

STRACHAN SHIPPING COMPANY

21 January, 1932

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Gentlemen:

s.s. "SANTONI" - s.s. "ZORROZA"

We respectfully refer to cables exchanged concerning the disbursements for the above named vessels. We cabled you on December 26th, from Houston, estimated disbursements on the "SANTONI", which aggregated \$.8000.00, and duly received your cable advices of December 30th. that this amount had been remitted through the Guaranty Trust Company, New York.

Our Houston office, realizing the New Year's Holidays might delay transmittal of these funds, did not again cable you until January 6th, on which date we assumed sufficient time had elapsed for the proper transmittal of these funds, and it was only after communicating with the Guaranty Trust Company of New York on January 6th. that we cabled you, advising the nonreceipt.

We did not receive a reply from our cable of the 6th, but, on January 8th. we advised the arrival of the "ZORROZA" and estimated her disbursements at about \$.5000.00.

We received no acknowledgment of our cable of the 8th. However, we daily expected advices from either the New York Bank or local Houston banks of the receipt of the disbursements for both steamers. Therefore, on Monday the 11th, upon again communicating with the Guaranty Trust Company of New York and inquiring through the local Houston banks, we were most surprised to learn that no funds had been transmitted.

You, of course, appreciate that this left us in rather a confused state of mind as to what your wishes or intentions were, and, as the "ZORROZA" was about ready to sail, we fully informed the Master, in the presence of the Spanish Vice-Consul of Houston, of the situation, as, frankly, we were at a loss to understand the delay, particularly in view of the arrangement which has been in effect some several years that, by reason of our receiving only an agency fee, we were not expected to advance funds to the extent of some \$.12,000, on which we received no disbursement commissions and which also, according to the precedent and arrangement, were supposed to be received promptly or within three or four days after vessel's arrival.

Not knowing the situation, we suggested that, in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding, the "ZORROZA" not sail until we were permitted an opportunity to exchange cables with you.

We, therefore, cabled you on January 11th. and, at the same time, wired the Guaranty Bank of New York, asking them to inform us promptly on receipt of any funds.

As soon as the Captain advised us of the receipt of cable from you on the 12th., we made preparation to sail the steamer on the forenoon of the 13th, and, on that morning, received advices from the Guaranty Trust Company that they had received \$.13,000 to cover disburse-

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ments. With every good wish for your continued success and all  
happiness and prosperity for the future,

Respectfully yours,

STRACHAN SHIPPING COMPANY,

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Manager U. S. Gulf Ports

JHJ:P.

cc - JM, Esq.  
Houston/Galveston.

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A reclamar el

*Ponencia 1ª*  
*14/2/32*

Ilmo. Sr.:

Para conocimiento de esa Compañía, adjunto remito a V.I. la comunicación que ha sido dirigida por el Ministerio de Estado al Hacienda, con fecha 4 del mes actual, en la que trata del despacho nº 10 de fecha 16 de Enero ppdº del Consul de España en Galvestón, interesándole la devolución de dicho escrito y que fije toda su atención en los importantes detalles que amplian extensamente el cablegrama de dicho Consul acerca de la salida del vapor Zorroza de esa Compañía, con cargamento de gasolina, del puerto de Houston.

Madrid, 10 de Febrero de 1.932

EL DELEGADO DEL GOBIERNO

T. Echevarría.

Sr. Director General de la Campsa.

Ministerio de Estado

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Excmo. Sr.:

El Consul de España en Galveston, en despacho nº 10 de fecha 16 de Enero próximo pasado, dice a este Ministerio lo siguiente:

"Confirmando mi cablegrama de fecha 12 del actual que dice:

"Estado-Madrid, - Vapor ZORROZA de la CAMPSA  
"invitado por Agentes aplazó salida Houston  
"por falta créditos Gobierno STOP Urgentísimo  
"arreglo para evitar gastos y complicaciones.  
"UBARRI."

Los Agentes del vapor en Houston estaban dispuestos - en vista de que no llegaba el crédito abierto en Nueva York - a retener el buque con intervención de la Autoridad, lo que hubiera acarreado gastos y descrédito por medio de la prensa que lo quería dar a conocer; sin embargo, pudo conseguirse que no se llevase a término el criterio de los Agentes, reteniendo el vapor de acuerdo con el Sr. Capitán y sin intervención de la Autoridad. - El día 15 por la tarde se recibió aviso de que el crédito había sido - al fin - abierto en Nueva York, por lo que anochecido partió el vapor sin más complicaciones. - Me permito manifestar a V.E. ordene que en el futuro sea mayor la diligencia en lo que a crédito-s de vapores portadores de petróleo para la CAMPSA se refiere, evitando así disgustos y retrasos."

Lo que de orden del Sr. Ministro de Estado, traslado a V.E. para su conocimiento y efectos oportunos.

Madrid, 4 de Febrero de 1.932.

P.D.

El Jefe de la Sección

Firmado: C. Calderón.

Sr. Ministro de Hacienda.