

## ARRIVAL OF THE R.M.S. COPTIC [at Wellington with E.J. Smith in command]

### *The Evening Post, Wellington, New Zealand*

Friday 31 January 1890

The S.S. & A. Company's R.M.S. Coptic anchored in the harbour at 8.40 this morning. She left London on 12th December, Plymouth 14th, and reached Teneriffe on 19th; left again on the following morning, crossed the Equator on the 26th, and reached the Cape on the 6th January, leaving same day, and arrived at Hobart at midnight on 25th; left again at 7.38 pm on 27th, passed Cape Farewell last evening, and arrived as above. She was berthed alongside the Queen's Wharf at 10.15 am. The voyage throughout was a pleasant one, fine weather prevailing during the voyage, and the usual amusements were indulged in. Shortly after leaving Teneriffe Charles Lenham, a steerage steward, died of apoplexy. Her officers have been entirely changed on this trip, which is the first since she went aground on the Brazilian coast on her homeward voyage. She is now commanded by Captain Edward J. Smith, from the R.M.S. Celtic, Atlantic trade, with H. St. G. Lindsay and A. E. Acheson first and second officer respectively, and Mr A. Cameron purser, from the same vessel; F. R. Clark and H. Burbidge, both from the Ionic, are third and fourth officer respectively.

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