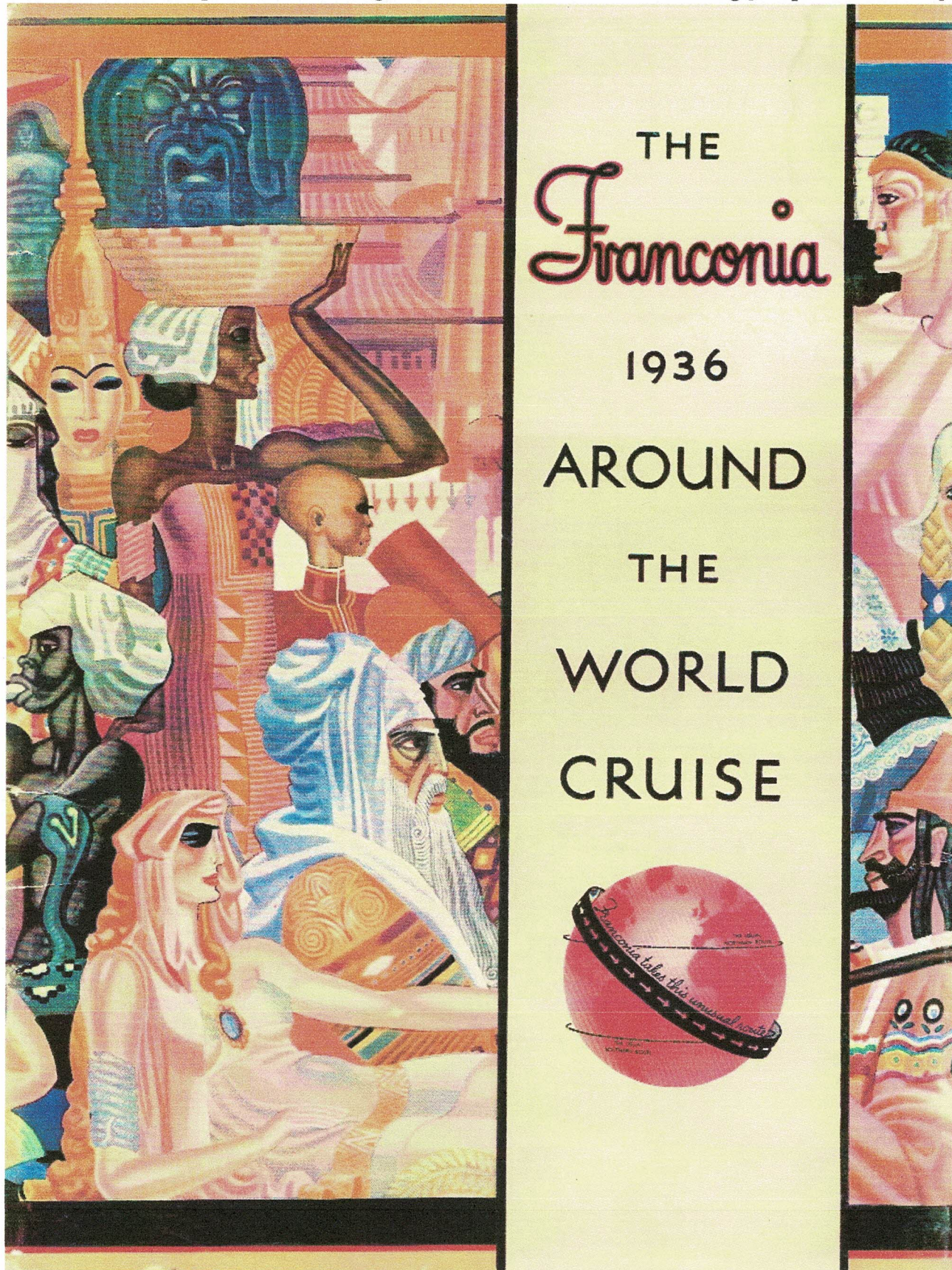


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in Winter**
**NORTHERN HEMISPHERE
in Spring**

AGAIN the gallant Franconia goes beyond the bounds of stereotyped travel. Southward she sails, to round the Cape of Good Hope more than 2300 miles below the Equator... then northward again, another 2500 miles above the Equator. She cuts a globe-circling swath nearly 5000 miles wide! From New York the famous cruiser avoids the wintery North Atlantic and immediately sails south, threads through the West Indies and calls at lovely Trinidad... gives you Bahia and lovely Rio de Janeiro in Brazil before she starts across the South Atlantic... then, from all that waste of sea, picks out a tiny speck of land... St. Helena! On you sail to the world's new wonderland, South Africa... Capetown for Victoria Falls... Durban for the big game country... to the strange, huge Isle of Madagascar and the tiny paradise of Mahe in the Seychelles.

This part is an Indian Ocean cruise, and to it India itself comes fittingly as a climax... Bombay, where beggars and jeweled princes walk the streets. From here you may tour to Delhi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri... or optionally overland to Benares, Darjeeling, Calcutta and South India to Colombo where you rejoin the ship and sail on to Bali, Java... to Penang, from where the optional overland is commenced taking you through Malaya, across Siam and, forever unforgettably, on into Cambodia, to that greatest wonder of all the world... Angkor!

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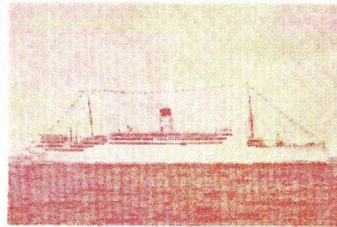
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144 DAYS
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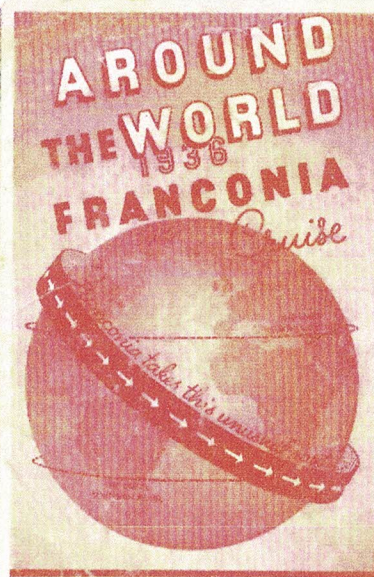
EVEN a landlubber can tell that here is a real ship, built to go places... with the lean, hard lines and rakish grace of a veteran explorer. She was, indeed, built for just such cruising. Yet within this ship the illusion of bold seafaring is lost... here is a home and a club of noble proportions, of serene charm... a place in which you can spend five months without the slightest sense of restriction. Her staterooms are ample, cool, brightly furnished... her garden lounges are flowery terraces such as might overlook a scene in Ceylon, instead of blue waves... and for sports she has both indoor and outdoor pools, squash court, gymnasium, and what is most important on a world cruise, an unusual area of open deck. In short, the Franconia is a ship in which you are proud to enter any harbor anywhere.



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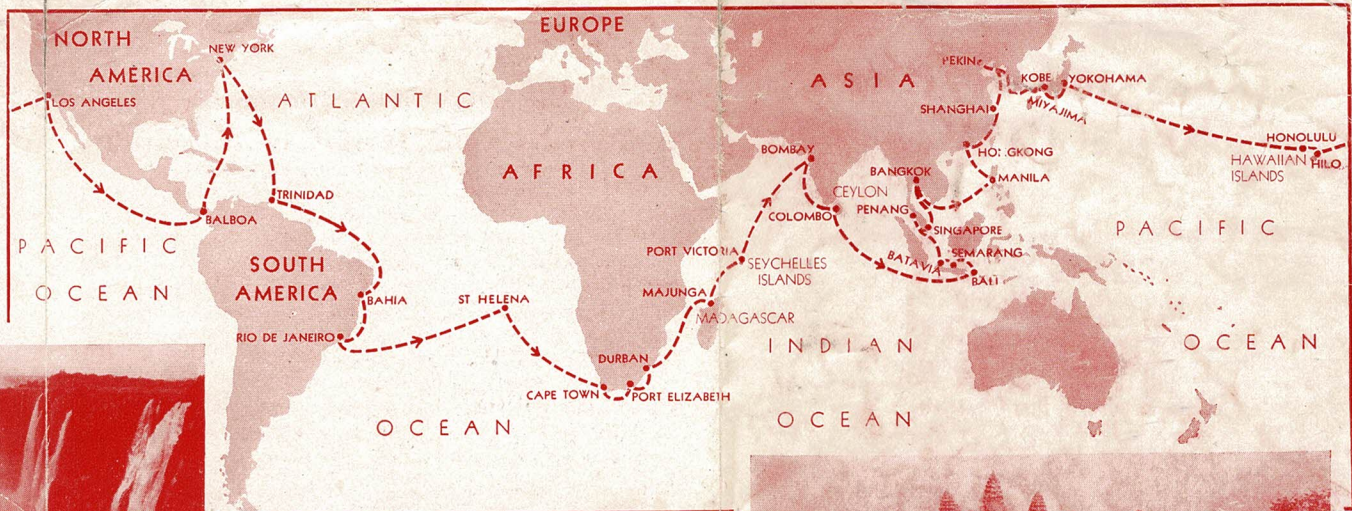
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NEW YORK... Sailing Tuesday, Jan. 7th, 1936 at 1 a.m.
TRINIDAD... Jan. 12th... Port-of-Spain... Automobile drive from Port-of-Spain through City and over the "Saddle." Optional Tour from Port-of-Spain by way of Pitch Lake to La Brea, Brighton.
BRAZIL... Jan. 19th... Bahia... Auto drive through the "upper" town and "lower" town, visiting principal points of interest. Jan. 21st to Jan. 23rd... Rio de Janeiro... Auto drives in and around City and to Tijuca. Excursions to Summit of Sugar Loaf and Mt. Corcovada.
ST. HELENA... Jan. 29th... Jamestown... Drive through the Town to Napoleon's Tomb, Longwood and the Governor's residence.
SOUTH AFRICA... Feb. 3rd to Feb. 7th... Cape Town... Auto drives in and around Cape Town, including Cape Point, Muizenberg, Groot Schuur, Rhodes Memorial, etc. Also by cableway to the Summit of Table Mountain. Lunch on shore on one day. Optional Tours to Kimberley, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Victoria Falls, Bulawayo, Oudtshoorn, Cango Caves, George and Knysna. Feb. 9th... Port Elizabeth... Auto drive in and around Port Elizabeth, including the Snake Farm. Feb. 11th to Feb. 14th... Durban... Auto drives in and around Durban, visiting the Berea, the Valley of 1000 Hills and a Native Kraal. Also a full day excursion from Durban to Pietermaritzburg with lunch.
MADAGASCAR... Feb. 18th... Majunga... Visiting the most interesting port of the largest French possession in the Indian Ocean.
SEYCHELLES ISLANDS... Feb. 21st... Port Victoria... Auto drive around the island of Mahe. Exhibition of native dancing and arts and crafts.
INDIA... Feb. 26th to Mar. 5th... Bombay... The program of sightseeing at Bombay includes an auto drive to the principal points of interest in and around City with lunch at the famous Taj Mahal Hotel. Special trains are provided to inland points of Delhi, Agra and Fatehpur Sikri. Sightseeing at each of these points will include visits to principal Temples, Mosques, Forts and Ruins: also the Taj Mahal, Sikandra, Kutb Minar, Nizam-ud-Din, etc. Optional Tours to Jaipur and Amber, Benares, Calcutta, Darjeeling, Madras, Madura, Anuradhapura and Kandy.
CEYLON... Mar. 8th to Mar. 10th... Colombo... Day of sightseeing by auto in and around Colombo and to Mt. Lavinia, with lunch at the Galle Face Hotel. Inland tour by rail and auto to Kandy visiting the Temple of the Tooth, Peradeniya Botanical Gardens and Katugastota. Optional Tours to Anuradhapura and Nuwara Eliya.
ISLE OF BALI... Mar. 17th to Mar. 18th... Telok Padang... Full day auto drive visiting the principal points of scenic interest, temples, etc. A superb drive over the mountains with lunch on shore and an exhibition of native arts and crafts and Balinese dancing. Optional two-day Tour of the Island, spending the night on shore.
JAVA... Mar. 20th... Semarang... Auto drive in and around Semarang visiting the principal points of interest. Optional Tour to Borobudur, Djokjakarta and Bandoeng. Mar. 21st to Mar. 22nd... Batavia... Auto drives in and around Batavia and environs: also to Buitenzorg, visiting the famous Botanical Gardens. Lunches are provided at principal hotels at Batavia and Buitenzorg.
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND MALAY... Mar. 25th... Penang... Auto drive in Georgetown and around Prince of Wales Island, visit-



ing the Snake Temple, Botanical Gardens, etc.; also a wonderful scenic ride by mountain railway to the heights above the City. Optional Tour to Angkor, including overnight stay at Bangkok. Mar. 27th... Singapore... A full day drive by auto in and around Singapore and to Johore Baharu. There will be an opportunity of spending a night on shore.

SIAM... Mar. 30th... Bangkok... By special train from Paknam to Bangkok with full day's sightseeing by auto, visiting the Wats, Snake Park, Grand Palace, Throne Hall, etc. Lunch will be provided and there will be an exhibition of Siamese dancing.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS... Apr. 3rd to Apr. 4th... Manila... Auto drive visiting principal points of interest in and around Manila, the Old Spanish Town, etc. There will be opportunity to spend a night on shore.

CHINA... Apr. 6th to Apr. 7th... Hong Kong... The program at Hong Kong will include a motor drive around Victoria Island visiting Repulse Bay and the Peak. Also an auto drive around the New Territory on the mainland. Optional Tour by rail to Canton. April 10th... Shanghai... By auto to the principal points of interest in and around Shanghai, with lunch at one of the famous hotels. Optional Tour to Nanking and Peking (allowing an extra two days' stay at Peking). Apr. 13th to Apr. 17th... Peking... Special train from Chinwangtao to Peking with accommodation at the best hotels during the stay. Auto drives in and around Peking, visiting the Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Forbidden City, Lama Temple, etc. Optional Tours to the Great Wall and Ming Tombs.

JAPAN... Apr. 20th... Miyajima... An interesting visit to a primitive Japanese village and the famous Shrine of Itsukushima. Apr. 21st to Apr. 24th... Kobe... Special trains will be provided to visit the inland towns of Nara and Kyoto. At each place a full program of sightseeing will be given and there will be a special performance of the famous Cherry Dance; also a program of sightseeing at Kobe. Optional Tour across Japan visiting Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, Lake Hakone, Miyano-shita, Nikko, Kamakura, Tokio. Apr. 25th to Apr. 28th... Yokohama... By special train to Tokio, the capital of Japan, with a full day's sightseeing by auto in and around the City including luncheon at the famous Imperial Hotel. Visits will also be made in and around Yoko-



hama and to Kamakura, to see the Great Daibutsu. Optional Tour to Nikko. Optional Tour also to return from Japan by way of Manchuria, Siberia and Soviet Russia to Europe.

