

**COPY.** Original Correspondence with  
case of S/S "Salto".

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,  
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17th January, 1921.

Sir,

Referring to your telegram of the 15th inst. regarding the  
Government Steamers "ARTIGAS", "COLOMIA", "MALDONADO",  
"INDU" and "RIVERA", I beg to inform you that the Director of the  
is not content with the surveying duties carried out by the  
Corporation Surveyors at this and other ports. He states that  
vessels have been put to inconvenience unreasonably and believing that  
will get better advice and attention from Lloyd's Register at the  
ports visited by the vessels, he asked that steps be taken to  
the class to that of this Society. The present Director was  
Director when the "SALTO" was withdrawn from Class and the  
Director was asked to resign some two months ago.

The vessels I understand are insured by the "Banco de Seguros  
etado", Montevideo, but again reinsured in Europe, and it is  
that a question arose on withdrawal of the "SALTO"'s class  
she was re-insured with Lloyd's Register Class.

The vessels (six of which out of the eight are now here) are  
to be badly managed in the Engine Room Department, and extensive  
and boiler repairs have been carried out on several of them in  
at six months.

The "TRINITY-Y-THREE" is now at Cardiff and the Director cabled  
Master to-day to apply to the Society's Surveyors at that port  
classification.

From what I have seen of the repairs in hand for these vessels,  
merent shops, it would appear to be the intention of the Owners to  
the vessels in good condition.

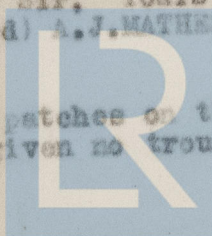
The "RIO NEGRO" is at present in a Spanish port with loss of  
ler and damage to rudder, from whence she is proceeding to  
video.

The "SALTO" has arrived here after having been examined in  
ok by the Society's Surveyors at Buenos Aires, to whom I cabled,  
request of the Director, to hold the survey, and I have arranged  
it the vessel tomorrow in the Company of the Government's Surveyor.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully,  
(signed) A.J. MATTHEWSON.

Secretary.

It is said that there are bolted patches on the main engine cylinders  
of these vessels, but that they have given no trouble during voyages to  
and America.



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