSTITI" and "SEDUISANT" and I asked for an early reply in regard to all six vessels, explaining that as the surveys were so much overdue, it was urgent that the cases should be submitted to Lloyd's Register Committee. If we do not get a satisfactory reply within a week or two, I should think we ought, for our own reputation, to expunge the classes at once without ~~waiting~~ waiting for reprint of R.B. There is, too, always the risk of the vessels being sold on the strength of our classification, and of subsequent complaints from the purchasers. I have taken a note to write you again about these cases about a fortnight hence.

"OUSTITI" ex "BRAGI"
"SEDUISANT" ex "FINISTERE"
"SAN RAFAEL"

As stated above, I have written to the Ministere de la Marine about these cases.

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