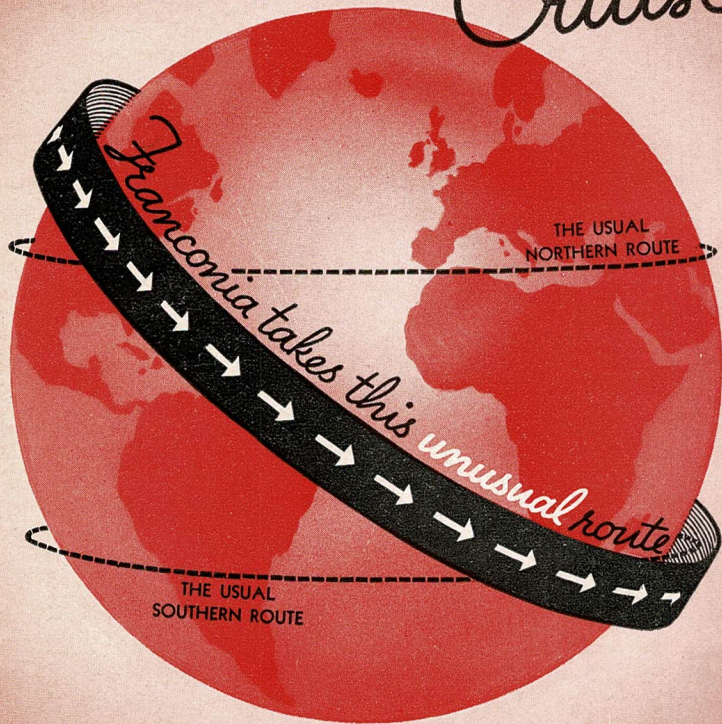
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS... May 6th to May 7th... Honolulu... Auto drive in and around Honolulu, visiting the Pali and Waikiki Beach. Lunch will be served at the new Royal Hawaiian Hotel. There will be an opportunity for surf-bathing and spending the night on shore. May 8th... Hilo... Auto drive to Kilauea Volcano, visiting the Lava Tubes, the Fern Forest, and the Hawaiian National Park. Luncheon will be served at the Volcano House Hotel at the edge of the Crater.

CALIFORNIA... May 14th... Los Angeles... Auto drive in and around Los Angeles, visiting Beverly Hills, Hollywood, etc.

PANAMA CANAL... May 23rd... Balboa... Auto drive in and around Balboa, Ancon, Panama City and across the Savannahs to Old Panama, scene of Morgan's raid. Sail through the Canal in daylight. The "FRANCONIA" is scheduled to return to New York on Friday May 29th in the early forenoon.

THE MINIMUM RATE of \$1750 includes a full program of shore excursions at each port

AROUND THE WORLD 1936 FRANCONIA Cruise



CUNARD WHITE STAR
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- Miniature Cruise accommodation plan
- Cruise cabin costs



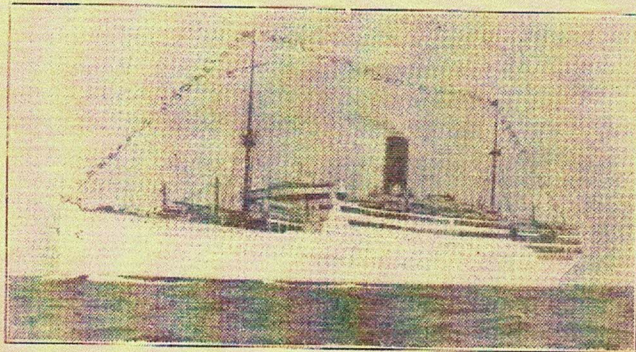
Franconia 1936 World Cruise Rates [including shore excursions] [US\$]

Promenade Deck	\$1950 - \$2950
A Deck	\$2400 - \$5000
B Deck	\$1950 - \$5000
C Deck	\$1850 - \$4100
D Deck	\$1750 - \$2500
E Deck	\$1750 - \$1800

Optional Tours:

From \$7 [Tour #16 Great Wall of China] to \$380 [Tour #33 Cape Town - Durban 11 days]

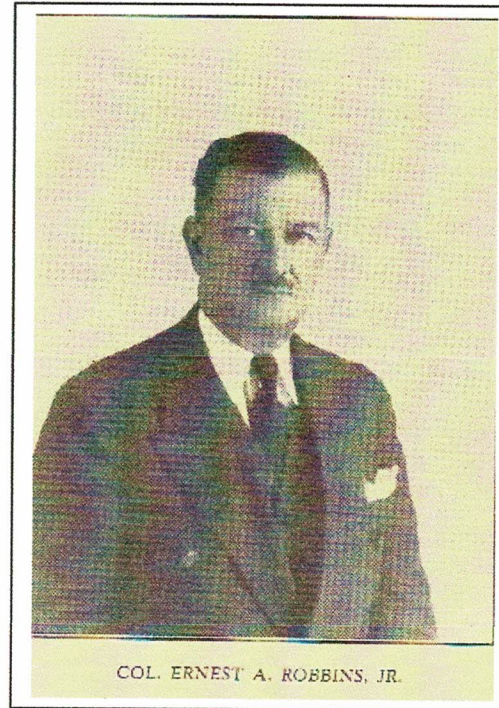
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Around the World on the
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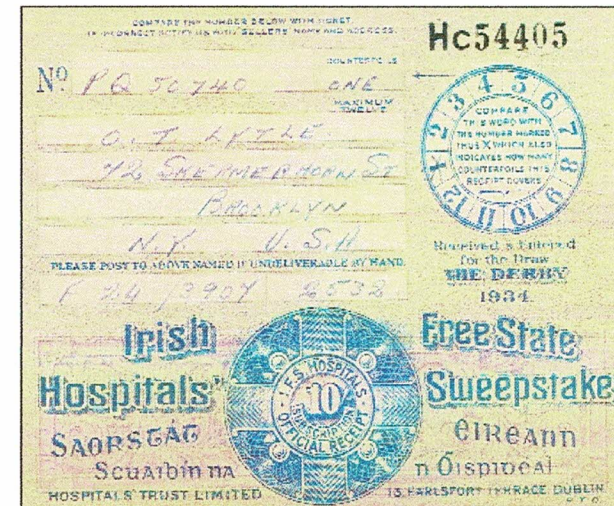
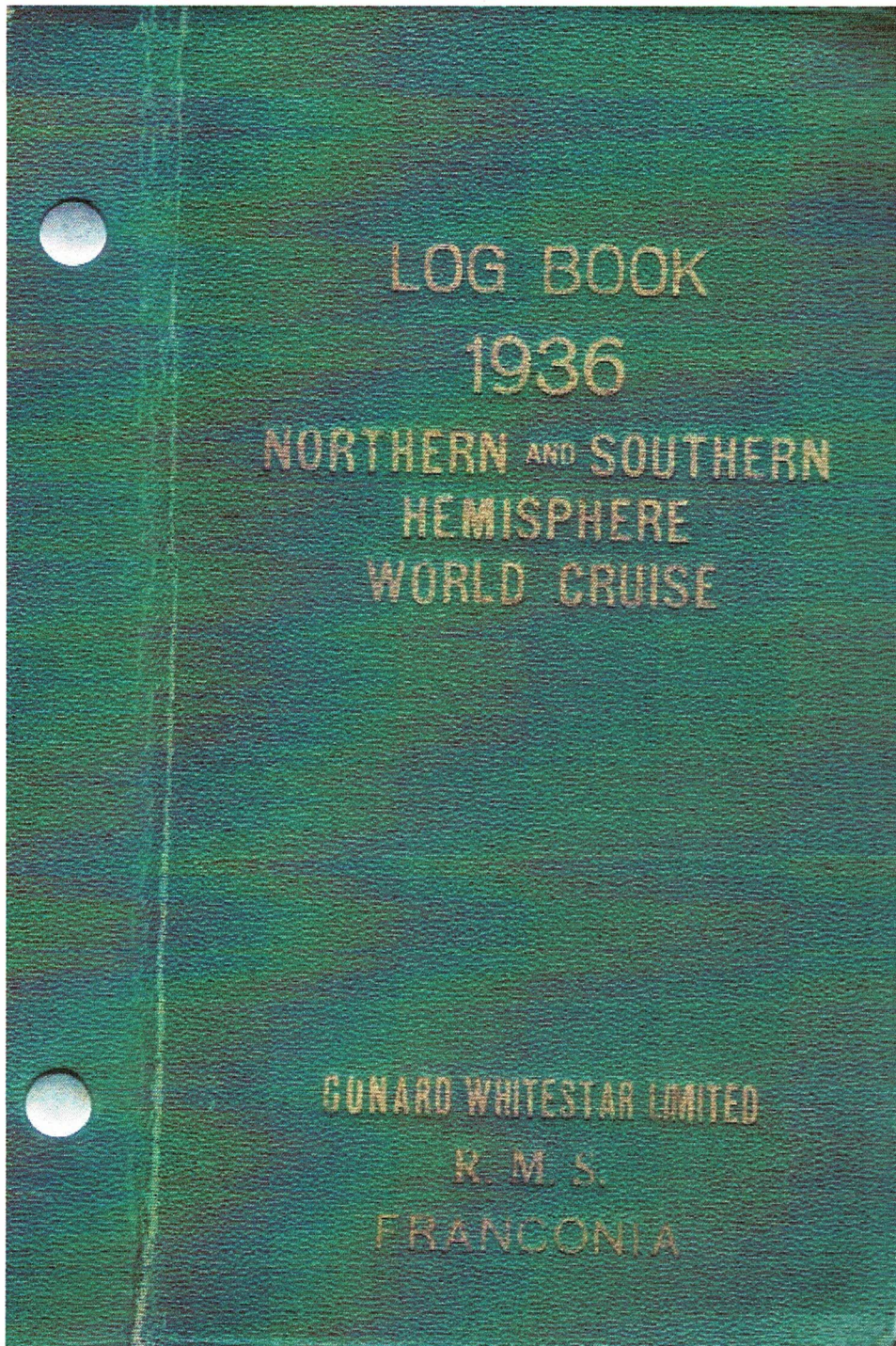


COL. ERNEST A. ROBBINS, JR.

In the Foreword, dated at **Camden Maine 1 October 1936**, Ernest A Robbins Jr, explains that he is presenting this book, 131 pages with illustrations, showing how the 40,000 mile trip around the world impressed. It was produced as a result of requests from readers of the **Camden Herald** who had been following the weekly instalments over several months.

Colonel E A Robbins is listed in the Passenger List included in the Log Book of Mr O T Lytle which is in the author's possession.

*The **Camden Herald*** in Camden is a weekly newspaper established in 1869. It focuses on community news in Knox County in Mid-Coast Maine and keeps citizens connected to important events and issues on its related website, Knox.VillageSoup.com, throughout the week. *The Camden Herald* is locally owned and operated



This is the **Log Book** for the 1936 Cruise that is in the author's possession. It was the Log Book of **Mr O. T. Lytle**, identified by the inclusion of a Irish Hospital Sweepstake ticket for 10/- and the receipt made out to O. T. Lytle. He is listed in a much annotated Passenger list.

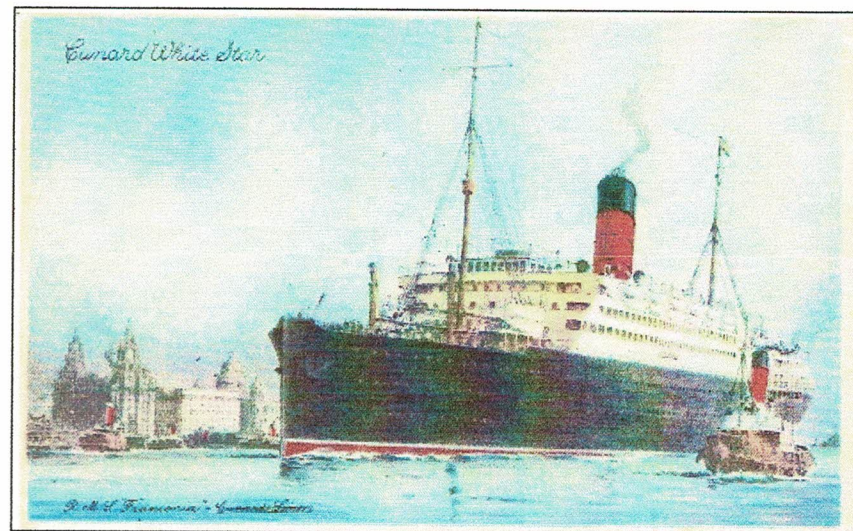
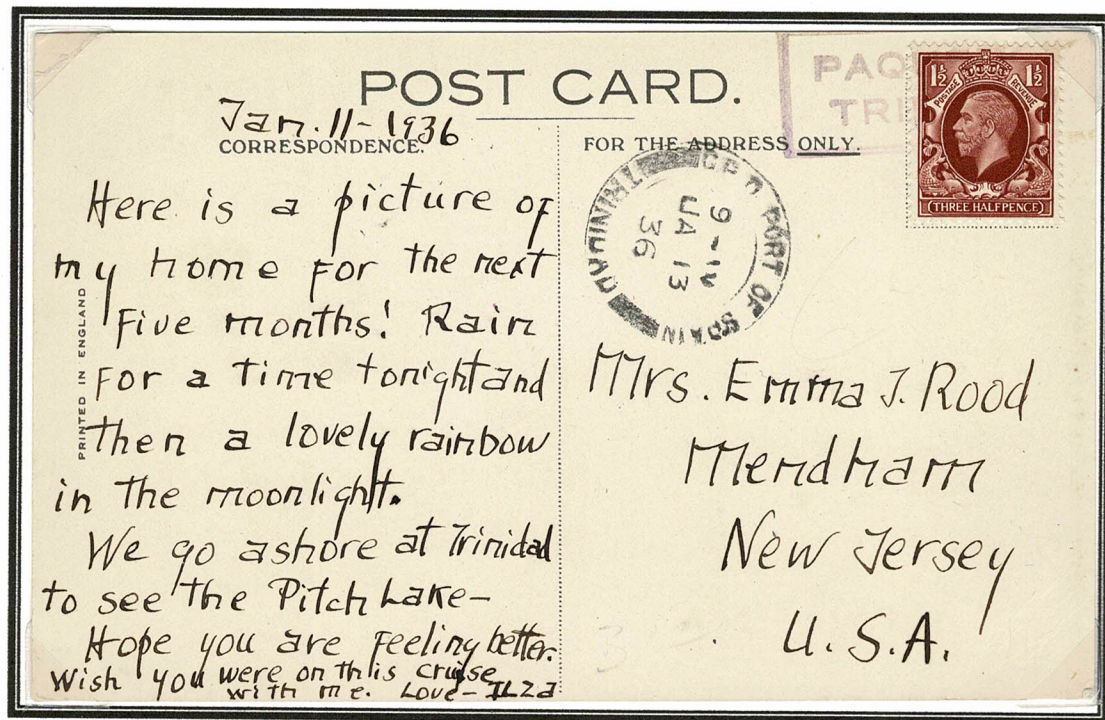
This Log Book is some **7cm thick**. Apart from all the programmes of Events, Cruise notes for the various Ports, details of shore excursions, Concert details and Menus it also contains many pages not found in other Cruise Log Books.

