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Steamer "RAYO" and other vessels owned by The Standard
Oil Co. of New York.

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This vessel was completed in October, 1912. She is fitted with a water tube donkey boiler which is due for survey annually, the first survey becoming due in October last.

In February last the Owners informed the New York Surveyors that in view of the yearly inspection by the United States Government they had decided it was not necessary for them to class their American vessels with the Society.

On June 4th a cablegram was received from Mr. French, who was acting as the Society's Principal Surveyor in America, that this matter was still under careful consideration.

The case was considered by the Committee on 5th June, when action was deferred.

A letter has now been received from Mr. French stating that the Owners have now definitely decided not to continue the classification of this vessel or other American vessels of their fleet.

It is submitted that in the circumstances this vessel's class should now be withdrawn from the Register Book and three dots (...) be inserted in lieu thereof indicating withdrawal of the class at the Owners' request.

Of the 10 other American vessels owned by this Company, the water tube donkey boiler of the S.S. "SOCONY" became due for survey in June last and that of the S.S. "VESTA" in April last.

There are no surveys due on any of the remaining 8 vessels.

It is submitted that the class of the S.S. "SOCONY" and S.S. "VESTA" might be dealt with in a similar manner to the S.S. "RAYO" and that the class of the remaining vessels should be retained in the Register Book until a survey becomes due in each case.

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