



S.S. Europa, 37,012 N.R.T., Hapag Lloyd, alongside the Eastern Arm, en route Bremerhaven-Genoa

## SHIPPING NEWS ——— BRUCE LILLEY

**W**HILST ON HOLIDAY on the West Coast of America I picked up a copy of the CRUISE INDUSTRY NEWS QUARTERLY, an authoritative magazine for the cruise industry read by everyone concerned with cruising (e.g. shipowners, suppliers and Port Authorities). In the magazine was an ad. for Dover Cruise, inviting cruise liners to use Dover for calls and turn-arounds and stating "Dover is fast becoming a star port on cruise itineraries".

Having seen what the cruise industry can do for ports on the west coast of America, like San Diego, San Francisco and San Pedro, and for small Mexican ports, which have seen cruise liners as a means of earning revenue and using their assets to advantage, it is evident that Dover has so much to offer cruise passengers that this could become big business for Dover. With the opening of the tunnel and the rundown of the ferries, perhaps cruise ships could provide one answer for Dover's future development. Also, as P & O is one of the big cruise ship operators, they could help to promote the port of Dover to their advantage.

Already we have seen fourteen cruise ships put in to the Eastern Docks in 1993. A cruise ship terminal is one of the ideas included in the plans for the Western Docks development. Surely this would be an ideal site for this purpose to attract bigger and better liners to include Dover in their itineraries.

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ANSWERS to the Questions on page 147

- 1 Charles Dickens • 2 Buckland 1951 • 3 Bench Street
- 4 He was Organ Master for a time at Dover Priory in the 16th century
- 5 Richard Cœur de Lion/Richard I • 6 Charles Stewart Rolls, 2 June 1919
- 7 1942-60 • 8 No. 46 Castle Street • 9 J. M. W. Turner • 10 15 Sept 1944
- 11 21hrs 40mins • 12 The New Gaol