It includes:

- The addresses for mail to be sent to passengers during the Cruise
- Details of passenger embarkations and departures
- Details numbers on optional tours
- Information on outgoing mail by steamer or air from most ports
- Information on the on board photographic service
- His personal valet book
- Special notes issued as required notifying changes and instructions re optional tours, etc - also the end of the Abyssinian War!
- Special booklet on souvenirs available in Japan
- Details for US Customs on return to New York

Around the World 1936 Franconia Cruise

The Log Book itinerary has the Franconia arriving at **Port-of-Spain, Trinidad** on **January 12th, 1936** at 3.45am after 1932 mile journey from New York. On board were **308 passengers** and 455 crew. Three passengers disembarked. There was a short call at La Brea [Brighton] to pick up those [64] who took the **Optional Tour No.1 to Pitch Lake** [cost was \$8.50].

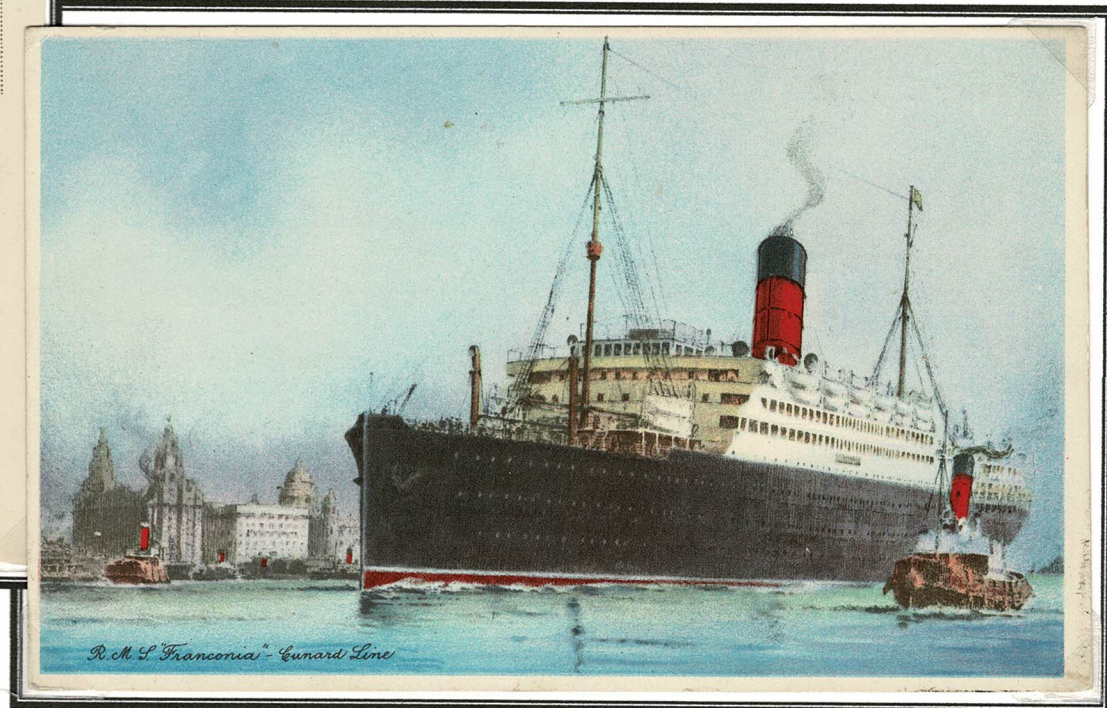
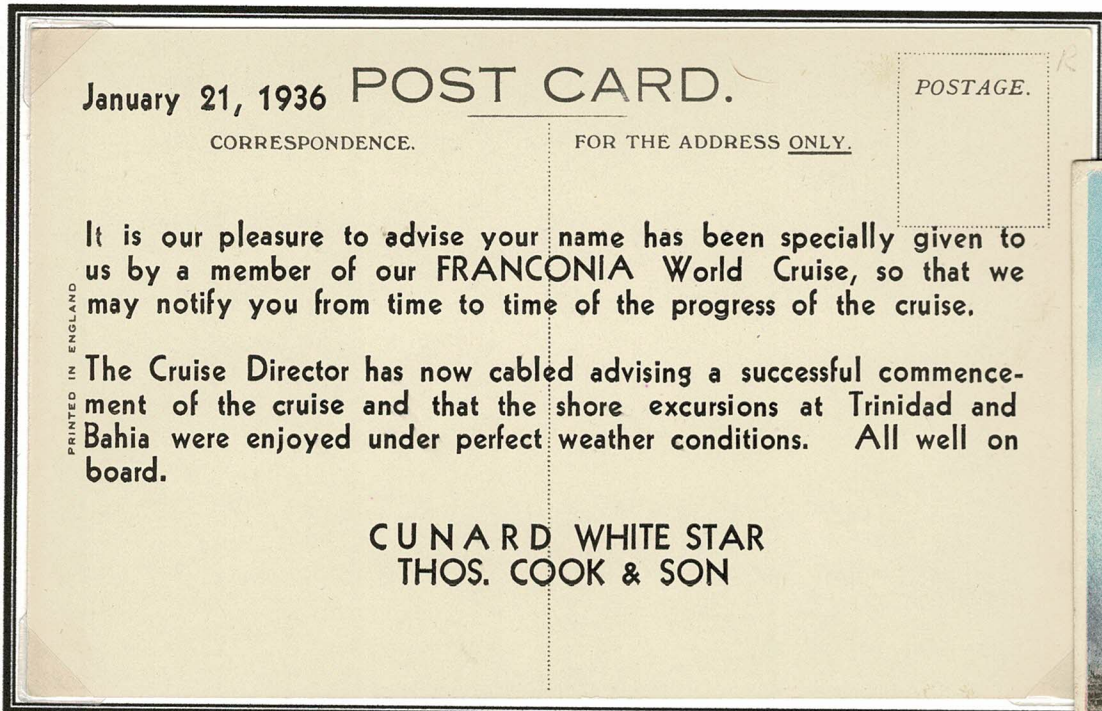


This postcard has '**Cunard Lines**' deleted and "**Cunard White Star**" added - card available on board.

Boxed **PAQUEBOT TRINIDAD** on Great Britain 1½d stamp and **Port of Spain** cancellation dated **JA 13 36**.

Message reads:

"Jan 11 - 1936. Here is a picture of my home for the next five months! Rain for a time tonight and then a lovely rainbow in the moonlight. We go ashore at Trinidad to see the Pitch Lake... Wish you were on this cruise with me."



Advice postcard **January 21, 1936** advising Cruise progress after shore excursions at **Trinidad** and Bahia

The Franconia crossed the **Equator** [the first time on January 16th] - the "**Topics of the Hours #1**" informs that the ceremony will be conducted when the Franconia again crosses the Equator after departing Madagascar.

Log of the World Cruise

R.M.S. Franconia World Cruise, 1936

CRUISE OFFICE NOTES

Brief Summary of Shore Plans
BAHIA and RIO DE JANEIRO

BAHIA

Sunday, January 19th.

The ship is due to be at anchorage at Bahia from early morning until sailing hour, 1.30 p.m.

Automobiles for the drive in Bahia are five-seater closed cars. Due to the local conditions it is not possible to assign cars by number at Bahia, therefore the Cruise Staff will assign cars to passengers at the landing place. The automobiles start at 9.00 a.m. for a forenoon drive.

There are no professional guides in Bahia. A number of interpreters will be stationed at the stopping points of the drive. These men will be wearing a white circular badge stamped "Franconia, 1936."

Tickets for Bahia and the booklet programme for Bahia and Rio de Janeiro are enclosed herewith.

RIO DE JANEIRO

Rio de Janeiro Cars for the drive are all open seven-seaters. There will be four groups in Rio de Janeiro. Please see details in the Brazil programme and register at the Cruise Office on Monday, January 20th, morning and afternoon. Cars will be assigned by number.

The Cruise Staff accompanying each of the four groups at Rio de Janeiro will be:—

Group 1—Messrs. Goodreds and Ransom.

Group 2—Messrs. Heck and Steed.

Group 3—Messrs. Chatsworth and Cunningham.

Group 4—Messrs. Cairns and Shearwood.

Time Required for each Drive:—

CITY DRIVE—About two hours.

SUGAR LOAF—About two and one half hours.

CORCOVADA—About three hours.

TIJUCA—About three and one half hours.

Cunard White Star and Thos. Cook & Son.

R. M. S. "FRANCONIA"

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE CRUISE—1936



Sugar Loaf Mountain

Shore Excursion Programmes
in Brazil
(Bahia and Rio de Janeiro)

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Rio de Janeiro

The Franconia arrived at **Bahia**, Brazil on January 19th for a brief shore excursion then left for **Rio de Janeiro** arriving on January 21st where the members had several shore excursions, departing for **St Helena** on January 23rd

Cunard White Star Cruise

Topics of the hour



R.M.S. "FRANCONIA"

AROUND THE WORLD CRUISE, 1936

No. 1.

SOUTH AMERICAN EDITION

TOPICS OF THE HOUR

Topics of the Hour will be published periodically throughout the cruise in order to keep everyone informed of shipboard activities, and contributions are welcomed at all times. Please give them to Mr. Sabrey or to Mr. Ransom. W. C. R.

A FLYING START

The Franconia 1936 cruise around the world is off to a flying start. Never have we met a more delightful group of fellow members and the atmosphere was never more friendly. On our second day out over one hundred called on the hostess at her reception. Miss Boyer was assisted at the tea tables by the Princess Chikmatoff and Miss Mary Wilby, as well as by a number of the young ladies of the ship's company.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

The Contract Bridge party held in the Main Lounge on the evening of January 13th, brought out an even hundred players at twenty-five tables. An old-fashioned progressive game was played to enable everyone to find congenial companions for their own foursomes. Net plus and minus scores were kept. The winners were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Showalter, and Mr. H. F. DuPont and his daughter, Miss Ruth. The scores are always posted on the bulletin board.

NEW PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

Our new public address system is the happiest addition to our equipment we have had in a long time. Not only may passengers sit in the Garden Lounges or Verandah Cafe and hear what is going on in the Travel Forums, but announcements may be broadcast to belated players to report to the Sports Deck for their matches. We are now using the system for the broadcasting of current news.

STAMP COLLECTIONS

Interest in this fascinating pastime has grown almost beyond belief. Some really wonderful collections can be made—cancelled and uncanceled, water colours, special issues, etc. Stamps rivalling those of the professional collectors are to be had in these out of the way places.

The Franconia is equipped with a fine globe in the ship's Library and can be used for reference at any time.

INGENIOUS DRESS DANCE

On Wednesday, January 15th, an Ingenious Dress Dance was held in the Port Garden Lounge. Each year our passengers give us new ideas and we look forward eagerly to these events which add so much to the enjoyment of any cruise. The five judges selected were:—

Mrs. Stephen Brown
Mrs. Oscar Underwood
Mrs. Harry DeMuth
Mr. Gardiner Kline
Count Willem Van Limburg Stirum

There were a number of unusual and interesting costumes and the judges found their selections very difficult. However, as is evidenced by the popular approval of their choices.

The following were the prize winners:—

Ladies' Most Ingenious—

Miss Anna Scudder, dressed as "To the Lifeboats at Four in the Morning."

Men's Most Ingenious—

Mr. David Brooks, dressed as "Sadie Thompson."

Most Ingenious Group—

Mrs. Margaret Patty and Mrs. T. B. Machin dressed as "First Americans."

Honourable Mention—

Miss Betty Firth, dressed as "Steamer Presents."

Miss Moira Lynd as "Mary, Queen of Scots."

Mr. Hugh P. McDermott, as "Fletcher Christian."

CROSSING THE EQUATOR

On Thursday evening, January 16th, we "bumped" across the equator at about 9.15. The ship's whistle gave a loud blast, whereupon two lovely mermaids appeared upon the bow of the ship and blew their trumpets to call attention to the arrival of King Neptune's bears. They came roaring over the rail and climbed to the Bridge to warn Captain Brown and his officers of the wrath of King Neptune. For this ancient Monarch doesn't like to have his territory invaded by novices and landlubbers. His emissaries did not give permission to hold court until after leaving Madagascar, as a result of which we live on probation until we again cross his line.

We are gratified at the interest shown in deck sports, but as finals of the tournaments now under way have not been concluded as this goes to press, such results will be published in our next issue.

SHIP'S OFFICERS AND THEIR INSIGNIA

Captain

A. T. BROWN, R.D., R.N.R.

Four Gold Stripes

Staff Captain

R. SHARP, R.D., R.N.R.

Three and a half Gold Stripes

Chief Engineer—J. CAMPBELL

Four Gold Stripes with Purple between

First Officer—R. WOOLAT

Two and a half Gold stripes

Surgeon—J. E. THORESBY

Three Gold Stripes with Red between

Assistant Surgeon—A. HELFET

Two Gold Stripes with Red between

Purser

T. H. CULLUM, R.D., R.N.R.

Three Gold Stripes with White between

Senior Assistant Purser

W. J. JOLLIFFE

Two Gold Stripes with White between

Chief Steward—J. CHESHIRE

Three Gold zig-zag Stripes

Wireless Operator—J. DOYLE

Two Gold Stripes with Green between

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Birthday parties are again going strong and several such cocktail-dinner-dance groups have held festive gatherings. The "birthdayee" usually is held in complete ignorance until the last moment, which materially adds to the gaiety and surprise of the occasion. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to the recipients of these manifestations of good will.

FRENCH LESSONS

The French lessons being given twice weekly in the Main Lounge are drawing an ever increasing number of passengers who desire not only to learn something of the language but of the history, arts and culture of the French nation. You will find there also those who already know the language. Mr. Penot's aim is to give the newcomers a working knowledge of French and as good a vocabulary as is possible with the time he has. The class has grown to forty.

Around the World 1936 Franconia Cruise

"Topics of the Hour"

A series of one page information leaflets [No 1 - No 9] were issued throughout the Cruise.

This is Number 1 the "South American Edition"

"STAMP COLLECTIONS"

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Note:

100 passengers took part in the **Contract Bridge** party on January 13th in the main lounge **French lessons**, twice a week had 40 in the class

The Franconia arrived at **St Helena** from Rio de Janeiro after a journey of 2159 miles on the morning of **January 29th** departing later in the day [6pm], after a shore excursion, for Cape Town some 1696 miles.

There were **296 passengers** on board at St Helena as 1 had disembarked at Bahia and 8 at Rio de Janeiro.

The 2- page Cruise notes for St Helena, provided as part of the Log Book, include:

Postage Stamps

"One of the chief sources of revenue of the island, next to the flax industry, is the sale of postage stamps, Collectors all over the world eagerly buy up postage stamps from St Helena, which are all of one design, but various colours. The name of the ship on this design is unknown, but it probably represents an old East India ship."

