

To Mark Steamship Centennial

After a hazardous 22-day crossing from London to New York, the 700-ton Sirius, first all-steam powered vessel to cross the Atlantic, sailed into New York harbor with 42 passengers aboard on April 23, 1838.

Exactly 100 years later, the National Broadcasting co. will link two modern ocean giants speeding toward New York with the NBC Radio City studios, for a program commemorating that first historic steam crossing.

A highlight of the broadcast will be a three-way interview between Graham McNamee, in New York; Commodore Robert B. Irving, on the Queen Mary about a day-and-a-half out of New York, and Capt. Giles C. Stedman of the S. S. Washington, approximately 300 miles off the Irish coast. The program from 7:30 to 8 tonight over WIBA-WMAQ also will include a brief dramatization of events connected with the Sirius' voyage.

Other aces tonight, classified:

Dramatic

8:30 p. m.—American Portraits (WIBA, WMAQ): Mark Twain.

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Discussion

6:30 p. m.—U. W. International club (WIBA): Sami P. Murad on Arab-Jewish clashes in Palistine.

9:45 p. m. — Capitol Opinions (WBBM): Commissioner Santiago Iglesias, Puerto Rico, on "Economic and Defense Problems of U. S. Possessions."

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Musical

8:15 p. m.—Chicago Symphony Orchestra (WGN).

9 p. m.—NBC Symphony Orchestra (WMAQ): and Schola Cantorum in American radio premiere of Delius' "A Mass of Life."

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Variety

7 p. m. — Robert L. Ripley (WIBA, WMAQ): story of Veloz and Yolanda . . . Swing Club (WBBM): Mildred Bailey, Red Norvo, Tommy Dorsey, Stuff Smith and his band.

7:30 p. m. — Johnny Presents (WBBM): reporter who stopped wholesale jail break.

8 p. m.—Barn Dance (WLS): the wishing game (on WIBA at 10):

8:30 p. m.—Saturday Night Serenade (WBBM): "Rock Me to Sleep," "Thanks for the Memory," "Hi-Ho."

9 p. m. — Your Hit Parade (WBBM): with Mme. Lotte Lehmann.

9:30 p. m. — Family Party (WIBA, WLS): with Grace M. Ellis, home economic writer.