

STEAMING ON SCHEDULE TIME.

TEST OF THE ROYAL ARTHUR, NEW BRITISH FLAGSHIP IN THE PACIFIC.

The powerful new British cruiser Royal Arthur is at present en route from England to the Pacific to relieve the British armored cruiser Warspite as flagship of the British forces in Pacific waters. The Royal Arthur sailed from Portsmouth, England, on March 27.

The Royal Arthur is steaming to her new station on schedule time. The warship must run from Portsmouth to Las Palmas, a distance of 1,600 miles, in 4 days 14 hours. This run must be made at a speed of $14\frac{1}{2}$ knots per hour. From Las Palmas to Rio de Janeiro, a distance of 3,700 miles, the time occupied must not exceed 12 days 11 hours. The run can be made in the allotted time, it is calculated, at a speed of 12 knots per hour. From Rio de Janeiro to Montevideo the time occupied is set down at 3 days 8 hours. The distance is 980 miles. A speed of 12 knots per hour will enable the last schedule time to be made.

From Montevideo to Stanley (Falkland Islands) the Royal Arthur is allowed 3 days 10 hours. The distance is 1,000 miles, and the speed allowed is 12 knots per hour. From Stanley to Sandy Point (Magellan Straits) the time allowance is 2 days. The distance is 580 miles. Twelve knots per hour is permitted on this run.

At Sandy Point the Royal Arthur will find the armored cruiser Warspite, and on meeting her Rear Admiral H. F. Stephenson, C. B., the new commander, will take over the control of the British Pacific fleet.

The British Admiralty has directed Rear Admiral Stephenson to steam the Royal Arthur at some stretch of her long journey at a speed of $16\frac{1}{2}$ knots per hour continuously for twenty-four hours. This high-speed run will be made between Las Palmas and Rio de Janeiro.

The Captain of the Royal Arthur is F. P. Trench. The new ship carries a crew of 560 men. Her principal features are: Length, 360 feet; beam, 60 feet; draught, 23 feet 9 inches; displacement, 7,700 tons; designed horse-power, 12,000. The main battery consists of one 9.2-inch breechloading rifle and twelve rapid-fire six-inch guns.

The speed of the Royal Arthur is set down at 19.5 knots per hour. Her coal-carrying capacity is 850 tons. On this coal supply it is estimated that the Royal Arthur can steam 10,000 miles at her most economical speed. The Royal Arthur is a steel-built ship, copper sheathed.