There is advice that

"The Franconia sails promptly from St Helena at 6.00 p.m. for Cape Town."

"Kindly advise your bedroom steward of your return to the ship as he is responsible for reporting your presence on board."

Log of the World Cruise

R.M.S. Franconia World Cruise, 1936 ST. HELENA, South Atlantic. LAST HOME OF NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

Wednesday, January 29

The Franconia is due at Jamestown anchorage about 9.00 a.m.

Please see bulletin boards for announcements of time of departure of first tenders from the Franconia. Owing to the limited equipment on the Island of St. Helena, it will be necessary to divide the cruise membership into two groups.

GROUP 1 will land in the first tenders, starting the two hour excursion drive at 9.30 a.m., and on completion of the drive they return to the Franconia for lunch.

GROUP 2 will land by first tenders beginning at 2.00 p.m. and start from the landing place at 2.30 p.m. for the two hour excursion drive.

In order to operate the excursion drive in St. Helena, it is necessary to use a great variety of motor vehicles. There are a few five and seven-seater American autos, also autos of European manufacture seating less than five. In addition to this, a number of charabancs will be used and a few lorries as improvised charabancs. **Seats will be assigned at the landing place.** The distance from the landing place to Longwood, the objective of the drive, is four miles, and up a rather steep grade to a height of 1,780 feet.

Leaving the quay, the drive proceeds over Old Moat Bridge through the Town Gate. On the left will be seen the Castle, originally the main fort of the East India Company, and now the Government headquarters. Adjoining are the gardens and public library. Immediately beyond is the house (now in ruins) where Napoleon spent his first night at St. Helena. The same house was once occupied by the Duke of Wellington when he visited here as Colonel Wellesley. St. James, the old church on the right, is built on the site of the old Portuguese post office, where letters were placed under stones for passing ships. The drive continues up Main Street, then through Napoleon Street and Side Path. About half way up to Longwood on the right will be seen Briars Estate, of the Eastern Telegraph Company. Here is the Pavilion, an ancient building in which Napoleon temporarily resided until Longwood was ready for his reception. The Heart-Shaped Waterfall is located in the same valley. A little further on, Two Gun Saddle and Gordon Post are passed. On a hill on the right will be seen Alarm House, formerly a look-out station of the East India Company. Alarm House was the scene of a mutiny. Local legends claim that periodically the ghosts of the mutineers appear in their tricorne hats and wigs.

Further up Alarm House Road a stop is made at the now empty Tomb of Napoleon and then on to Longwood. Recently an organization known as the Society of Friends of St. Helena was formed with the object of restoring Longwood. Much has already been accomplished in making it a Napoleonic Shrine. Longwood New House is near by. It is a large house built at a cost of \$150,000 (£30,000), but never occupied by Napoleon, as he died before the house was completed. **After leaving Napoleon's house at Longwood, the drive returns over the same route to the landing place at Jamestown.**

CRUISE OFFICE NOTES MONEY OF ST. HELENA

Both Sterling and South African Pounds are used in St. Helena. The rate of Sterling and South African money is about equal at present, \$5.0 $\frac{1}{2}$.



Franconia World Cruise envelope with Triple Franking St Helena issue of 1922 cancelled St Helena 29 JA 76



Cunard White Star World Cruise envelope annotated from "Gardiner Kline, S.S. Franconia"

3d St Helena issue of 1922 cancelled 29 JA 36

The Log Book [Mt Lytle] has a notation by Gardiner Kline "*Newspaper man*" - the addressee is C/- Evening Recorder a newspaper in Amsterdam, New York

The South Africa part of the World Cruise, for the **Main Party**, involved a 5 day stay at **Cape Town** [February 3-7] with shore excursions, a short one day stay at **Port Elizabeth** [February 9] then 4 days at **Durban** [February 11-14] before departing on February 14th for **Madagascar**. At Cape Town **158 cruise members** departed on 2 special trains on **Optional Tour #3** [\$380] to Kimberley, Bulawayo, Victoria Falls, Johannesburg, Kruger National Park arriving at Durban to board the Franconia before departure. A number of passengers disembarked at Cape Town and about 30 joined the Cruise - on departure there were **327 passengers**.

"FRANCONIA" CRUISE—1936.

SIGHTSEEING PROGRAMME
FOR MAIN PARTY

CAPE TOWN.

Monday, February 3rd

9.00 a.m. *Franconia* arrives Cape Town.

GROUP 1.

9.30 a.m. Depart in numbered automobiles from ship's side *via* Adderley Street, Parliament Street, De Waal Drive, University, Zoo, Rhode's Memorial, Groote Schuur and Kirstenbosch to Groot Constantia Wine Farm, returning *via* Wynberg and Main Road to Cape Town and steamer.

1.00 p.m. Lunch on *Franconia*.
p.m. Afternoon free for individual action.

GROUP 2.

a.m. Morning free for individual action.
1.00 p.m. Lunch on *Franconia*.
2.00 p.m. Depart in numbered automobiles from ship's side at intervals as per schedule below to Koopmans de Wet Museum and Old Town House, thence *via* Adderley Street, Queen Victoria Street, Kloof Road and Kloof Nek to Lower Cableway Station of Table Mountain Aerial Cableway for ascent of Table Mountain, allowing about half an hour at the summit. Descend to Lower Station and continue *via* Kloof Nek, the Glen, Clifton and Sea Point.
5.30 p.m. Return to *Franconia*.
2.00 p.m.: 66, 67, 25, 26, 27. 2.10 p.m.: 68, 69, 28, 29, 30.
2.20 p.m.: 70, 71, 31, 32, 33. 2.30 p.m.: 34, 35, 36, 37, 38.

Tuesday, February 4th

GROUP 1.

9.30 a.m. Depart in numbered automobiles from ship's side at intervals as per schedule below for Town and Lower Cableway Station, as described for the previous afternoon's drive for Group 2.

9.30 a.m.: 51, 52, 1, 2, 3. 9.40 a.m.: 53, 54, 4, 5, 6.
9.50 a.m.: 55, 56, 7, 8, 9. 10.00 a.m.: 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16.

1.00 p.m. Lunch on *Franconia*.
p.m. Afternoon free for individual action.

GROUP 2.

a.m. Morning free for individual action.
1.00 p.m. Lunch on *Franconia*.
2.00 p.m. Depart in numbered automobiles from ship's side for Rhodes's Memorial and Groot Constantia, as described for the previous morning's drive for Group 1.

Wednesday, February 5th

GROUPS 1 and 2.

11.00 a.m. Depart in numbered automobiles from ship's side *via* De Waal Drive, Wynberg, Muizenberg (famous for its splendid surf bathing, and where a short stay will be made to inspect the beach), thence to Kalk Bay.
1.00 p.m. Luncheon at Kalk Bay.

PROGRAMME—*continued*.

2.00 p.m. Continue *via* Fish Hoek, Simonstown (the naval port of South Africa), and Miller's Point to the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point, held by many to be the meeting point of the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean. After a short halt, allowing time to climb the hill to the Light-house, return *via* Witsands, Kommetjie, Chapman's Peak, Hout Bay, Camps Bay and Sea Point.
6.30 p.m. Return to *Franconia*.

Thursday, February 6th

Free for individual arrangements.

Friday, February 7th

Free for individual arrangements.
5.00 p.m. R.M.S. *Franconia* sails for Port Elizabeth.

PLACES OF INTEREST.

THE CASTLE.—A survival of the earliest days of the Colony. Commenced in 1666 it was the stronghold of the earlier settlers, most of the building materials being imported from Holland. It can be reached from the Parade near the Railway Station. Open on week-days from 10.0 a.m. to 5.0 p.m., charge 6d.

GOVERNMENT AVENUE is situated at the top of Adderley Street, and runs through what was part of the celebrated Gardens laid out by Governor Van der Stel. The avenue is three-quarters of a mile long and well shaded with oak trees, some of which may be over 200 years old. On entering the avenue, the imposing buildings on the left are the **Houses of Parliament**, while adjoining them is the garden of **Government House**, the town residence of H.E. the Governor-General of the Union, The Right Hon. the Earl of Clarendon. The oldest parts of Government House date from about 1740. Facing the Houses of Parliament and on the right of Government Avenue will be found **The South African Library**, which is open free from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The present building was opened in 1860 by Prince Alfred and contains some 200,000 volumes, including the Grey and Dessinian collections. Opposite the grounds of Government House are the **Municipal Botanical Gardens**, covering 14 acres. Over 8,000 varieties of trees and plants from all parts of the world are collected here. Immediately above the Gardens will be found **The Museum**. This institution, which dates from 1897, is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. There are zoological, anthropological and antiquarian collections. At the entrance is arranged a series of so-called "Post Office" stones, beneath which captains of ships touching at the Cape placed their letters, when outward bound, for conveyance home by returning vessels. The oldest date on these stones is 1614 (one in the Castle is dated 1607). The inscriptions are in English, Dutch, Danish and French.

THE NEW NATIONAL ART GALLERY, erected on a site adjacent to the Avenue, was completed in 1930. Representative works by many modern painters can be viewed. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. week-days.

THE MICHAELIS GALLERY, situated in Greenmarket Square, used to be the Old Town House—the Burgher Watch House, built in 1755, one of the most charming relics of old South African architecture. A collection of pictures of the Dutch and Flemish schools of the seventeenth century is now housed there, including works by Franz Hals, Jan Steen, Van Dyck, Ferdinand Bot, Jan van Goyen, Van der Velde, Ter Booch, Cuyp and Ruisdael. This Gallery, in conjunction with

THE KOOPMANS DE WET MUSEUM in Strand Street, represents the strongest connecting link between old and new Cape Town. The Museum contains valuable examples of old Dutch furniture. Both the Gallery and Museum are open on week-days from 10.0 a.m. to 5.0 p.m.

OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST are the Old Dutch Reformed Church in Adderley Street, containing a magnificent pulpit carved by Anton Anrijt in 1780, and a Malay Mosque in Long Street.

Mr Lytle's Log Book includes only the cruise notes for the **Victoria Falls Special** trains and one on the **Kruger National Park**. There are no train tickets of railways menus. It contains the Main Party booklets for Cape Town and Port Elizabeth with "Group 2" stamped on at Cape Town - indicates he did not take optional tour #3. Colonel Robbins did take **optional tour #3** and this is extensively covered in his book.

Optional Tour #2 - an overland and air tour [Imperial Airways] from Cape Town to Delhi between February 3rd and 28th. The numbers of members leaving Cape Town on overland excursions was 158 - the same number returned to Durban - no mention of others taking tour #2.

.. Log of ..
ROUND THE
WORLD CRUISE

R.M.S. "FRANCONIA"

1936

CUNARD WHITE STAR LIMITED.

IN CO-OPERATION WITH

THOS. COOK & SON — WAGONS-LITS, INC.

Port Elizabeth Arrangements

MAIN PARTY

FEBRUARY 9th.

Thos. Cook & Son—Wagons-Lits
(South Africa), Limited

(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)

CAPETOWN

DURBAN

JOHANNESBURG

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Log of the World Cruise

R.M.S. Franconia World Cruise, 1936

CRUISE OFFICE NOTES

VICTORIA FALLS.

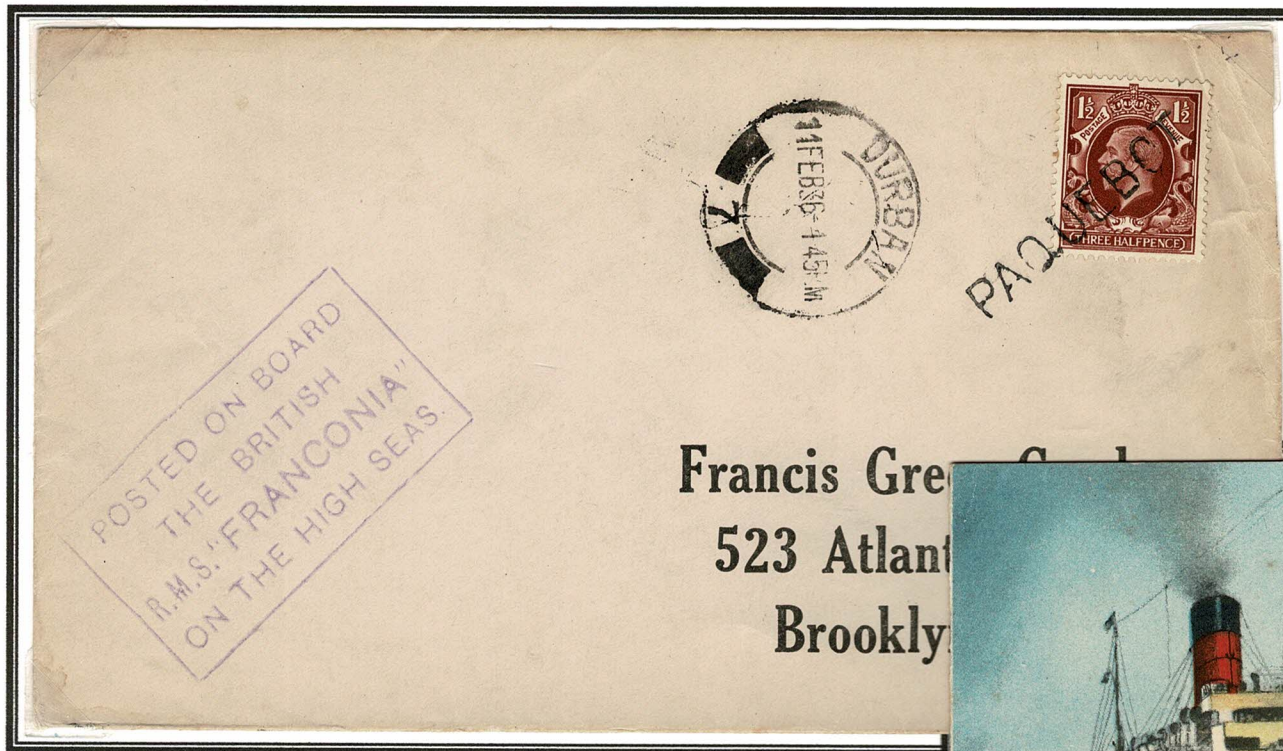
The Victoria Falls Special Train will be operated in two sections. Both sections leave Cape Town on Wednesday morning, February 5th, the first section at 9.30 a.m., and the second section at 10.30 a.m. The entire membership of the Victoria Falls party are together at all the stopping places on the tour—Kimberly, Bulawayo, the Falls, Johannesburg, Kruger National Park and Durban. The two sections arrive at ship's side, Durban, on Friday, February 14th, at 6.30 a.m. and 6.40 a.m. respectively.

Assignments are now being made to the two sections on the basis of information already on file in the Cruise Office, as to parties of friends who desire to be together on either one of the two sections. Any member of the party who has special wishes in the matter, and has not already notified the Cruise Office, is kindly asked to do so before arrival of the ship at St. Helena, Wednesday, January 29th, from which point the final cable with details is to be dispatched to Cape Town.

