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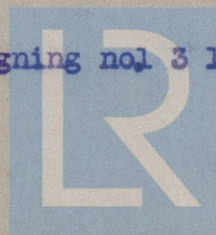
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Recently the office of Lloyd's Register in Gothenburg has been enlarged and has got an assistant Committee consisting of shipowners and shipbuilders. This is certainly of great importance to the English Institution's work in Sweden, where Bureau Veritas has been mostly used. It is remarkable that in this matter our neighbourland has gone directly in the opposite direction of what has been followed in other countries, namely in respect of the classification of their own ships, in greatest possible extension to set themselves free of the large institutions of competing countries. In Norway we have for more than half a century had our own classification society, so it may be said, that in this direction we have always been able to help ourselves. The two institutions in Italy, which were the ruling ones, before have now been beaten by The Registro Navale Italiano. This Society will probably unite with the Veritas Adriatico as the previous Austrian-Hungarian institution in reality was Italian, having its head office in Trieste. A classification Society has for some time existed in U.S.A. but has been very little known on account of the small part U.S.A. had in the international navigation. A great change has now taken place as the war created a large American Mercantile Fleet. The wish arose to have their own classification institution strengthened to get quite independent of England. American Bureau of Shipping has therefore been modernized and classed last year as stated by the director at the general annual meeting- ca. 3 000 000 tons.

In Japan a national classification has lately been founded.

The National Institutions in America, Japan and Italy are quite independent of each other as regards their direction, but they stand united in the respect that all have been approved of by British Corporation's technical Rules, which is a compliment to the Scotch classification Society.

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