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A NEW SWISS SHIP

The M.S. "Romandie", built for Helica Ltd., in Geneva on behalf of Swiss-Atlantic, a merchant shipping firm in Lausanne, was recently launched in a Glasgow shipyard. This new ship with a displacement of 33,000 tons — making it the biggest in the Swiss merchant fleet — has been designed for the transport of heavy cargoes such as cereals, sugar, coal and ores; it measures 630 feet long, 85 feet wide and has a draught of 35 feet. It will be driven by a Sulzer-Diesel engine built at Winterthur (Switzerland) and developing 13,800 h.p. at 119 r.p.m., which will give it a speed of over 15 knots. This new

addition to the Swiss merchant fleet is expected to be ready to go into service by the end of the year. [O.S.E.C.]

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