After departure of the ship from St. Helena, and on completion of the list of assignments to compartments on the train, the list will be considered final, as changes cannot easily be made without disturbing the arrangements of other passengers.

Therefore, all passengers on the Victoria Falls optional are kindly asked to check up on these details at the Cruise Office at their early convenience, either to-morrow or next day.

Cunard White Star Ltd. and Thos. Cook & Son.



Francis Gre
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Brookly

Envelope addressed to Brooklyn NY franked with 1½d British stamp with 36mm x 5mm handstruck PAQUEBOT marking in black and Durban 11 FE 36 cancellation alongside.

The cover has a 50mm x 27mm boxed 4-line cachet in purple - identical to the cachet know on Franconia I

**POSTED ON BOARD
THE BRITISH
R.M.S. "FRANCONIA"
ON THE HIGH SEAS**

Programme for "FRANCONIA" Passing Show of 1936 held at Seamen's Mission in Durban Wednesday February 12th commencing at 9.30pm.

Involved 17 items in two parts assisted by the Franconia orchestra

Illustration is the Franconia departing Liverpool



R.M.S. Franconia On World's Cruise, 1936

Cunard White Star

"FRANCONIA"
PASSING SHOW
.. of 1936 ..

(By kind permission of
Capt. A. T. Brown, R.D., R.N.R.)
On Wednesday, February 12th, 1936
.. At the ..
SEAMEN'S MISSION, DURBAN,
Commencing at 9.30 p.m.

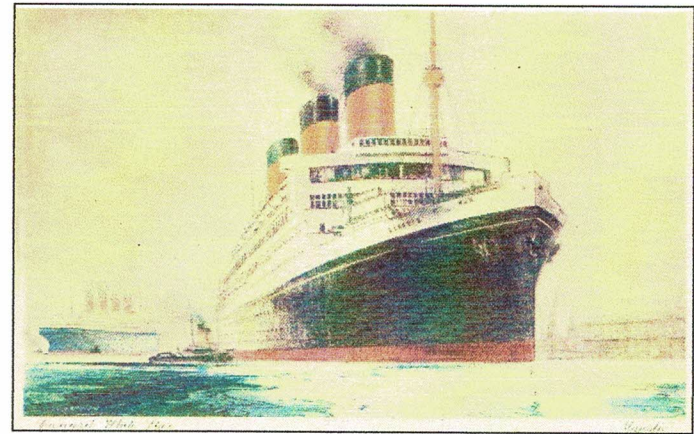
A Company of Fifty Artistes, including gorgeously attractive ladies in beautiful costumes, and the Franconia Orchestra.

Producer Mr. Gwilym Owain
Stage Manager..... Mr. Joe French
Musical Director.....Mr. Edgar E. Avanzi



My Lytle's Log Book does not list mail steamer departures from Durban but has a listing for Port Elizabeth departing February 15th due at New York March 16th [via London].

There is an Airmail listing Durban via Johannesburg departing February 13th, London February 23rd, New York March 3rd.



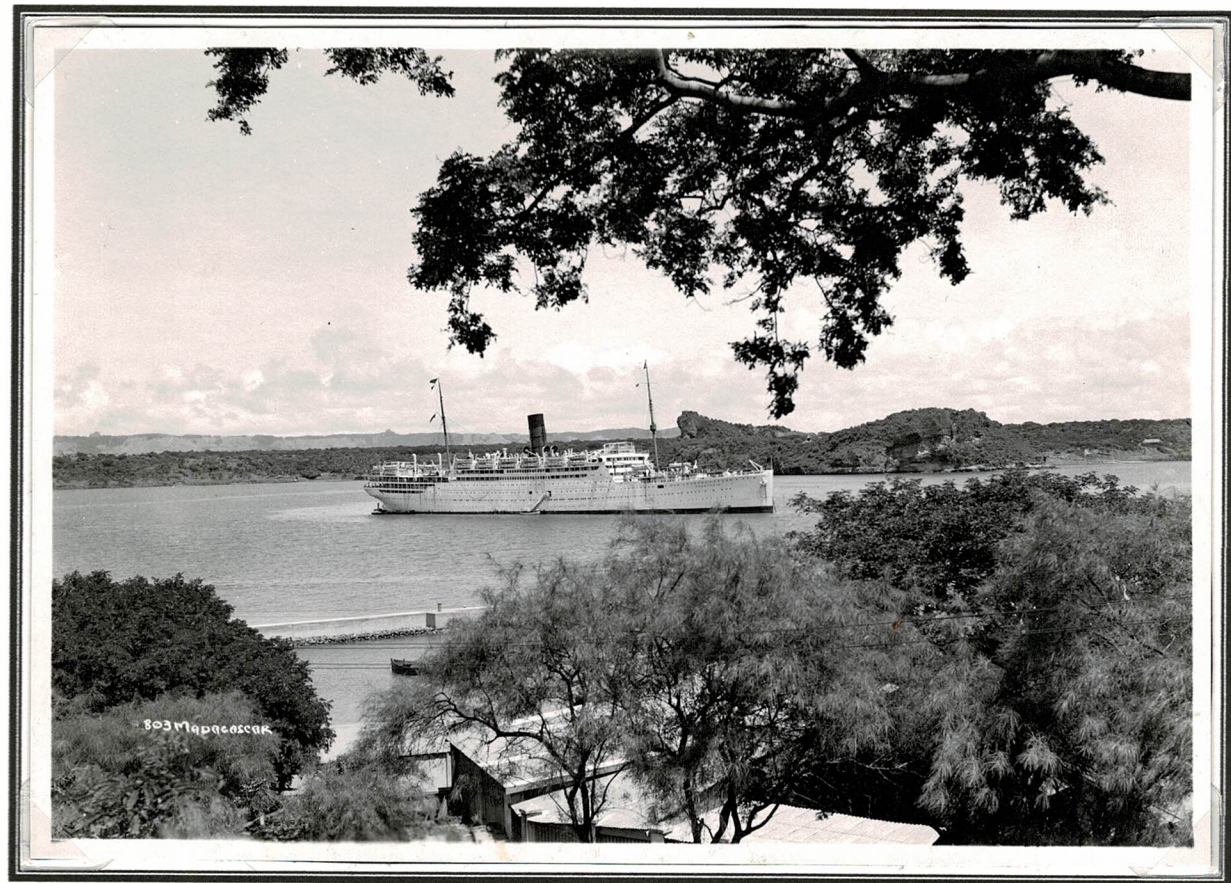
Cunard White Star "Majestic" postcard used as Advice on cruise progress **February 18, 1936** after the South African experiences. Heading for Madagascar and Seychelles Islands

Diego Suarez, Madagascar was visited on **February 19th** from Durban 1532 miles

The promotional booklet "A free day on shore visiting the interesting points of this port, the largest French possession in the Indian Ocean"

The Lytle Log Book shows the Franconia departed at 12.33 pm so the visit was very short.

Colonel Robbins was not impressed writing "*A hot dirty town with nothing to see or do, the visitors were very glad to return to their comfortable ship.*"



Official Photographer photo "*803 Madagascar*" - Franconia at Diego Suarez harbour

Cunard White Star Cruise

Topics of the hour

Around the World
1936 Franconia Cruise

Topics of the hour" No. 4

Indian Ocean Edition

R.M.S. "FRANCONIA"

AROUND THE WORLD CRUISE, 1936

No. 4.

INDIAN OCEAN EDITION

RECEPTION FOR SOUTH AFRICANS

We were delighted to have practically all of our new passengers as tea guests on Sunday, February 16th. After having enjoyed ourselves so much in their lovely country, we feel we cannot make them too welcome. Captain Brown attended this tea in their honour, and Miss Boyer was assisted by Mrs. Benners, Mrs. Davis, Miss Firth and Miss Scudder.

TRAVEL CLUB

We will very soon revive an old "Franconia" custom and shall organise a group which will meet from time to time to hear tall tales of adventure as told by fellow passengers. We intend to call first upon our friends who visited the Kruger National Park.

BRIDGE ON SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS

The first great philanthropy we have heard of on this cruise so far is the offer made by Mr. S. B. Wright to keep four ladies busy on the train ride to Victoria Falls.

Mr. Wright offered a prize for the high score made by this foursome:—

Princess Chikhmatoff, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Plumly and Mrs. Wright.

The Princess won the hard-fought battle. Miss Boyer had the honour of presenting the prize to the Princess at a pre-Prandial party on Monday evening, and all eyes grew large as they beheld a lovely string of buffalo horn beads. There was also a consolation prize, offered by the Princess, which went to Mrs. Plumly. It turned out to be lavender water from the Princess's own garden and a pair of little "Scotties" which were immediately christened "Chick" and "Toffie."

It is indeed most gratifying to hear the returning travellers from Victoria Falls express their pleasure over their visits to the Falls and to Kruger National Park. That they derived the fullest measure of satisfaction is quite evident, particularly in view that almost all of them were not only able to see at close range the various animals of the Kruger National Park but in many cases to get actual photographs, which will be treasured and will certainly cause the folks back home to open their eyes.

CONTRACT BRIDGE SWEEPSTAKES

On Saturday evening, February 15th, forty-eight enthusiastic Franconians played in the Contract Bridge Sweepstakes in two sections.

The fifty cent section played the ordinary progressive game, net plus and minus scoring, and the stakes were won by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Mather with a score of 4,020.

The dollar section played with the duplicate boards, thus reducing chance to a minimum. In this section Mrs. Orrick and Mrs. Blossom won the north-south stake while Mrs. Slabbert and Captain Shearwood walked off with the east-west stake. The duplicate chart is posted on "A" deck square. Five dollars were contributed to the Seamen's Charities by the winners.

SPELLING BEE

*School Days! School Days!
Readin' an' 'ritin' an' 'rithmetic!
Dear old golden school days,
Taught to the tune of a hickory stick*

Monday, February 17th, was a rainy afternoon, and, as we couldn't play tennis or other deck sports, we all repaired to the little red school house and had an old-fashioned spelling bee. When the bell rang all the girls and boys came flocking (just as they used to do in days gone by—possibly?). The teacher was cross and made all the bad ones sit down on the front row and even threatened to put a dunce cap on a certain boy if he pulled the girls' pigtails again. He was good after that because the President of the Board of Education was there and the bad boy was scared of him.

Miss Pauline duPont spelled the whole room down. She can even spell "aphoism" and "Epiphany" and her papa is going to buy her a pair of red mittens the next time he goes to the store.

SEYCHELLES

These islands lie about 970 miles east of Zanzibar, the largest of them, Mahe, some 17 miles long and 4 to 7 wide, with 105 miles of good roads. Its highest peak is 2,997 feet. The islands were discovered in

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BETEL-NUT

The practice of chewing Betel-Nut is common in South India, Malaysia, Siam, the Phillipines and in China.

For chewing, the mixture is composed of slices of Arica Palm nut with a small portion of the Betel vine, smeared over with lime. When chewed, the lime frees the essence in the other ingredients and causes an increased flow of saliva. Younger Arica Palm nuts are preferred for chewing.

Correctly speaking, the "Betel" refers to the Betel Vine or pepper plant ingredients, and not to the nut of the Arica Palm. These graceful Arica Palm trees are native in Malaysia, but are now found growing in all the countries where this Betel-nut chewing habit is followed. This palm tree bears clusters of the fruit. Each single nut, which is very hard, is about the size of a thimble. When ripe it has a yellow husk. The sliced nut is grey, mottled with red and brown.

Betel mixture is a stimulant and a tonic. It has been used as a prophylactic for malaria. A deficiency of lime in the diet causes rickets, skin diseases and other ailments, so competent authorities in Betel-nut chewing localities consider this mixture with lime a valuable part of the native food.

The natives themselves believe that Betel-nut chewing makes a man active, wards off hunger, prevents foul breath, increases stamina and engenders friendship, thus making life pleasanter. In primitive localities native women admire the discoloration of the men's teeth caused by the Betel mixture, and in these Betel-nut chewing districts it is a sign of a real "he-man" and a "lady-killer" to have teeth showing the red and black stains of Betel-nut chewing.

R.A.G.

(Continued from preceding column)

1505 by Pedro Mascaregnas, and named after the Controller General of Finance, des Seychelles, under Louis XV, the name "Seychelles" being given in 1756, and apparently are the remains of a continent extending from Africa to India. They were given to the British by the Treaty of Paris, 1814.

The Islands are served by mail steamers about once a month, and their people are descendants of the French. In 1778 the Governor of Mauritius ordered the burning of all clove, cinnamon and nutmeg trees, but to-day the Islands are one of nature's own beauty spots.

Crossing the Equator was accompanied by a ceremony and the presentation of a Proclamation to first time crossing passengers.

CROSSING THE EQUATOR

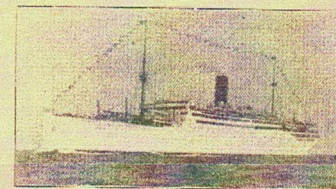
On Thursday evening, January 16th, we "bumped" across the equator at about 9.15. The ship's whistle gave a loud blast, whereupon two lovely mermaids appeared upon the bow of the ship and blew their trumpets to call attention to the arrival of King Neptune's bears. They came roaring over the rail and climbed to the Bridge to warn Captain Brown and his officers of the wrath of King Neptune. For this ancient Monarch doesn't like to have his territory invaded by novices and landlubbers. His emissaries did not give permission to hold court until after leaving Madagascar, as a result of which we live on probation until we again cross his line.

We are gratified at the interest shown in deck sports, but as finals of the tournaments now under way have not been concluded as this goes to press, such results will be published in our next issue.

Enlarged from "Topics of the Hour" Edition 1

Official Photograph of part
of the Crossing Equator
Ceremony. Annotated #170
[between Madagascar and
Seychelles Islands]

Four Times Across the Equator



S. S. "FRANCONIA"

A Forty Thousand-Mile Trip
Around the World on the
Cunard S. S. "Franconia"

1936

Colonel Robbins Book Title



R.M.S. FRANCONIA
Around the World Cruise.
1936 . . .



CROSSING
THE LINE
SATURDAY, FEB 22

Around the World 1936 Franconia Cruise

Part of the 2 page booklet "Crossing the Line" Saturday February 22nd, 1936

Colonel Robbins in Four Times Across the Equator has a chapter "Neptune Comes Aboard" on pages 24-26 and describes the ceremony. When the Franconia crossed the Equator for the first time off the coast of Brazil on January 16th, it was announced that King Neptune would be coming on board on February 22nd the day after leaving the Seychelles Islands. The Captain was requested to have a list of 'first timers' ready at that time when they would be properly initialled.

The initiation involves a trial and guilty verdict, dosing with medicine [orange juice] and a pill [sugar] then lathered up and shave with a wooden razor then dumped into the pool. There were 8 initiates [4 of whom were women] who all got the same treatment.

