Nothing Like an Ocean Ship For Variety, says Miss Finn

First Of Letters From Abroad Tells Of Many Incidents On Shipboard

(Editor's Note—The following letter is one of a number that we expect to receive from Europe during the next year or two. It was written by Miss Irene Finn, daughter of A. H. Flinn, 70 West Bethune avenue, Detroit. Miss Finn is well known to a number of our readers. She left Detroit for France last August in company with Major and Mrs. Russell Alger Osman and their two children. We have asked Miss Finn to write us from time to time on various happenings which she may observe while in France. We trust that these articles will prove interesting to our readers.)

On Board the S. S. President Monroe

This ship is one of the new U. S. cabin boats, and is an oil burning, twin screw passenger steamship, carrying 150 passengers when filled to capacity.

All of the cabins, with the exception of two, are fitted for four occupants but can be adapted to individual needs. The bow and stern sections are built for handling freight with the nessesary hatches, cranes, and crew's quarters. There are two promenade decks. The upper is enclosed but has windows which may be lowered in fair weather. There is thus plenty of deck space for the necessary steamer chairs, and games. The lower deck in the stern is fitted up for a veranda cafe with an electric player piano. There is another piano in the social hall where the orchestra of four pieces plays every morning and afternoon.

In the evenings, dances or moving picture shows are staged in the veranda cafe. For movies, a large canvass screen is stretched up over the freight deck. The audience uses steamer chairs on the overlooking promenade decks. These are partially enclosed so that even in stormy and rainy weather they can be used.

The dining room is located on the floor below the promenade decks, and is in the bow of the boat. The cabins on this floor are somewhat larger than those above and are free from deck noises. However the port holes have to be watched, as occasionally large waves are apt to come rushing in, if the sea is heavy, or the wind is coming from that particular direction.

Some of the rooms have adjoining showers and toilets, while others have fully equipped bathrooms. All the showers have fresh water, but the bath tubs have salt water, and there is nothing more exhilarating than salt water for a bath. It leaves the skin fairly tingling.

There is no liquor served on these boats and the passengers seem to be quite happy with lemonade and ginger ale.

Fruit is always obtainable. An orange before breakfast accompanied by a brisk walk is a sure preventitive of mal de mer. The food is very good. There is a large choice and things are fairly well cooked. It is wise to stick to plain food and there is enough of a variety to please almost everyone.

Commotion reigns supreme on the pier when an ocean liner is about to pull out. A brass band plays at frequent intervals, messengers keep arriving with steamer blankets, flowers, and other gifts. Passengers begin embarking early in the morning so as to get started early and have time to write letters to post at the last minute. Large cranes are swinging baggage, and an occational automobile, on board. Cabin baggage comes on in large quantities and is soon stored away.

The man with the cable and telegraph blanks is doing a land office business, as everyone feels called upon to notify someone of their approaching departure.

Finally the long anticipated moment arrives and with much blowing of sirens, screeching of tugs, tooting of whistles, the large ship slowly draws out from the dock and gradually turns around, and starts out of the harbor, past Bedloe's Island, the Statute of Liberty, and Governors Island.

By dinner time, seats have been assigned and the captain has selected the guests for his table. Automatically everyone settles down and soon the steamer chairs are occupied for the afternoon.

A Bal Masque was scheduled for this evening and only two days previous notice was given. It takes quite a bite of courage and ingenuity to rig up a costume out of nothing. One gentleman borrowed a handsome Chinese coat and his wife's gold turban and appeared as a Mandarin.

Two ladies went as the Bath Tub Twins in bath towels and crepe paper hats. Several lansome Japanese kimonas were used to create geisha girls and the silver and red paper off film packs, was used to make fans for hair ornaments. One very ingenuine creation was formed by borrowed neck scarfs and knitted neck throws. A chick's costume was evolved from a cabin bed curtain and a couple of sheets. A Spanish Señorita, a Gypsy girl, several pajama girls, Turks, naval officers, and a few comic costumes, completed the list of those who were not slackers. Dancing was rather difficult as a heavy sea was running, but the difficulties only seemed to increase the fun and hilarity.

