

"NORTHERN STAR" TRIALS

Britain's newest passenger liner, the 24,000 ton Northern Star, tries her strength off the Isle of Arran, after leaving her birthplace at Newcastle upon-Tyne. When her trials and shake-down cruises are over, she's due for a round the world maiden voyage under the Shaw Savill house-flag.

Very comfortably equipped for 1,417 passengers and 490 crew, the Northern Star isn't quite all modern. This clock is 100 years old - but otherwise everything's completely up to date - including the fact that she's a one-class ship. The passengers aboard for the shake-down cruises are guests of the owners - you lucky people.

The Northern Star is planned entirely for passengers - no cargo at all - apart from their luggage, of course! She'll be running in double harness with Shaw Savill's Southern Cross. Anyone feel like a cruise round the world?