PROCEDURE

His Majesty will open the proceedings with the following words:—

My gallant Captain, Guests and Crew,
Our pleasure's great on seeing you
Once more on the Equator;
Old friends we notice by the score,
And some we've never met before,
They'll be presented later.

Judge's Clerk announces Captain A. T. Brown, who advances to a position before Neptune.

Neptune to Captain:

Before this Court I deign to open,
I now confer on you this token
Of my esteem and admiration; [you'll find,
This "Most Illustrious Order of the Old Sea Dog"
Will earn you deep respect of all mankind
And infinite congratulation.

(Judge's Clerk hands order to Neptune).

Bestowing Order on Captain:

This Order on you we now bestow,
An Old Sea Dog henceforth you go
With wishes of the best, Sir.

Neptune shakes hands with the Captain, who replies:

Your Majesty, we are as pleased as can be
With your Orders, your speech and your letter,
It's a pleasure to tell that you're looking so well,
For I've seldom seen you looking better.
Her Majesty sweet I'm delighted to greet
Sire, however would you manage without her.
So for Guests and for Crew I offer thanks due,
And may You and your Queen always prosper.

Judge's Clerk announces Staff-Captain R. Sharp, who advances for investiture.

Neptune, decorating Staff-Captain:

The honoured Equatorial Star
To which we've added half a bar,
Staff-Captain, you may wear, Sir

(Neptune shakes hands with Staff-Captain, who retires).

Judge's Clerk announces Chief Engineer J. Campbell, who advances for investiture.

Neptune decorating Chief Engineer:

And then the Equatorial Cross,
A talisman ensuring joss,
Frien' Campbell, is your share, Sir.

(Neptune shakes hands with Chief Engineer, who retires).

Judge's Clerk announces Mr. Ross H. Skinner, who advances.

Neptune decorates Mr. Ross H. Skinner and shakes hands.

Queen Amphitrite now arises and addresses her sex in the following words:

Fair sisters on this gallant ship
I wish you all a pleasant trip,
And ere this Court of ours is o'er
We'll get acquainted more and more;
And if because of my Royal Boss
Your fair complexion suffer loss,
Don't grieve and think our methods rough
We'll fix you with our powder puff.
It is a happy turn of fate
That you we should initiate,
But chance we'll never meet again;
For only fate can this ordain;
As now befits my rank as Queen
I honour one who would be seen.
Let her come forward.

(Brigitte Ephraim advances before the Queen)

Amphitrite decorating Brigitte Ephraim;

Brigitte Ephraim, junior novice, well beloved,
On thee I now confer the Honour of the Deep Sea Shell,
And may thou always profit by its lucky spell.

Amphitrite shakes hands with Brigitte Ephraim, who retires).

Chanties by Old Men of the Sea.

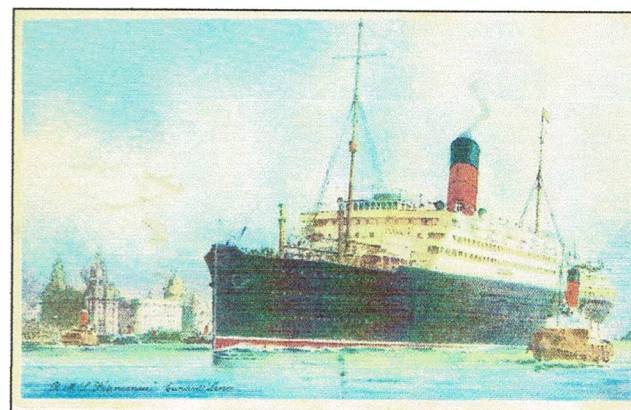
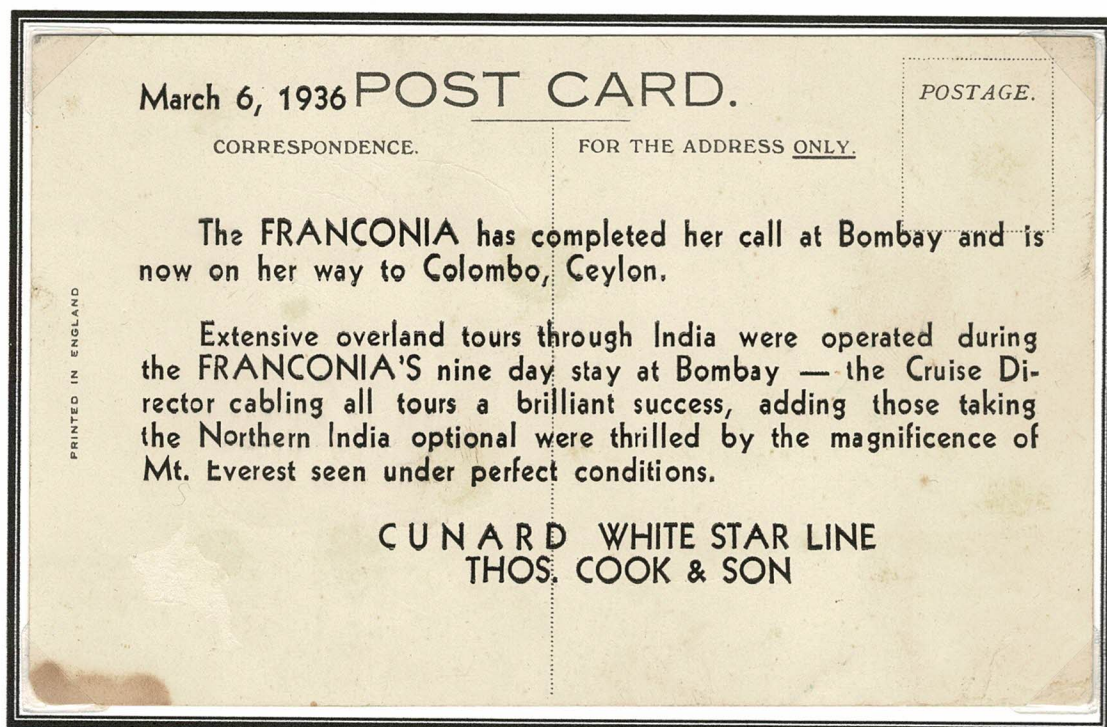
The King with these words then declares the Court open:

King Neptune, I, the Lord Supreme
Ere there were ships, or sail, or steam,
Of all the seven Oceans wide,
The Lord of wave, the Lord of tide,
The Monarch of the watery deep,
Whose laws the whales and fishes keep;
Here on this forward deck declare
For fellows fine and ladies fair,
Our Court is open.
And all our honoured rules of Court
Shall be obeyed, let shrift be short
To any who shall dare transgress
The proper speech, the proper dress;
If one offend a rule of mine,
Though twenty times across our line,
He's sailed upon our azure main,
Our bears shall have him once again,
And treated worse than novice, he
Shall by those Bears and Barbers be.
Therefore, beware!
And now our rule of Court decrees
The grant of freedom of our seas,
To all who've not yet got that rank
By ordeal of the suds and tank
Let them Prepare!
Stand by, Surgeons!
Stand by, Bears!
Stand by, Barbers



Envelope addressed to "*Charles Batchelder Passenger Franconia Cruise, Graham's Trading Co Ltd, P O Box 90, Bombay India.*" Mr Batchelder was the **lecturer** on board Franconia. The address to send mail was provided to passengers in their Log Book - most passengers would have given the list of addresses to their family or friends. My Lytle retained his copy in his Log Book.

"*Air Mail from London*" with 49 cents postage cancelled **Boston FEB 10 1936**. Received **Bombay [on back] 29 FEB 1936**. Carried on **Flight IE421** at Croydon February 22nd arrival Bombay February 28th. Boxed cancelled BOMBAY del applied.



Advice postcard **March 6, 1936.**

The **Lytle Log Book** shows that **94** cruise members took the Overland excursions to Northern India [Tours 7 & 8] departing Bombay February 26th and arriving Colombo Ceylon March 10th to meet the Franconia and those on the Ceylon Tour [optional #9]

The Franconia arrived at **Penang** from Colombo on **March 14th** after a journey of 1269 miles and departed for **Singapore** early hours the following day. **Optional Tour #10** left after lunch [\$235] to Hua Hin, Angkor and Bangkok arriving there on the 19th. Neither Mr Lytle or Colonel Robbins seem to have taken the overland excursion but the Log Book mentions that **103 passengers took the tour**. Programme shows arrival at Angkor on March 16th departing late on the 18th to Bangkok

- 9.00 a.m. Cruise members will proceed by motor cars from the Railway terminus to Angkor.
 1.00 p.m. Arrive Grand Hotel, Angkor. Lunch at Hotel.
 4.00 p.m. Visit Angkor Wat, returning to Hotel.

March 17th.

In Angkor; excursions to the principal Ruins by automobile, morning and afternoon.

- 9.00 p.m. After dinner a special performance will be given by Cambodian dancers at the entrance to Angkor Wat, returning to Hotel to sleep.

March 18th.

It is suggested that Cruise members take a walk during the morning along the banks of the Siem Reap river. Owing to the narrowness of the road and the difficulty in turning at the end of this road, it is not advisable that motors should be used. A visit can be made to the small Zoo where there are some excellent specimens of Indo China fauna, including two fine tigers.

- 3.30 p.m. Leave by automobile for Aranya Prades where the special train will be waiting to convey members back to Bangkok.
 7.30 p.m. Arrive Aranya Prades. Embark on special train for dinner.
 11.00 p.m. Leave Aranya Prades.

March 19th.

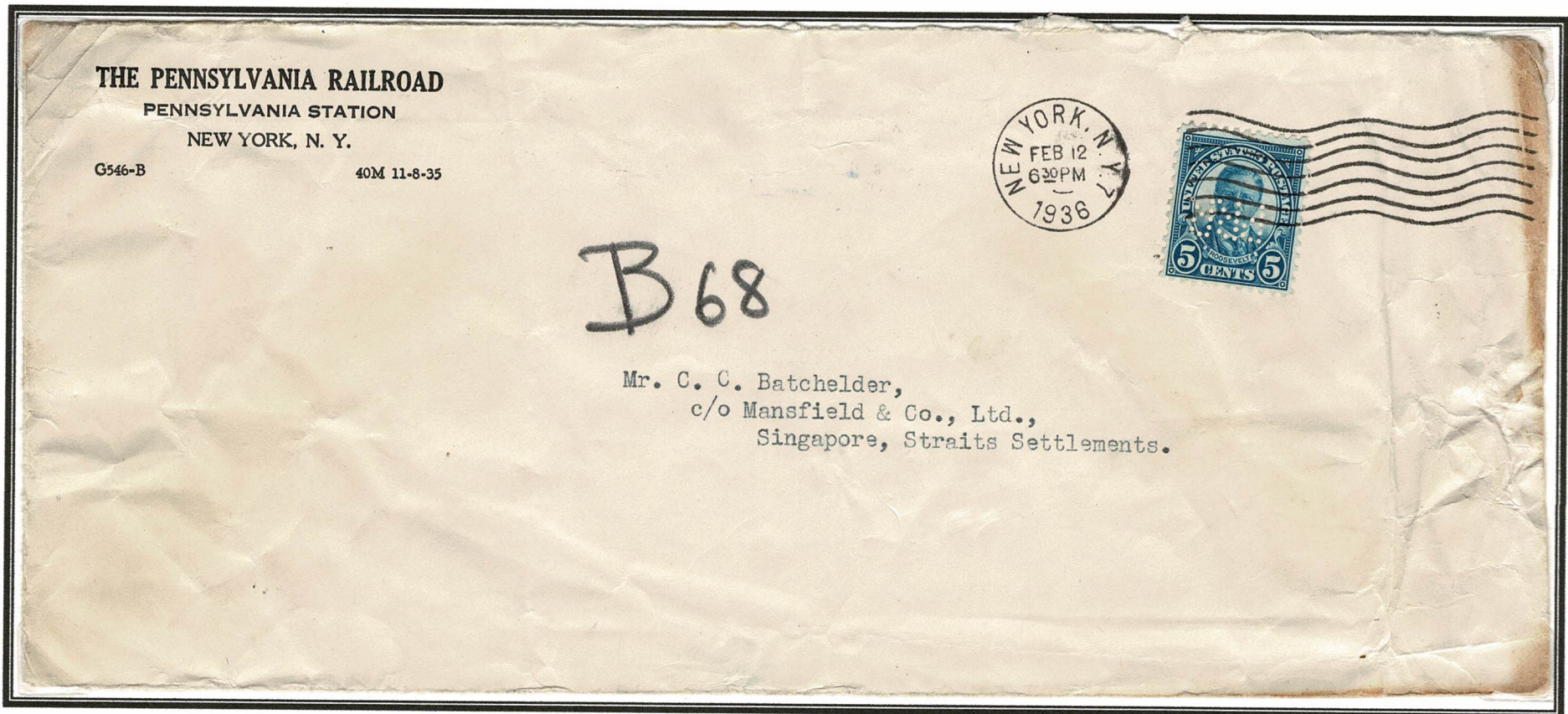
- 7.00 a.m. Arrive Bangkok station. Transfer to Oriental Hotel. After early breakfast members of the overland party will take part in the Bangkok excursions, visiting the different Wats, the Royal Institute etc. (see next page). Lunch and dinner will be provided at the Oriental Hotel.
 7.45 p.m. Leave Hotel.
 8.00 p.m. Arrive Wireless Station.
 8.15 p.m. Leave Wireless Station (by train).
 9.00 p.m. Arrive Paknam.
 9.15 p.m. Leave Paknam.
 11.00 p.m. Arrive "Franconia".

Bangkok Excursions.

- 7.30 a.m. Breakfast at Oriental Hotel.
 8.30 ,, Leave Hotel landing by launch for Wat Arun.
 9.00 ,, Arrive Wat Arun.
 9.45 ,, Arrive Royal Naval Landing.
 10.00 ,, Arrive Grand Palace and Temple of the Emerald Buddha.
 10.45 ,, Leave Grand Palace for Snake Farm.
 11.10 ,, Arrive Snake Farm.
 11.40 ,, Leave Snake Farm.
 12.00 noon. Tiffin at Oriental Hotel.
 2.00 p.m. Leave Oriental Hotel.
 2.15 ,, Arrive Wat Po.
 3.00 ,, Arrive Wat Benjamabopitr, afterwards see White Elephants and Monkeys behind the Throne Hall.
 3.45 ,, Arrive Royal Institute of Siam.
 4.15 ,, Arrive Royal School of Fine Arts for tea and exhibition of Siamese dancing.
 5.30—6.30 p.m. Free for individual sightseeing and shopping.
 6.45 p.m. Dinner.
 7.45 ,, Leave Hotels.
 8.00 ,, Arrive Wireless Station.
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 9.00 ,, Arrive Paknam.
 9.15 ,, Leave Paknam.
 11.15 ,, Arrive "Franconia".



