

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

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
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MONTEVIDEO.

17th January, 1921.

Sir,

Referring to your telegram of the 15th inst. regarding the
Government steamers "ARTIBAS", "COLOMIA", "MALDONADO",
"INDU" and "RIVERA", I beg to inform you that the Director of the
Society is not content with the surveying duties carried out by the
Government Corporation surveyors at this and other ports. He states that
the vessels have been put to inconvenience unreasonably and believing that
they will get better advice and attention from Lloyd's Register at the
different ports visited by the vessels, he asked that steps be taken to
bring the class to that of this Society. The present Director was
asked to resign when the "SALTO" was withdrawn from Class and the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
Montevideo", Montevideo, but again reinsured in Europe, and it is
stated that a question arose on withdrawal of the "SALTO"'s class
and she was re-insured with Lloyd's Register Class.

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

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

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

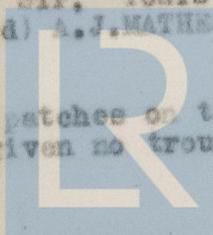
The "RIO NEGRO" is at present in a Spanish port with loss of
engine and damage to rudder, from whence she is proceeding to
Montevideo.

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

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

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
Europe and America.



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