



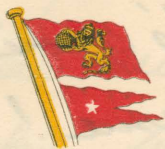
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CRUISING ON BOARD
CUNARD WHITE STAR
"AQUITANIA".

March 9th, 1935.

Dear Folks:

It will be a good idea, I guess, to write you right off before it gets very warm and before I get too well acquainted because the way things look I will perhaps be kept pretty busy when we all get to know each other. There seems to be a very attractive group on board and I am very glad I came - so far at least.

The ocean to date has been very smooth and, altho the temperature

we crossed on this boat
in 1926 - and what's more
I remembered his name!

My large cabin looked
almost like a supply depot
when I came aboard. It was
full of fruit baskets, Rou
Voyage baskets, box of something
I have not opened yet from
Mother + Dad, letters, telegrams,
etc. It was quite exciting
even though it was 1:30 in
the morning. I finally got
everything put away, unpacked
and got to bed around three
this morning - So I had my

today was fairly low, it has
been sunny bright and nice.
When we reach the gulf stream
tomorrow morning sometime they
say it will be considerably
warmer.

My cabin C 72 is a dandy.
I have private occupancy of a
double outside state room with
a bath listed at \$920.00 each
for two. My steward is nice
and by quite a coincidence
the next steward down the hall,
Bailey by name is the one
Bob McDougal and I had when

breakfast in bed this morning
and arose around ten. What
a life!

I found more mail this
morning including Mother's air
mail letter saying that Colonel
Deacon was to be at the farm
this week-end. I hope you get
my letter written in about ten
seconds at 1:29 $\frac{3}{4}$ A.M. this
morning and given to some
last seer-off to please stamp
and mail for me which he
seemed happy to do and said
he wouldn't forget.

I am seated at the Purser's
table, Mr. Lawler who is very



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nice. We also have a married woman from San Francisco, a girl from Boston, a single man from Pittsburgh, and a youngish couple from Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We have just all come up from dinner now altho it is past ten p. m. before allowing for the hour we push our clocks ahead during the night.

I neglected to mention above among my gifts two books on Mediterranean Cruises from Mr.

I had a nice trip East, as you know with Cecil Crouse. Judge Goodwin was not on the train so far as I know. Neither is Mrs. Ezra Warner on the boat altho her name was in the Chicago Tribune, wasn't it?

While in New York I had a nice visit with A. E. Nelson with both Skellingers and also went thru the plant with Ed Shute. I had lunch with Martin the wool man and A. T. Buffell who came down from Boston. Also visited with Williams, Harriman, and Ed Shute, Jr. Also saw Ned Jackson, Louis Miller & the rest

Petroleum one of which by Carveth Wells I am reading now in between writing to you and looking over the field of prospects. My steward also tells me I have some meat down in the ice box which should prove most acceptable some time during the next few days when we want to have a special party. I got two baskets of fruit - one from Mr. Yankee and the other from Mr. Skellinger. a Schrafts box from Harris Wilder in addition to your box. - of Plumbridges - (I just looked to see)

in the Veal & Mutton department.

I did about thirty minutes worth of shopping at Abercrombie & Fitch and Alden Bent by then picked me up and drove me out to his apartment where I had a nice visit with him, saw his new son as well as his wife & Jane Windisch and her mother also.

Then back to the hotel to clean up before picking up Ann Lewis at her Hotel Gotham, dinner with her in a nice French restaurant in Radio City, and finally on to the "Great Waltz". I enjoyed it a lot and after the show we went back-stage to see Marion which was lots of fun. She had already sent me a Bon Voyage telegram to the boat - evidently she learned from George that I was going. We had a dandy visit & Ann got a big "kick" out of it too. Edward.