There are no celebrities on board, but there are a number of very interesting people. A Mr. P——, of the Dept. of Commerce, is going to Rome on governmental business, and is accompanied by his wonderfully atractive Italian wife and baby. A Mr. M——, of the Dept. of Agriculture, is on his way to Russia on a special mission. Commander C—— of the U. S. N., is going abroad on special land duty, as injuries sustained during the war have incapacitated him for further active sea duty.

Major Osman, of the U. S. A., is going to Paris for a two years tour of duty, during which he will study at the French Military School, and get in some capacity as military attache' to the American Embassy.

A Mr. M——, of Detroit, who is a prominent church singer, is off his way to study for two years in Milan.

There are two artists on board. One paints period illustrations for Hudnut, and the other is going abroad with a Scholarship won in a Philadelphia Art Academy.

Then there are some English girls returning home, a number of children travelling with their parents, several vamps, and ex-actresses, and the usual ordinary tourists. On the whole it's a very congenial crowd.

There isn't much time to be lonesome on ship board with the following schedule:

7 o'clock—Bath call.
7:30 o'clock—Reveille call.
8:30 o'clock—Breakfast call.
11 o'clock—Bouillon and crackers on deck.
11:15 o'clock—Orchestra program.
12:30 o'clock—luncheon.
4 o'clock—Tea and cakes served.
4:15 o'clock—Orchestra concert.
5:30 o'clock—Dressing call.
6 o'clock—Dinner.
8:30 o'clock—Concert, dance, or movie show.
11:30 o'clock—Buffet lunch.

In between times, there are games for amusement such as Shuffle Board, Bull Board, ship tennis, bridge, checkers, poker, etc.

No trip across the ocean in entirely complete unless you experience being washed, literally washed out of your stateroom. The other morning I went to breakfast leaving both port holes open as they had been all night. Returning later to collect wraps and reading materials, I found my two room mates enjoying their breakfast in their berths. As it was quite cold, they asked me to close one of the port holes opposite the corridor door, as it made a draft. Just as I started to put the bolts in place, preparatory to screwing them tight, a deluge struck it and gallons and gallons of water poured into the room through both port holes and on out into the corridor. Most of it went straight through, but still the remainder was up to the door sill. Everytime the ship rolled, the water would rush down and over the lower berth on one side, and then back and over the berth on the other side. Baggage and shoes went floating around helter skelter.

I made a dash for the ladder after bolting the ports, but I was drenched to the skin. Poor Miss R—— in night attire, was litterally wading around up to her knees most of the time, too excited to know what to do. Miss A—— on the dry upper, was choking with glee—until she found out what had happened to her clothes.

The stewards came rushing in to rescue us, but there wasn't much to do except gather up the baggage and park it in a dry place, and bale out the water.

We were assigned to another cabin, and a brigade of bell boys moved our things. Four other cabins were washed out at the same time, so we didn't have all the sympathy that we expected.

At noon a notice appeared on the Bulletin board to the affect that all port holes were to remain closed unless opened by stewards. It seems that the highest sea of the season was running. Water dashed over the decks so frequently that all passengers were confined indoors. It was great fun having a private washout, but rather hard on one's wardrobe and baggage.

Can Read Both Ways to the Middle.

In the ancient city of Bagdad is a religious cult called the "star-worshipers." They turn to the north star to pray, must be baptized every Sunday, and they have a secret book which they can begin at either end and read toward the middle.

Preserving Plant Colors.

In order to preserve the colors of plants it is necessary to kill the specimens quickly, and this can be effected by plunging them for a few seconds in boiling water. If a plant is allowed to die slowly the colors of its leaves and flowers will gradually fade.

Arabs First to Tame Horses.

The Arab horse is said to be the oldest existing domestic breed. Its records can be traced back for 13,000 years.

