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C. General e Ing. Pascual Ortiz Rubio.

Secretario de Comunicaciones y Obras Públicas.

MEXICO.

En cumplimiento de la comisión para la que Ud. se sirvió nombrarme, para examinar locomotoras y material rodante &c. de la Mexican Navigation & Machinery Corporation, vengo a rendir a Ud. el informe que a continuación expreso:-

La Mexican Navigation and Machinery Corporation no me presentó ningún material de Ferrocarril ni era conocida en Philadelphia.-

La persona que me enseñó locomotas de diez ruedas y base rígida de 18 8 6 88, marca "DECAPOD" fué un Señor W. S. Morton.-

Examinando yo las Locomotas, que serían unas 60 o más, encontré - verdaderos despojos, semidestruídas y en estado ruinoso e inservible. Decíanme que dichas Locomotas habían trabajado seis meses, - pero la profunda canal en algunas de las llantas - y que era hasta de 3/4 de pulgada, me convencieron que ya tenían algunos años de - servicios; todas esas máquinas estaban abandonadas a la intemperie y las claderas están en el mismo mal estado que las demás partes. Varias máquinas presentan huellas de fuertes choques, que se notan en las cajas de humo y cilindros hundidos &c.

No habiéndoseme presentado rieles ni carros de gasolina ni otro material, opto por regresar el día 26 del actual y tengo la honra de poner en su conocimiento y para los fines consiguientes este informe técnico oficial, con lo cual doy por terminado la comisión oficial, que ha tenido Ud. a bien conferirme.-

De Ud. atento y seguro servidor.-
Guillermo Heym.- Rúbrica.-

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Otto Kafka:-

He is 40 years old and married. He has been connected with the export business for several years. Is an Austrian subject, of Bohemian birth. His early life was spent in Paris, France, where he entered an export house and travelled for same in South Africa. He later returned to Austria and served one year in the Austrian army. He was later located at Hamburg, Germany, from where he went to Buenos Aires, Argentine, being employed there as a waiter in a restaurant. Subsequently he was engaged in importing merchandise in Europe, in which event he was unsuccessful. He was located in New York 12 years ago, employed by a local corset manufacturing concern, at a small salary and later became their general export agent.-

At the same time he was acting in the same capacity for other houses and in October 1911 transferred his business to the Distributing Corporation (organized under the laws of the State of New York with an authorized capital of \$ 500.00.00). He became president of this concern the address of which is 200 Fifth Avenue.-

On May 10th. his connections with the above named Corporation were severed, claiming there had been a disagreement. In 1912 The Kafka Export Corporation was organized under the laws of the State of New York with an authorized capital of \$ 15000.00, Kafka becoming President and director, claiming to be the principal party at interest. This Corporation discontinued business in 1913.-

In April 1916 Otto Kafka's name was used as secretary of the American Steel Export Co., Inc./, 200 Broadway, but his connections with same were severed. In September 1918 he became general manager of the Vulcan Steel Products Co. and the Vulcan Trading Corporation, 120 Broadway. In 1917 he parted with his holdings in the Vulcan Steel Products Co. Litigation developed, in which he received the stock of the Otrophon Steamship Co. amounting to \$100.000.00. He was later instrumental in the The Union Steel Products Co. (organized under the laws of the State of New York, the authorized capital of which was \$100.000.00) to handle the business of The Bi-Continental Trading Co., but arrangements never were completed.

In 1918 he was arrested as an enemy alien, confined in the Bay Street Jail, Brooklyn and released under bail of \$ 25.000.00. In 1919 his parole was lifted.

He now devotes his attention to the Otrophon Steamship Co. He is also a dominant factor in the Argos Steel Products Corporation, (authorized capital \$100.000.00) and in the Argos Mercantile Corp. (authorized capital \$100.000.00). According to those having had business relations with him, it is stated that their experiences have been unsatisfactory.-

In 1914, records show a judgement for about \$2000.00 against Otto Kafka in favor of the Distributing Corporation, the charge being an overdrawal while president of the Corporation, Otto Kafka on the other hand, claiming about \$8000.00 due him for service as president. The result of the judgement has not yet been stated in the reports.

His present address is 170 Broadway.-

Argos Steel Products Co.

32 Broadway, Newyork City.

Incorporated under the laws of the State of Newyork, March 1919. authorized capital \$100.000.00. Business is to acquire, develop and operate mineral and oil lands and to carry on a general mercantile and trading business.

Incorporators and directors for the first year:-

Daniel J. Dowling,
Clarence S. Ashley,
Andrew Foulds,
William F. Ashley,
Justin Galland.

They were also incorporators and directors for the first year of the Argos Mercantile Corporation, authorized capital \$100.000.00. Incorporators and directors were a bit nominally interested in concern financially.

Otto Kafka says the organization of both concerns has not been perfected, Officers not elected and no stocks issued up to the present day. He also by himself or the Othrophon Steamship Company. Other concerns require cash transactions and creakly defined contracts when doing business with The Strophon Steamship Co.-