

THE BIGGEST LINER IS NOW IN PORT

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Adriatic Arrives After a Very Successful Maiden Voyage

NO JARS ON THE TRIP

Passengers Give Praise for Smoothness of Voyage on New White Star Liner

The Adriatic, the biggest of transatlantic liners afloat, arrived here at the end of her maiden voyage across the Atlantic yesterday afternoon. She is a stately and dignified craft, and among all the saloon passengers who crossed in her there was not one who did not agree with the officers that there is not a better vessel afloat when it comes to steadiness in rough seas, easy going in smooth ones, and general all-around comfort in all kinds of weather. The liner is one of the most luxuriously appointed afloat, and is in a class by herself in that she is equipped with a modern Turkish bath apartment, in addition to all the other innovations.

Outwardly the Adriatic resembles the Baltic, Cedric, and Celtic, the other giant ships of the White Star Line, but she is far superior when her interior arrangements are taken into consideration. The beauty of her decorations, the elaborateness of her furnishings, and the roominess and airiness of her apartments have been told in the newspapers time and again, the result being that her coming has long been an event looked forward to with the keenest interest by that part of the public sometimes called "transatlantic voyagers."

The voyage of the Adriatic was a most creditable for a maiden effort, and all hands were profuse in their congratulations of Capt. Smith and his staff for the splendid way in which they handled the liner on her way across. Not a slip was made, and not ajar was felt, said one of the passengers, while another enthusiast declared that it had not been for the sight of the ocean through port hole and cabin window, they would hardly have realized that they were at sea, so steady and regular was the big liner in all kinds of weather.

Congressman Bourke Cockran described the liner as "the embodiment of human skill over natural obstacles," while J. Bruce Ismay, President of the International Mercantile Marine Company, who was also a passenger, admitted the company's pride in its latest acquisition. Of course, the fact that the engines of the liner are new and are still "untuned," as the sailors put it, made it necessary for the engineering staff to be

constantly on the watch to see that every piece of machinery worked as it was intended. Later, when the engines get into their natural stride and the engineers become thoroughly familiarized with their new jobs, the Adriatic, according to officers and crew, can be expected to perform a great deal better than she did on this unusually creditable maiden effort.

From Queenstown to New York the liner consumed just 7 days 1 hour and 45 minutes, covering the distance of 2,896 miles at an average speed of 17.02 knots an hour. Her best day's record was on Sunday, when she logged from midnight to midnight of that date 430 miles. Her day's runs in order, beginning with May 10 and ending at noon yesterday, were as follows: May 10, 377 miles; May 11, 423 miles; May 12, 430 miles; May 13, 405 miles; May 14, 416 miles; May 15, 419 miles; and May 16, 420 miles.

Only one accident marred the passage of the Adriatic, and that happened while the liner was being warped into her pier yesterday afternoon. Among the passengers was R. C. Kerens, Republican National Committeeman from Missouri, Mrs. Kerens, and their two children, Miss Gladys and R. C. Kerens, Jr. Young Mr. Kerens was waving his hand to his brother, who was on the pier, when he slipped and fell. In falling he struck his jaw against one of the iron stanchions and dislocated it. Fortunately Dr. Ingram of Roosevelt Hospital was on the pier, and assisted by Dr. W. F. N. O'Loughlin, the surgeon of the Adriatic, set the jaw after fifteen minutes' work. Mr. Kerens was in intense agony, but the doctors said that his recovery would probably be rapid.

The Adriatic brought over 2,502 passengers, among them being 365 saloon and 335 of the second class. Among the former were Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel T. Bacon, Col. Bedlake, W. C. Benedict, A. H. Billing, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Chambers, William Churchill, Randall Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gates, Judge T. A. Gill, R. S. Grant, R. S. Hawthorne, Mrs. C. H. Ingraham, Mr. and Mrs. George Proctor Knott, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Knox, Mrs. Daniel S. Lamont, the Misses Lamont, William Philips, Second Secretary of the United States Legation at Peking; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Pond, Mrs. M. B. Poor, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Purdy, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Riggs, F. A. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Weeks, Jr., and J. Jay White, Jr.

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