Don't Forget To Pay Your Village Taxes

FROM NOW UNTIL OCTOBER 31 all property owners in Birmingham may pay their 1923 Tax at the local office. On and after November 1, 1923, all delinquent Village Taxes must be paid to the County Treasurer at Pontiac, and besides the present 4 per cent penalty now in effect, an additional ¾ per cent penalty will be imposed for each month or fraction thereof that taxes remain unpaid.

Up to November 1 Village taxes will be collected in the office of the Village Clerk of Birmingham.

(Signed)

CHARLES PLUMSTEAD,
Village Treasurer.

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HIGHEST Prices paid for Men's Cast-off Suits, Pants, Coats, Shoes, Overcoats, etc. Weber, 247 So. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Phone Pontiac 2960-W. 22tf

FOR RENT—HOUSES AND APARTMENTS

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BEAUTIFUL furnished house, six rooms, to rent for winter. Phone 553. 24*

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FURNISHED Apartment, four rooms and kitchenette. Water, heat, light and gas. Apply 215 Merrill St. 24

FOR RENT—ROOMS

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, living room and bedroom. 114 Brown St. 24*

FOR RENT—Two newly decorated, heated light housekeeping rooms. Phone 664-W. 24*

GARAGE FOR RENT

GARAGE for rent. 237 No. Woodward. 24*

WANTED—FEMALE HELP

POSITION for middle-aged lady in Birmingham. Will pay $5.00 to $10.00 daily. All or part time. Experience not necessary. Mrs. M. H. Flickinger, 57 Trowbridge Ave., Detroit. Hemlock 9707. 23-24*

WANTED—Maid for general housework. Call 411 Harmon Ave. Mrs. Gray. 24

WANTED—Housekeeper, two adults and one child in family. Call Royal Oak 697. 24*

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED to hear from owner having farm for sale in Oakland County. Warren Miller, Logansport, Indiana. 22-23-24-tf

WANTED—A Pet Terrier puppy or a very young dog. Phone 271-J. 24*

WANTED—Sewing of any kind. Making of a specialty. Phone 524-R. 24

WANTED—Good Oil Stove or Gas Plate with oven. Phone 308. 24*

WANTED

PART time work wanted by competent Accountant. Write Eccentric Box 21. 24*

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—KINDLING WOOD. Enquire at Field Bldg. or at my office, entrance rear of Mix's Jewelry Shop. H. G. Field. 20tf

FOR SALE—KEYS, PICTURE FRAMES and window shades made to order. Entrance rear of Mix's Jewelry Store. "The Builders' Shop." 20tf

FOR SALE—HOUSEHOLD GOODS

HARD Coal Burner, also Kitchen Range, both in good condition. Call at 201 Danner St. or Phone 605-M. 24

IVORY Willow Baby Carriage; also Sulky. Cheap. 234 Park St. 24*

TWO Electric Washing Machines in good condition. Your choice for $40.00 cash or terms. Phone 295-J. 24*

WICKLESS Oil Stove, nearly new; large Kitchen Table. George Scott, Argus Ave. 24*

FOR SALE—Gas Range, good condition. Telephone 39-J or call at 309 Forest Ave. 24*

FOR SALE—AUTOS

1922 FORD Coupe in excellent condition; all accessories. Phone Pontiac 2947-R or write Box 4, Eccentric. 24*

LOST AND FOUND

THE PARTY who picked up an Angora kitten, dark grey and tan, in front of the home of Washington T. Berger on Pierce St., Monday evening, is known. Please return at once and save further trouble. 24

FOUND—Little Brown Dog. Phone 6641W. 24

STRAYED from my farm, a Bay Horse with halter on; weight about 1400. Phone Pontiac 7167-F12. 24*

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening, October 1st, 1923, at 8 o'clock.

Present: President McBride, Commissioners Bell and Bingham, Manager Starr and Clerk Hazel Clark.

