

# Heroic Shaft Of Columbus On Way Here

12-Foot Bronze Reaches  
New York City on  
Liner Rex.

Plans Are Speeded  
Date of Unveiling in St.  
Marys Circle Not  
Yet Set

The heroic bronze statue of Christopher Columbus, which is to be placed in St. Marys Circle in Syracuse in honor of the discoverer of America, is due in Syracuse the end of the week, it was announced today, in connection with quickened plans for a celebration to attend the unveiling.

The statue was aboard the Italian steamship Rex, arriving at New York today. Capt. Pasquale Bennett was at New York as the representative of the Columbus Monument Association of Syracuse, designated by Joseph J. Pietrafesa, the president, to have charge of details of forwarding the statue here.

It slightly exceeds 12 feet in height, representing the discoverer as he stood on the deck of his flagship confronting the New World.

The estimated weight before casting was about six tons. The base and pedestal of Bavenza granite already in place weigh 153 tons.

Renzo Baldi, of Florence, Italy, made the design of the monument and supervised the casting of the bronze, which is in pieces, to be assembled here.

Men have gone to work again today at the monument site but it is said that a definite time for the unveiling of the monument cannot yet be fixed.

Plans call for invitation of Augusto Rosso, ambassador from Italy to the United States, and Antonio Groenardi of New York, royal Italian consul-general to the United States, to attend the ceremonies.

The possibility has been discussed in the committee meetings, Mrs. Pietrafesa said today when asked about this detail, that a small naval vessel from Italy with Italian naval personnel abroad might be brought through the Barge Canal on the way to the Century of Progress and stop off at Syracuse for the occasion.

Use of a submarine was proposed originally. The complications of such a project are numerous, including international rights, privileges and courtesies, and questions of navigation.

The unveiling will mark a triumph in the achievement of the population of Syracuse of Italian blood. Years of work passed before the project reached a stage of fund-raising and after adequate funds were raised the success of the enterprise was threatened by shifts in international exchange.

The delivery of the statue on

American soil, however, besides serving as a link between the old homeland of the commemorating group, marks a final stage in the monument activities.

There are four inscribed bronze plaques and four Indian heads to be placed on the faces of the monument below the figure of Columbus.

The entire scheme includes a system of welling fountains and pools, which, in setting with the suggestion of Spanish caravels carved in relief on the faces of the monument, carry out the theme of probably the most significant voyage in the history of mankind.