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Moscow, Pravda, 3 Jan 54

The cargo-passenger ship S/S Aleksandr Mozhayskiy has gone to sea on her first voyage after extensive rebuilding and overhauling. The ship will cross several seas and oceans to deliver freight to the Soviet Far East.

Accommodations of all three classes have been completely outfitted on the ship, as well as a music salon, a lounge, dining rooms, a motion picture theater, and a library

Moscow, Ogonek, No 49, Dec 53

The S/S Vsevolod Vishnevskiy, under the command of Captain Safronov, has completed its first navigation season.

During 1953, the new passenger ship sailed on the Volga and Kama rivers between Gor'kiy and Molotov.

Leningradskaya Pravda, 3 Nov 53

The Leningrad Central Planning and Design Bureau of the Ministry of Maritime and River Fleet has developed a new 150-horsepower diesel tug. On 1 October, the Mossudoverf' Shipyard in Moscow will launch the prototype of this vessel.

The new tug is specially designed and equipped for the pushing method of barge propulsion. The design bureau, under the direction of Chief Engineer M.N. Brezhnev, developed a new device which will replace the rudder on these vessels. Experience has shown that a tug used for barge pushing must have a very strong rudder and quick response to course changes. In this new design, the tug and tow will change course with the turning of a jet of water installed at the stern of the towing vessel. The maneuverability of the tow is considerably increased by the new apparatus, and the tow speed is increased by 15-20 percent.

Central hydraulic controls have been installed which allow a single man to control the entire towing operation. Communication with the barges will be maintained by telephone.

After trials, which will take place in November, the new-type tug will be put into mass production.

The design bureau is now working on new types of 300- to 600-horsepower pushing tugs.

SOVIET VESSELS IN FOREIGN WATERS -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 3 Jan 54

The S/S Stalingrad, under the command of Captain Aleksandr P. Babenko, left Vladivostok recently for the western part of the USSR. The trip will be made via southern waters. The ship stopped for several days in Shanghai and then continued on into the Indian Ocean.

The M/V Taganrog, under the command of Captain Mikhaylov, is in the Red Sea en route from Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia with cargo for China. The vessel has already traveled more than 4,900 miles.

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Moscow, Izvestiya, 30 Dec 53

The tanker Tuapse has transferred fuel oil and fresh water to the whale processing ship Slava by direct hose connections in Antarctic waters. Potatoes, apples, onions, salted produce, fresh fish, pigs, and cows were also put aboard. Mail and newspapers were delivered for the crew.

Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 5 Nov 53

The S/S Omsk is en route to the Finnish port of Mantyluoto on the Gulf of Bothnia.

The S/S Vtoraya Pyatiletka is making a voyage from the Baltic Sea to China and back, a distance of 26,000 miles.

Leningradskaya Pravda, 7 Nov 53

The S/S Sovetskaya Gavan' is under way in the Atlantic Ocean at present.

NAVIGATION CURTAILED ON VOLGA-DON CANAL -- Kishinev, Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 6 Nov 53

Navigation is coming to a close on the Volga-Don Canal. All passenger traffic has ceased on the Moscow-Rostov line, where the diesel-electric ships Rossiya, Gruzziya, and Azerbaydzhan operated during the year.

More than 120,000 persons sailed through the Volga-Don Canal during the 1953 navigation season.

Passenger vessels are continuing to operate on the Rostov-Stalingrad line despite storms on the Tsimlyanskaya Reservoir. A new passenger line was opened recently between Tsimlyanskaya Port and Kaluch.

WATER TRANSPORT PLAN RESULTS -- Moscow, Pravda, 1 Jan 54

Workers in the maritime and river fleets have completed the 1953 navigation plan.

Moscow, Izvestiya, 1 Nov 53

The Kama Steamship Line finished its 1953 dry cargo shipping plan on 24 October. At that time it had carried 8 percent more freight than was carried during the entire 1952 navigation season.

Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 3 Nov 53

The Moscow-Volga Steamship Line completed the 1953 navigation plan on 2 November. Seven percent more freight was transported during 1953 than during 1952.

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PORT EXTENDED AT MOLOTOV -- Moscow, Gudok, 25 Dec 53

A considerable amount of work is being carried out on the landing stages of the port of Molotov, which extends for hundreds of meters along the Kama River. The space between the concrete mooring wall and the shore is being filled in. Suction dredges, excavators, bulldozers, and dump trucks are being used in the operation.

On the part already completed, paving and ballasting are under way preparatory to laying rails for portal cranes.

VESSEL LOCATIONS AND TRAFFIC -- Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 1 Nov 53

The following vessels are operating with the West Siberian Steamship Line: S/S Stepan Razin, S/S Marshal Vasilevskiy, S/S Shchors, M/V Sergey Laze, and the cargo-passenger vessel S/S Khokhryakov.

Moscow, Rybnoye Khozyaystvo, No 9, Sep 53

The trawler Kasatka is operating with the Murmansk Administration of the trawler fleet.

Moscow, Trud, 3 Nov 53

The S/S Mironich (Northern Steamship Company), en route from Arkhangel'sk to Odessa, reports that she is off the coast of Algeria after 27 days of sailing.

The S/S Vyatka (Northern Steamship Company) has completed her 1953 plan and has delivered 2,000 tons of consumer goods above plan to the far northern area.

Leningradskaya Pravda, 7 Nov 53

The S/S Sevastopol' is underway in the Sea of Okhotsk.

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