Minutes of meeting of September 24, 1923, approved as printed.

319—Moved by President McBride that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Commission a proposed easement or right of way and an agreement regarding same between the Village of Birmingham, a municipal corporation, and Coryell Nursery Co., a Michigan Corporation, Birmingham, Michigan, relating to said right of way across property owned by the Village of Birmingham and that of Coryell Nursery Co., a Michigan Corporation.

AND WHEREAS, said easement appears to be in proper legal form.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the President and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute said easement, for and on behalf of said Village of Birmingham. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

320—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the Clerk be instructed to write H. M. Shepard regarding fire hose. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

321—Moved by President McBride that the bills and pay roll be allowed as read: George Newman, $70; Frank Melfush, $18; Mark Addison, $64.80; Ernest Abelt, $54; John Berry, $54; George Randall, $72. T. D. Roy, $72; Frank Doty, $60; Village of Ferndale, $223; Large-Bowler Chicago Co., $1237.50. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

322—Moved by Commissioner Bingham that we borrow $150,000 to be credited to the Watkins-Argus Sewer Fund, from the First State Savings Bank for 60 days. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

323—Moved by President McBride that the estimates on the following sewers be allowed to Mike Habegdian: Chester St. Surface Sewer, $67.45; Watkins, Argus Sewer, $1242.35; Henrietta Street Sewer Fund, $185.75. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

324—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the Weiselberg Electric Co. of 21 Brady St., Detroit, be granted an Electrician's License, and that the bond be accepted and placed on file. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

325—Moved by President McBride that the agreement between the Detroit United Railway and the Village of Birmingham, granting right-of-Way for Rouge Trunk Sewer through D. U. R. property, be and the same is hereby accepted. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

326—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the Manager be instructed to purchase a fireproof safe for the preservation of Village records. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

327—Moved by President McBride that the Manager be instructed to advertise for bids on the pump house for well. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

Moved by President McBride that the meeting adjourn. Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

HAZEL E. CLARK, Village Clerk.

To Brighten Gilt Frames.

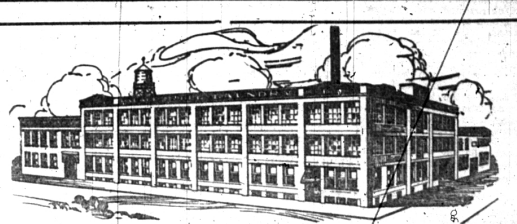
Gilt frames can be brightened by the following method: Take sufficient flowers of sulphur to give a gold tinge to a pint and a half of water; in this boil four onions. Strain off the liquid when cool; apply to gilding with a soft brush.

Wife Always Late.

Guide (in Yellowstone)—"Now, ladies, this phenomenon occurs every three minutes. Maybe you'd like to look down into the geyser before the next eruption." Mr. Smithers (calling to wife)—"Not you! It's just like you to be late."—Wisconsin Octopus.

Daily Sentence Sermon.

What a grand old world this would be if people would spend as much time sowing seeds of kindness as they do sowing wild oats!



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Here Is Another Progressive Step in Our "Farm-to-Consumer" Policy

¶ On Monday, October 1, we took over the plant, goodwill and business of the BIRMINGHAM DAIRY (George F. Pullin) and we also retained the services of Mr. Pullin as Manager.

¶ Last week we announced that we had taken over the plant, goodwill and business of the BIRMINGHAM CREAMERY & ICE MANUFACTURING CO., and retained the services of Mr. Fred J. Andrus as Manager.

¶ The process of consolidation and tying up with these plants the milk produced by our farmer-stockholders is now under way and marks the first stage of the carefully thought-out policy of our Directors.

¶ This policy, carried to the logical conclusion, means that our farmer-stockholders will get the price for their milk (and other farm produce) to which they are entitled, and the consumers will likewise participate in "the square deal."

¶ In other words, the ideal of "producer to consumer" will soon be an accomplished fact.

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