

MISS MACPHAIL'S LETTER

August 20, 1929
Today we land at Plymouth. Five days at sea has been a new and pleasant experience for me.

The ship is 731 feet long, 89 feet wide at the widest, and when loaded has a capacity, including crew, of 2,500 persons.

On Sunday service was held in the First Class Lounge for the whole of us—including crew, but the rest of the time each class is expected to keep to their own quarters.

First class, single, costs \$300.00; Second Class \$167.00 to Cherbourg. I do not know the Third Class rates.

A Carnival Dinner one night livened things up a bit—the decorations were gay—everyone dressed up and wore the paper caps placed at each plate, and were a little more friendly than usual.

My deck chair is one of a group of five. A Scotch man now in business in New York going to join his family for a holiday at home, a business woman from Detroit on a six weeks holiday, and two New England Educationists going to a Conference at Cambridge University.

An oil man from Oklahoma and his delightful young wife are on their way to the oil fields in Southern Russia. A retired professional man who speaks many languages and his Spanish wife are world-tramping.

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READY FOR HIS OFFICIAL TRYOUT
Boo Jun, owned by H. P. Whitney, and said to be the best two-year-old in the country and another Man-o-War, is shown here being led out on the track for a tryout in preparation for the races at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

ing of betting, we just had a horse race on "B" deck this afternoon. The horses were wooden and didn't move except when in the hand of a worthy seaman.

A morning paper, the Daily Mail Atlantic edition, is delivered to our cabin every morning. This, with hair-dressers, barbers and a stenographer aboard makes us feel very near land.

We passed an oil tanker—a steamer carrying oil—which had in tow a sailing vessel also loaded with oil.

Our rapid and pleasant crossing recalls the stories I have heard of the pioneers tell of six weeks on the sea and with no comforts. How lucky we are, and how thankful!

Welland Ship Canal Fourth and Greatest
As the Welland ship canal nears completion—its formal opening being promised for 1930—it is interesting to note that the new waterway is, in reality, the fourth Welland canal, and that the town of Thorold is divided by all of them.

At Allanburg stands a cairn testifying to the turning of the first sod for the original canal—which was completed in 1828—by George Keeler and Hon. William Hamilton Merritt, the remains of one of whose locks is still to be seen just west of the Thorold fire hall.

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Obstacles Surmounted
At Welland, for instance, in the vicinity of the aqueduct, the Welland river had to be taken underneath the new ship canal. In doing this and also in building the piers for the bridge on Main street, the clayey soil encountered almost baffled the engineers.

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of a 32-ton steel lock gate caused loss of life and held up operations for some time. Only the other day, at Port Weller, the Lake Ontario entrance to the canal, workmen were seen constructing a cement bar across the bottom of lock one, as a support for the lock's concrete walls, in holding the banks in order, thereby preventing a slide.

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FALL FAIR DATES
Dates of the Ontario Fall Fairs for the coming season are announced by J. Lockie Wilson, of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, as follows:

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Flour The Finest Manitoba per bag \$4.50 to \$4.75
Pastry Flour 24 lb \$1.00
Goods Delivered Anywhere in Town
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September 9, 10, and 11
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"KING OF KINGS"
STORY BY JEANIE MACPHERSON
HISTORY'S MOST SUBLIME DRAMA
Supreme in theme—gigantic in execution—a reverent and supremely beautiful treatment of the world's greatest tragedy—the crucifixion of Christ—

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QUIET (NO HUM-NO OSCILLATION)
IMPROVED SUPER-DYNAMIC SPEAKERS BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN WALNUT CABINETS
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