STEAMSHIP OLYMPIC TO BE CONVERTED INTO CRUISER BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT

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New York, Sept. 28---Local observers who have been watching the formation of war clouds over Europe in the last few months were interested in an announcement made to-day by officials of the White Star Line concerning the Olympic, which leaves to-morrow for the last voyage of the year and will not return to this port until next April.

By that time her appearance will have been altered greatly by a stay of six months in the Belfast shipyards. The changes to be made were decided upon by the line officials following a series of conferences with the British admiralty authorities, and part of the expense of the alteration will be borne by the British government.

One and a quarter millions of dollars will be spent by the line in installing a secondary steel hull within the present hull. A cruiser's stern will replace the present ocean greyhound stern, and for this the government will pay.

Overhauling the boilers will give her greater speed capacity than any other cruiser in the world---for cruiser she will be when the alterations are completed.

Courtesy of Mark Baber