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Days Are Spent in Calling, Reading and Sleeping Crossing Atlantic.

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BY E. W. WRIGHT. R. M. S. LUCANIA, nearing Queenstown, Oct. 4.—(Staff Correspondence.)—Previous to this week it has always been a source of much wonder to me why such a large number of people on leaving the United States took the trouble to write their impressions of the voyage from this land of the free.

It is all so easy to understand after one has made the trip. We are now nearly five days out from New York and the novelty of the trip was exhausted four days ago. There is nothing to do but eat, sleep and read, or take a turn round the deck and watch the everlasting, unchanging and seemingly illimitable blue water merge into the everlasting, unchanging sky line 'way off yonder. I know now what the Ancient Mariner would have done had there been a place to write on that craft from which he noticed that the sun rose and set.

As will be noted by the heading, I am going over on the Lucania. She is smaller and slower than some of the new flyers, but the others were all otherwise engaged and could not take me when I was ready to go. Still the Lucania has points of superiority over some of the craft we know so well at Portland. She is 325 feet long, has engines of 33,000 horsepower and can reel off 500 miles a day without disarranging the furniture.

So much has been written of the solemnity of those heartbreaking leavetakings as "the good ship sailed away" that Ralph Stuart and James Montague volunteered to come down and cry a few tears for me when we left New York. Neither appeared. Montague still retaining one of his characteristics, which were so pronounced in the old days on The Oregonian before he was discovered by Hearst. Stuart was so much impressed with the tale of prospect that he went to which I told him the night before that he was busy cancelling Eastern engagements and preparing to fly to the one-night stands of the golden west at least that was the inference I gained from his telephone farewell. I excused him both, he is a very busy man, but his little hammer is very busy nailing campaign lies for Hearst just now. Besides, there were tears enough to go round.

At 1 o'clock sharp last Saturday the Lucania's gangplank was hauled ashore, and a few moments later the big liner hauled out of her slip, brushing past the end of the pier, and a few hundred friends of the passengers were waiting to wave a last good-by and shed some of the tears which are so wayward on the American coast. The foreign journey varies but slightly, and that only in degree, from that which you can expect on the Atlantic coast in the summertime when the Porter pulls out for the beaches, or at Astoria's dock when Mr. Harriman's plaited packets sail for San Francisco.

Tortuous New York Channel. It has been several decades since a traveler was regarded as a stranger in unknown when he took ship for a foreign shore, and the speed and regularity of these modern ferretboats have estimated a good deal of the romance of the sea and have incidentally removed considerable cause for undue grief at the gangplank. The echoes of the Lucania's long-drawn-out farewell whistle had hardly died away when the call for lunch sent the passengers below—quite a few of them impressed with the belief that the first meal would probably be the last for the voyage, but quite a number remained on deck to get a final view of New York.

The big liners leaving New York proceed with caution as they move down the harbor. The channel to sea is so thoroughly marked that any seaman who could distinguish a red buoy from a black one would have but little difficulty in keeping the steamer in the channel between them, but there are so many steamers, small and large, darting round that it is necessary to keep the big liners under very moderate headway until they are safely in the harbor. Vessels of moderate draft can make a fairly straight course, but the big steamers follow a winding round, making a sharp right-angle turn just before heading out past Sandy Hook.

The American liner St. Paul preceded us by a few minutes, and a big French liner was a few minutes behind us, so that when the Lucania swung round to head out past Sandy Hook the three formed the corners of a perfect triangle. Considerable time is wasted in making this wide detour, and New York is being left a long way behind the more direct channel, now used by the small steamers.

A steam pilot boat was waiting off Sandy Hook and the Lucania passed long enough to discharge the pilot who had kept her from running over the numerous buoys which lined the lane through the harbor to New York. The pilot also took with him a mail bag containing numerous messages from the grief-stricken passengers, no doubt telling John not to forget to wind the clock, Mary to be sure and write every day, for Gladys, "There, little girl don't cry" for Algeron, "be true to me while I am at sea."

Pirates Aboard the Liner. The late Mr. Cunard, like the late Mr. Fullam, was undoubtedly a great believer in thrift, both of them apparently insisting on their hired men collecting the greater part of their stipend from the traveling public. Mr. Fullam's dusky brigands, armed to the teeth with whisk brooms and living in a free country, of course take your money away in a more obnoxious fashion than is followed by the mission on board the transatlantic liner.



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ers, who pay homage to a king or some other royal dignitary, but underpaid hirelings on the steamers can give the railroad man with the whisk broom points on the tipping game that he ought to know. Aside from half a dozen sticks of this news, there are 32 pages of the Bulletin, made up of ads and reading miscellany. The latter, like the captain's sermon, is of the vintage of the early '60s, so old, musty and heavy that it would make the country editors' "boiler-plate" read like hot stuff straight from the wire. There is a rumor afloat (all rumors are afloat at sea) that there will be a concert on board tonight. It has caused such intense excitement, even for this intense, if exciting trip, that I cannot write any more at present.

Couples Elope and Marry. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Ralph Newman and Miss Effie Belle Smith, and Charles L. Warren and Mrs. Angeline V. Cully, of Freewater, Or., eloped from their homes and came to this place today and were married by Justice J. A. Taggart.

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