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BULL-INSULAR LINE PLANS EXPRESS SERVICE

Looking for Fast Ships to put in its Proposed Passenger Service Between New York and Island

WAN'S FORMER GERMAN SHIPS

Also it is Reported that the Helen and Cornelia may be Converted for Passenger use.

The Bull-Insular Line is planning to establish an express passenger service between New York and San Juan according to the latest information available regarding their plans for establishing a passenger service between the mainland and the island.

How soon this service may be established is said to depend altogether on the success of the company in obtaining ships of the required type and speed. Several former German ships are being considered by the company in addition to the Prinz Joachim, it is said.

Another recent report regarding the new activities of this company was that the steamers Helen and Cornelia were to be converted into passenger carrying ships. No confirmation of this report could be obtained from the local offices of the company, Miguel Such, manager, saying that he knew the company proposed to establish a passenger service as soon as possible, but that he had not been advised that the Helen and Cornelia were to be remodeled.

A. H. Bull & Company New York agents of the Bull-Insular Line, last month purchased a new office building in New York City at 34-40 on West street, and 60-62 was on Washington street. The pro-

perty acquired for \$150,000. It has a front of 45 feet and a depth of 181 feet.

Inasmuch as the present office facilities of the Bull steamship lines in the Whitehall Building, 17 Battery Place, are inadequate to accommodate all of the office force, it is anticipated that certain departments will be transferred to the new office building, part of which will be ready for occupancy by the owner within the next few weeks. However, the freight booking departments and executive offices will remain in the Whitehall Building for some time.

The newly acquired building is about thirty years old and is now occupied by offices, stores and light manufactories. It is not known whether Mr. Bull plans to modernize the new building and outfit it for the sole use of his steamship company or whether he will occupy only part of it.

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