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Vessel's Name:

The steamer "MONTE BUITRE" has now been under survey at this port but has again sailed without completing the survey.

The Owner's position is difficult as, at this time, there was no drydock available. They have at present four of their vessels laid-up here undergoing survey and repairs: their "MONTE NEGRO" is aground on the West Coast of Africa and has been abandoned as a total loss; the "MONTE AYALA" is also damaged and is to be brought to this port for repairs as is also the "MONTE INCHORTA" and under the circumstances, they stress the impossibility of laying up further vessels of their fleet at the moment.

The condition of the "MONTE BUITRE" is considered satisfactory and it is the intention to complete the Special Survey on return to this port from the present voyage round the coast, in about 8 weeks time.

The Committee's leniency has been much appreciated and Owners hope that it may be extended.



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