

Sir John Jarvis informed our Jarrow representative last night that he had bought the Cunard White Star liner *Berengaria* to be broken up at Jarrow to provide work for Jarrow's unemployed. He said that he had paid considerably over £100,000 for the vessel, which might have gone abroad if he had not bought her. A new company was to be formed to be called the Jarrow Shipbreaking Company, and it was his intention to make shipbreaking a permanent industry at Jarrow. The Commissioner for Special Areas had leased the greater part of Palmers Shipyard site for the breaking-up works. The breaking up of the ship will provide employment for 200 men for at least two years. Work will be started forthwith preparing the yard, erecting cranes, &c. The ship will come to the Tyne in the early part of next year. The breaking up of this ship, which is much larger than the *Olympic*, will be very suitable work for semi-skilled and unskilled labour, and much of the material of the vessel will be absorbed. Sir John said, in his new metal industries at Jarrow and at Gateshead, which were now employing hundreds of men. It is believed that the actual price paid for the *Berengaria* is in the neighbourhood of £108,000.

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Official No.

Signal Letters

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Under deck

Net. Dimensions

Berengaria (ex "*Imperator*"). — Quadruple-screw passenger steamship (four decks, shelter and shade decks, fifth deck in holds and sixth deck in No. 1 hold; fitted with refrigerating machinery); 52,101 tons gross, 20,574 net. Built Hamburg, 1912 (S.S. No. 3, 1934). Sold by Cunard White Star, Ltd., Liverpool, to Sir John Jarvis, Jarrow, for about £108,000.

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