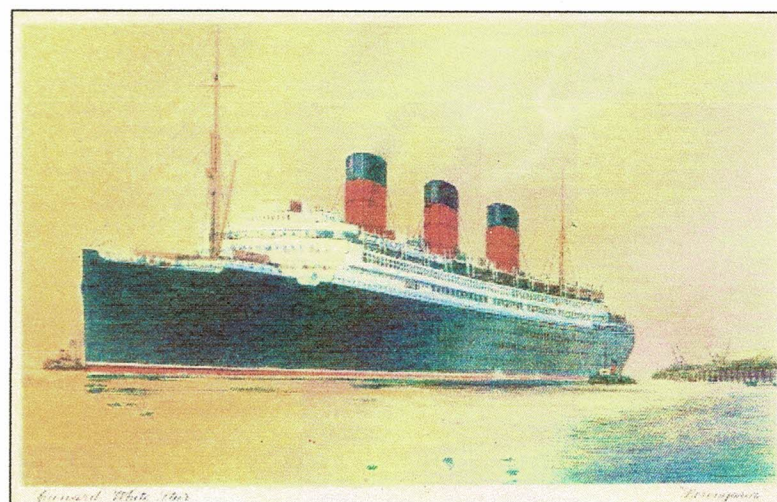
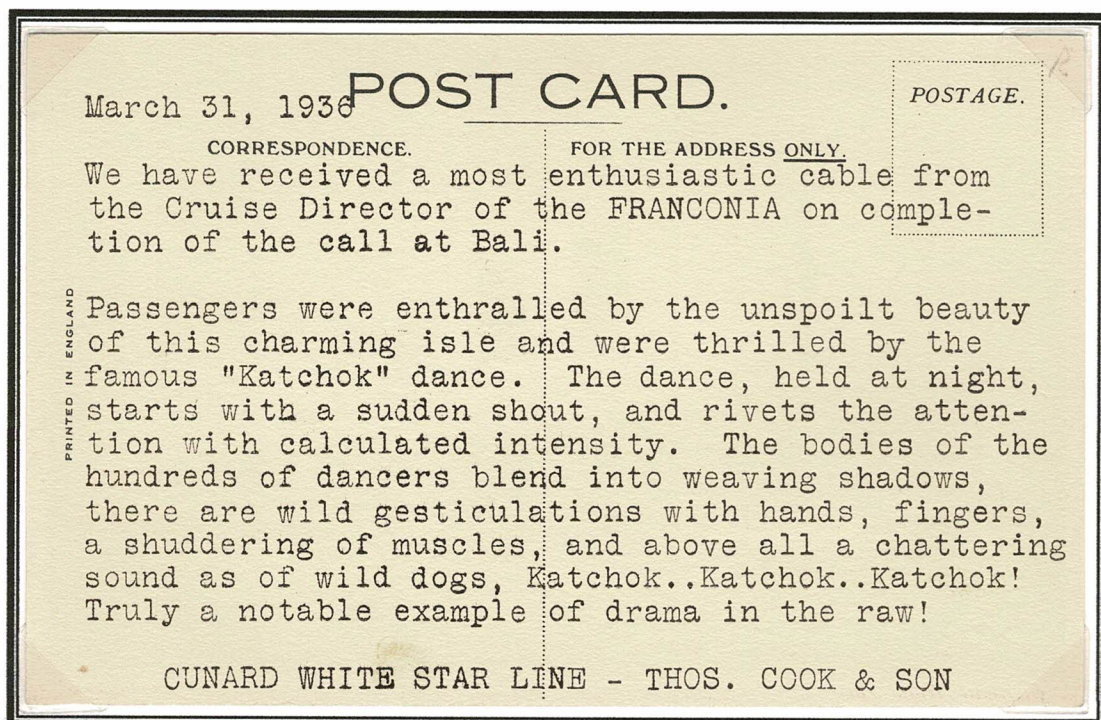
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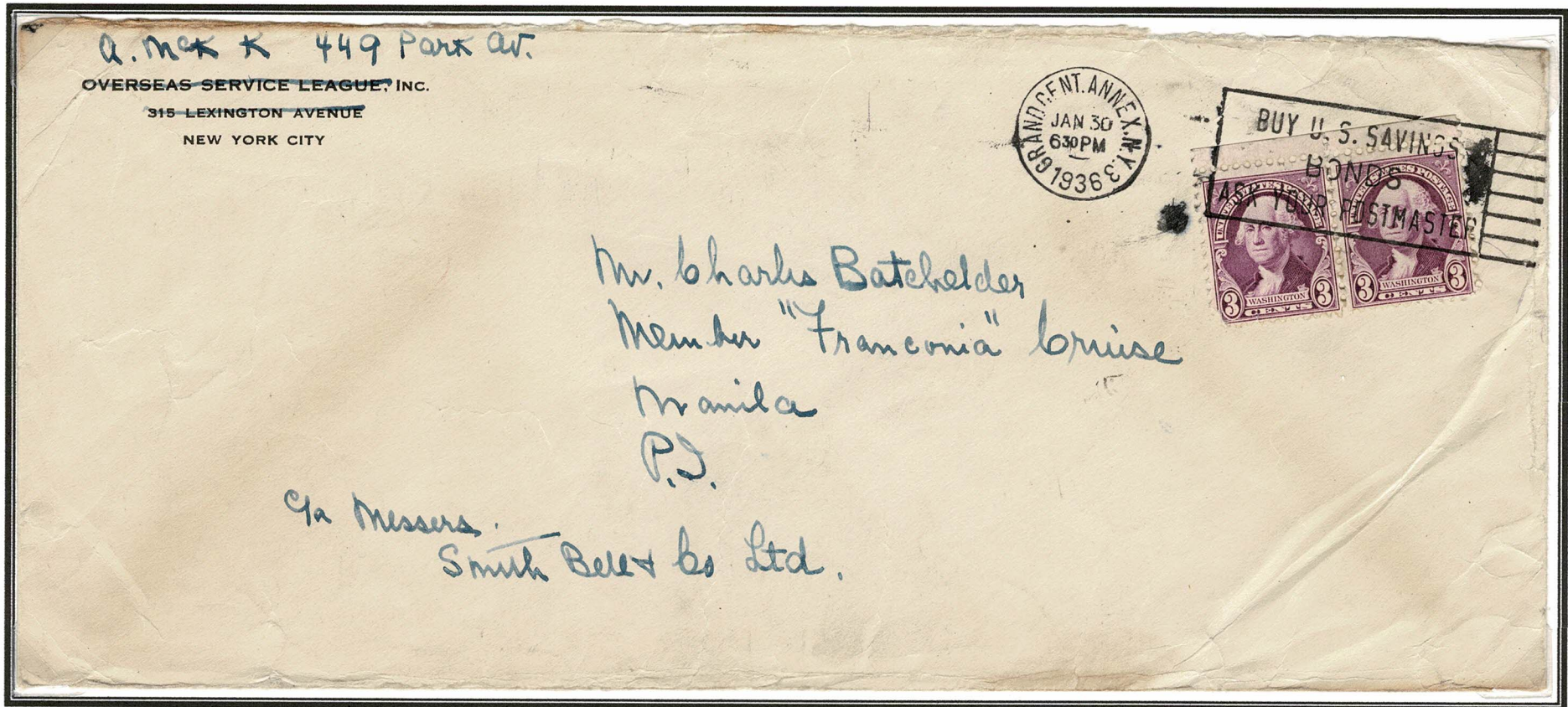
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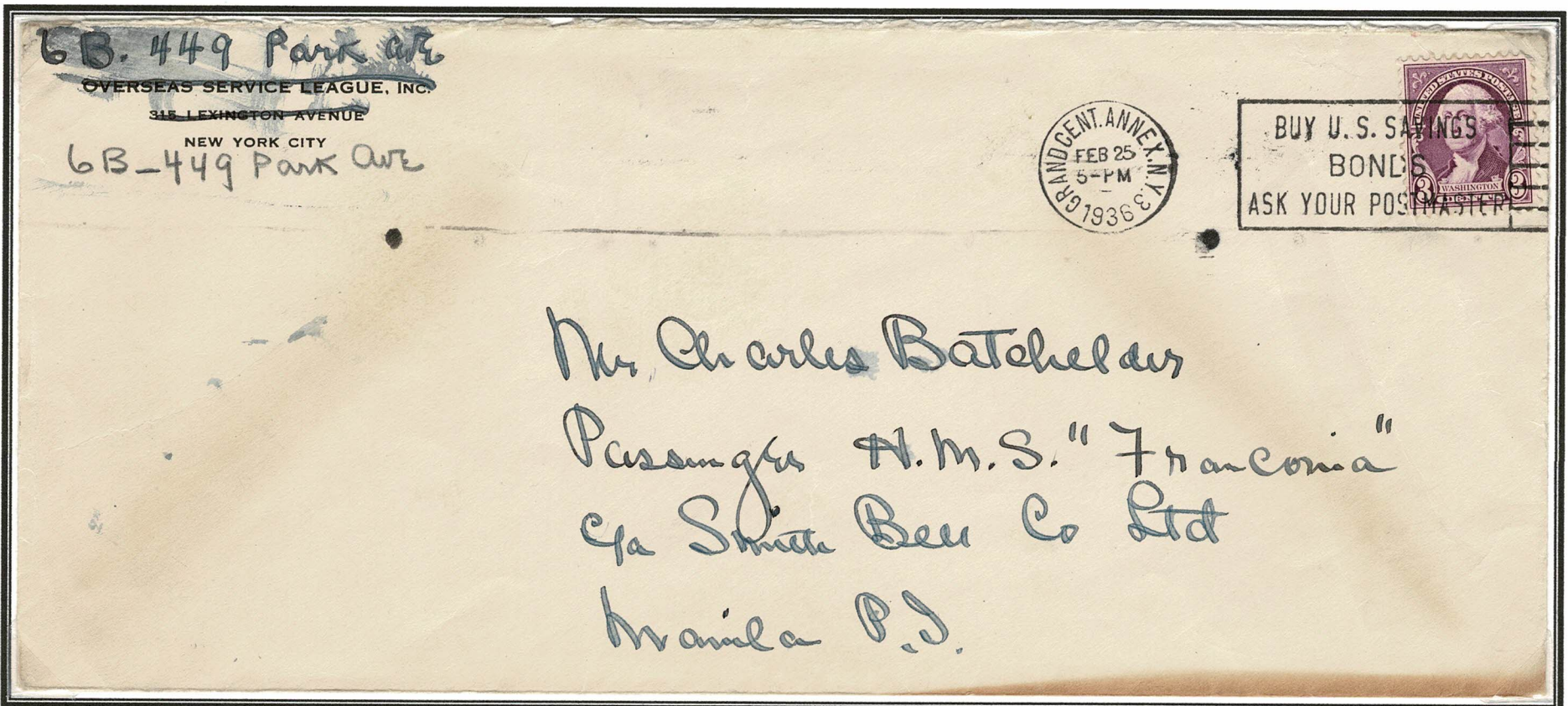
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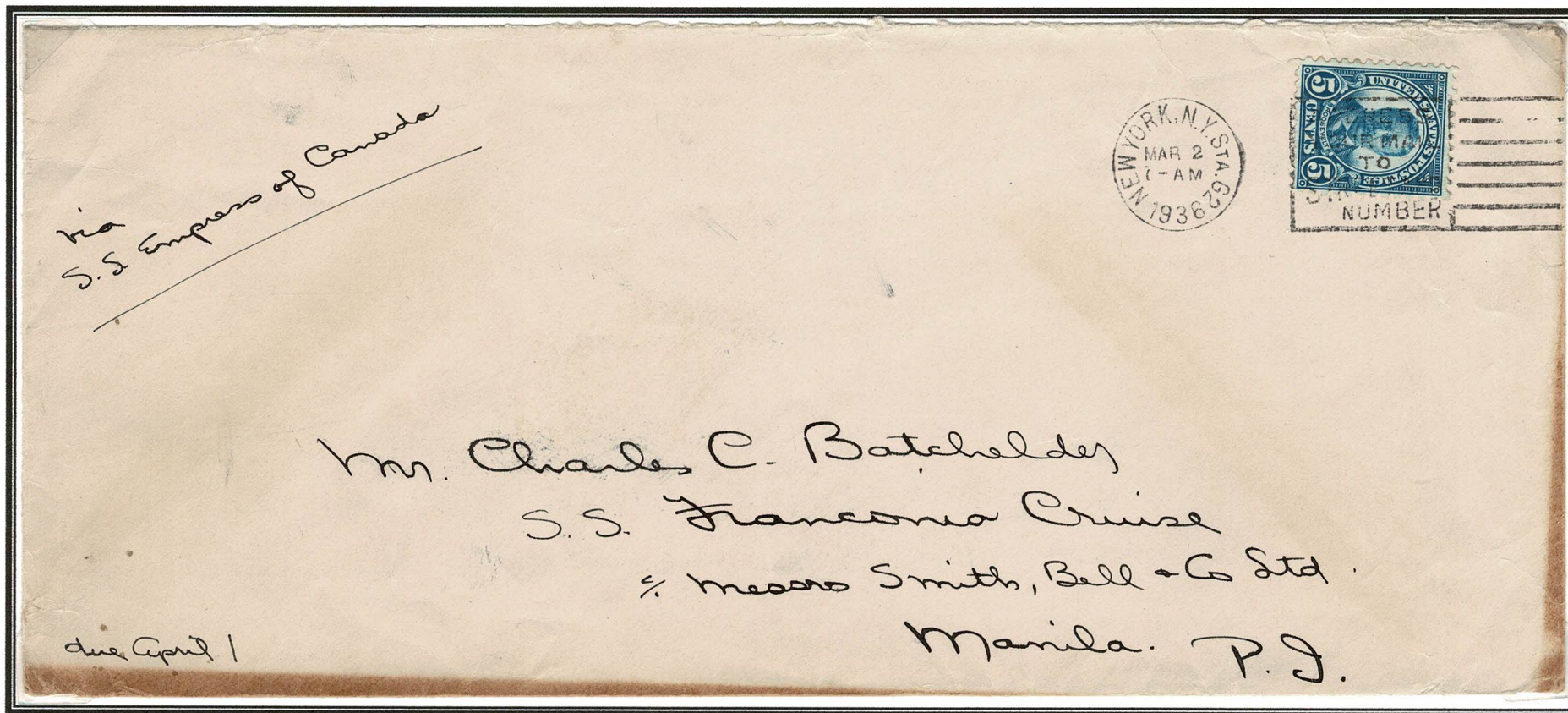


Cunard White Star liner *Berengaria* postcard used as Advice on Cruise progress dated March 31, 1936 after the visit to Bali



Envelopes addressed to Mr Charles Batchelder Member "Franconia Cruise" and Passenger H M S "Franconia" c/- Smith Bell Co Ltd in Manila Philippine Islands. Grand Annex NY JAN 30 1936 and FEB 25 1936. Franking 6 cents [double domestic rate] and 3 cent [domestic rate] Smith Bell Co Ltd were listed in the Log Book as Agents for the Franconia 1936 World Cruise





Envelope to *Charles C Batchelder S S Franconia Cruise c/- Messrs Smith, Bell & Co Ltd. Manila P.I.* 5c postage New York MAR 2 1936

"Franconia" World Cruise
Shore Arrangements Hong Kong April 4th to April 6th, 1936
Provided to passengers in the Log Book

1936.

