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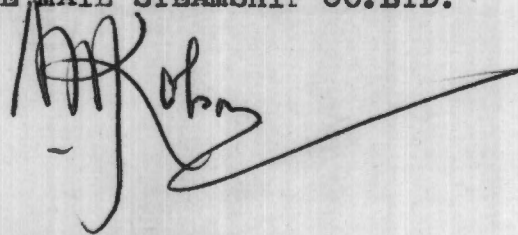
The Editor,
Messrs. Paramount Film Service,
162, Wardour Street,
LONDON, W. 1.

Dear Sir,

In case you should be referring at all to our vessel, R.M.S. "PRETORIA CASTLE", taking part in the Spithead Review, in your Newsreel this week, we enclose a News Bulletin which we issued at the beginning of last week so that you may see the correct description of the colours of our vessels which is given in the last paragraph, as the undersigned noticed that on the Television this afternoon, although we had issued this Press Notice, they refer to the colour of the hull as purplish pink, *when it is lavender grey.*

Yours faithfully,

For THE UNION-CASTLE MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.LTD.



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ROYAL NAVAL REVIEW SPITHEAD JUNE 1953

Taking part in Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Review of the Royal Navy at Spithead on the 15th June will be the "PRETORIA CASTLE", one of the two largest passenger vessels owned by the Union-Castle Line. With her sister ship, the "EDINBURGH CASTLE", she is engaged in the Weekly Mail Service from Southampton to South Africa, from which country she arrived recently. The vessel will be sailing again for South Africa on the 18th June.

The "PRETORIA CASTLE", an oil fired steam turbine vessel, of 28,705 gross tons, and her sister ship, are the largest and most powerful vessels trading regularly with South Africa. She has been chartered by the Admiralty for the accommodation of guests of the British Government and will leave Southampton on the morning of Monday, 15th June, to take up her position in company with two other large merchant ships, the "Strathnaver" and "Orcaades", at Spithead. The "PRETORIA CASTLE" will return to Southampton early on the following morning, 16th June.

The "PRETORIA CASTLE" was the first new vessel built for the Union-Castle Line after the war and in general outline with her curved fashioned stem, cruiser stern and rounded superstructure, she resembles the "Capetown Castle", last prewar mail ship, but a somewhat taller funnel distinguishes her from that vessel and the other motorships of the Fleet.

The passenger accommodation is arranged over six decks in a modern but dignified style with indirect lighting in the public rooms and the extensive use of Commonwealth woods and veneers blended in their varied graining and colour.

The Commander of the "PRETORIA CASTLE" is Captain G.H. Mayhew who joined the Union-Castle Company in 1921. Captain Mayhew trained as a Cadet from 1917 and his service began when he was appointed 3rd Officer of the "Crawford Castle" in September 1921. He subsequently served in the "Dunluce Castle", "Kenilworth Castle", "Stirling Castle", "Llanstephan Castle", and received his first command in July 1941 when he was appointed to the "Llangibby Castle". Captain Mayhew was in command of the "Roxburgh Castle" when she was sunk by an enemy submarine off Ferraria Point Light, Azores, in February, 1943.

Captain Mayhew is assisted by seven deck officers, and the engineers are in the charge of Mr. T.P. Noble, who has four senior engineers working with him. Mr. Noble joined the Company in 1914 and was first appointed Chief Engineer in 1934. During the war years he served as Chief Engineer of the "Dunvegan Castle" under the Admiralty until the vessel was torpedoed, subsequently serving as Commander (E) of H.M.S. "Carthage". Mr. Noble received his appointment as Chief Engineer of the "PRETORIA CASTLE" in April 1951. The Surgeon is Dr. Maxwell Hall, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., who has been with the Company since February 1950. Mr. A.M.H. Baker, R.D., R.N.R., Purser, joined the Company in 1926 as an Assistant Purser and served in the Royal Naval Reserve throughout the war.

Last but not least there is the Chief Steward, Mr. R.H. Hubbard, and his second steward, Mr. E.J.F. Rich, who cater for the innor man so successfully. Mr. Hubbard joined the Company in 1911 and was first appointed Chief Steward of the "Garth Castle" in 1935; he has served in various ships and was appointed to the "PRETORIA CASTLE" on her maiden voyage in 1948. In all there are over 400 members of the crew in all departments.

The "PRETORIA CASTLE" is easily distinguishable by her lavender grey hull, white superstructure and red funnel with black top.

Publicity Department,
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