

LLOYDS REGISTER OF SHIPPING

NEW YORK

July 26th 1933

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 26th April last respecting the vessels owned by the Portland California Steamship Co., which are still laid up at Port Newark, and in reply I may say that I have discussed the matter on several occasions with the New York Representative of the Owners and I have also been in communication with the Owners on the Pacific Coast, through Mr. David Millar, the Principal Surveyor at San Francisco.

I think I cannot do better than send you a copy of a letter from Mr. C. King, President of the Portland California Steamship Company which gives the Owners views on the whole question, and I might say that I learn the American Bureau have taken no action on any of the vessels classed with them which have been laid up for a period of years.

The Owners are anxious to retain out class on these vessels which are also classed with the American Bureau but at the present time they cannot see their way to incur even the expense of the general examination which it is the usual practice of the Committee to require.

In the circumstances I would very much appreciate if the Committee would take as liberal a view as possible with respect to these cases as their doing so would greatly assist in holding other vessels of this fleet which are now dually classed.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Signed:- J. French.

Chief Surveyor
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