Log of the World Cruise.

R.M.S. "FRANCONIA," 1936.

HONG KONG.

Saturday, April 4th.—The "Franconia" will arrive Kowloon at 7.00 a.m.

Group 1.

Saturday, April 4th.—Morning excursion through the New Territory.
Afternoon excursion around the Island and to the Peak.

Sunday, April 5th.—Free for individual sightseeing.

Monday, April 6th.—Free for individual sightseeing.

Group 2.

Saturday, April 4th.—Morning excursion around the Island and to the Peak.

Afternoon excursion through the New Territory.

Sunday, April 5th.—Free for individual sightseeing.

Monday, April 6th.—Free for individual sightseeing.

Group 3.

Saturday, April 4th.—Free for individual sightseeing.

Sunday, April 5th.—Morning excursion through the New Territory.
Afternoon excursion around the Island and to the Peak.

Monday, April 6th.—Free for individual sightseeing.

Group 4.

Saturday, April 4th.—Free for individual sightseeing.

Sunday, April 5th.—Morning excursion around the Island and to the Peak.

Afternoon excursion through the New Territory.

Monday, April 6th.—Free for individual sightseeing.

COOK'S OFFICE.—Queen's Building, opposite H.K. Star Ferry Pier.

Important.

It is very important that the "Franconia" leaves promptly at 5.30 p.m. on April 6th. Passengers are specially asked to be on board before this time and to be sure to report their arrival to their bedroom steward immediately they come on board.

CUNARD-WHITE STAR, LTD. and THOS. COOK & SON, LTD.

No. 93

Please Take a Seat in the Automobile Indicated Below

R. M. S. "FRANCONIA" WORLD CRUISE

Group 2

Seat in Automobile

No. 205

At HONG KONG

As per separate program of arrangements

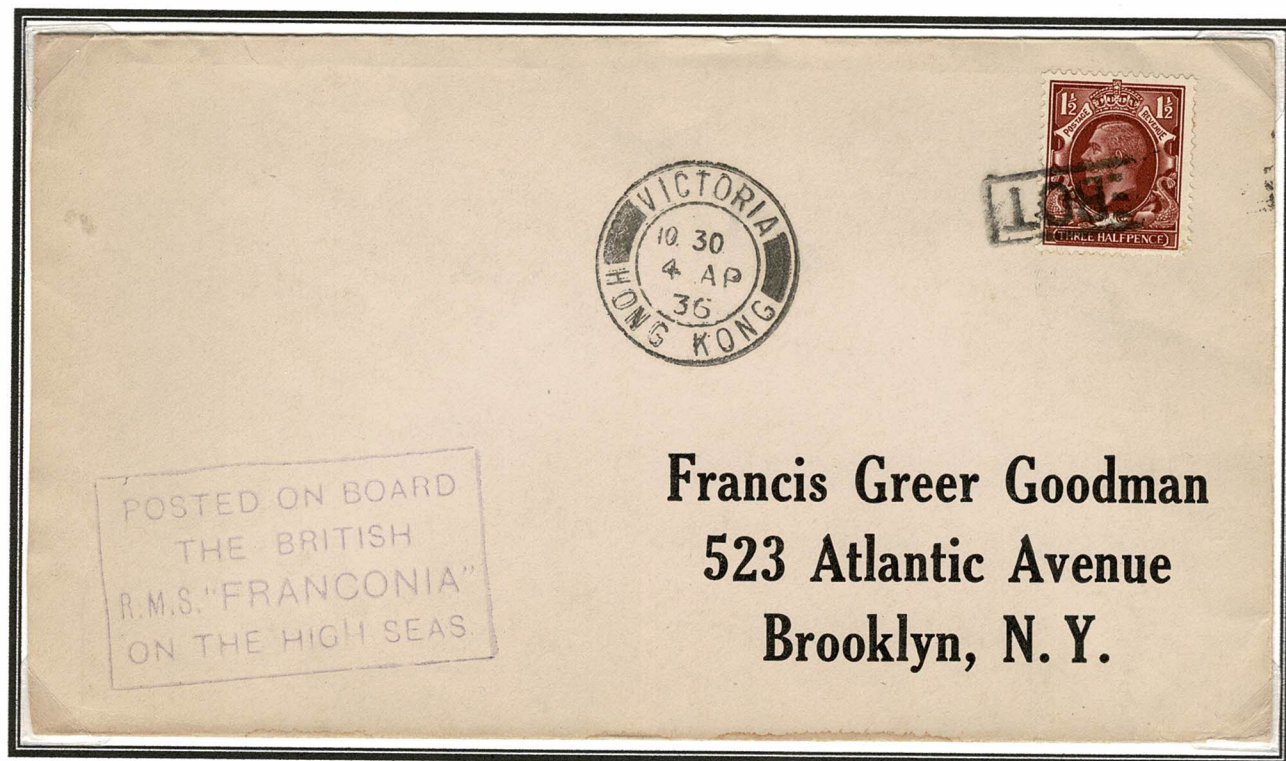
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PLEASE SURRENDER ON REQUEST

An Automobile ticket "205" for Group 2
at Hong Kong



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Boxed 4-line cachet
Posted on Board
The British
R M S Franconia
On the High Seas

The Log book advised mail from Hong Kong departing on April 8th for London on *SS Hector* arriving March 13th

Log of the World Cruise 1936

April 9th/10th, 1936

R. M. S. "FRANCONIA"
WORLD CRUISE
1936

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE
Cunard White Star and Cook—Wagons-Lits

Shanghai Arrangements

THOS. COOK & SON, LTD.

CENTRAL ARCADE
(NANKING & SZECHUEN ROADS
SHANGHAI

Telephone : 15335

Cable Address : "COUPON"

APRIL NINTH

Colonel Robbins writes:

"Shortly after sailing on Monday afternoon, April 6, the fog which has been hanging around Hong Kong for the entire period of our visit, settled down in earnest and until we approached Shanghai on Thursday, the 9th, it was a continuous voyage in the dark with the big fog horn bellowing every two minutes for the entire distance."

"For more than 24 hours the ship had been proceeding at half-speed through the dense fog when suddenly those on board became conscious that the ship's engines had stopped entirely and she was simply drifting along. When she stopped completely the passengers became somewhat alarmed. They had little time to think, however, for suddenly there was a crash and the ship was shaken from stem to stern."

It transpired that a Chinese coastal freighter 7500 tons was on a collision course and only fast action by the officer on the bridge by helming to port avoided a direct blow but the Franconia had several bow plates bent and lost about 40 feet of rail. The freighter was holed above the water line but was OK.

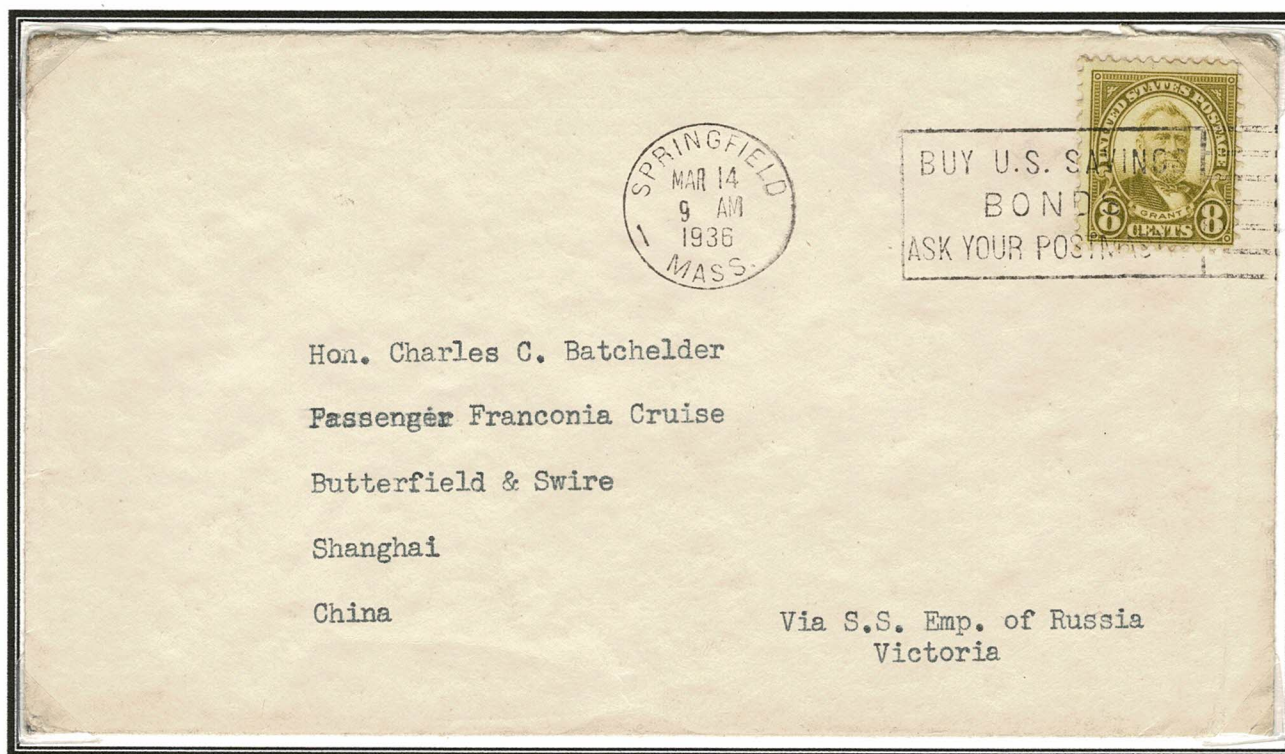
"Owing to having to move at half-speed all the way from Hong Kong through the fog, and to the delay caused by the collision, the Franconia did not dock at Shanghai until 3.30pm, Thursday afternoon instead of 10.00 am as scheduled."

This eyewitness account is in marked contrast to the "Abstract of Log" which states the Franconia reached Shanghai at 5.17am on the 9th, **no mention of fog or any collision.** It mentions "detention" delay of 48 minutes - unexplained!

The Log Book mentions that 41 passengers departed on the overland excursion - Optional Tour #14 to Nanking, Peking, Great Wall and Ming Tombs with 280 members continuing onto the port for Peking



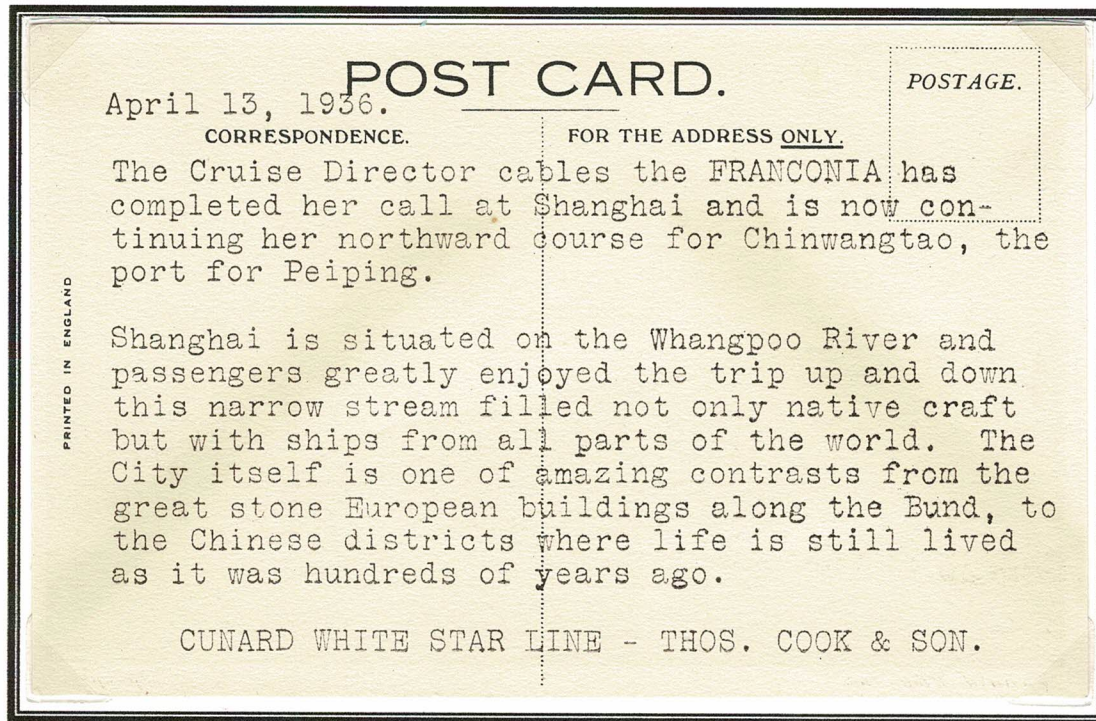
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Addressed to **Charles Batchelder "Franconia" Cruise c/- Butterfield & Swire Shanghai China**. The agents for the Cruise.



Envelope mailed Springfield Mass
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addressed to **Hon Charles C
Batchelder at Shanghai**.

Endorsed "*Via S S Emp. of
Russia Victoria*"

The Steamer *Empress of Russia*
was one of the Canadian Pacific
Steamship vessels on the
Vancouver - Far East route



Cunard White Star "Georgic"

Cruise Advice Postcard **April 13, 1936** after departing from Shanghai and heading for **Chinwangtoa**, the port for Peiping.

Log of the World Cruise

R.M.S. Franconia World Cruise, 1936

PEIPING

The Franconia is due at Chin Wang Tao on Sunday, April 12th, at 6.00 a.m., and a large tender will leave shortly thereafter for the train side. The special train will leave at 8.20 a.m. and will arrive at Peiping at 5.42 p.m.

BAGGAGE

It will greatly facilitate matters if passengers will kindly remove old baggage tags and place new hotel tags thereon. **BAGGAGE MUST BE READY BY 10.00 P.M. APRIL 11th.**

TRAIN

COACHES FOR THE GRAND HOTEL DE PEKIN will be lettered A—B—C—D, and passengers for the above hotel are kindly requested to take seats in any of the above mentioned coaches.

COACHES FOR THE WAGONS-LITS HOTEL will be lettered J—K—L—M, and as this hotel is near the end of the station, it will facilitate matters greatly if passengers for this hotel will take seats in the coaches designated above.

There will be four dining cars on the train for lunch and tea, and two sittings will be required.

Cunard White Star Ltd. and Thos. Cook & Son.

The Franconia arrived at **Chinwangtao - Port for Peking** - on Sunday **April 12th** and traveled by special train for shore excursions and the two Optional Tours to the Great Wall and Ming Tombs.

Departed for Japan on **April 16th**

Advice postcard on Cruise progress April 20, 1936 when the Franconia was docked at Kobe, Japan.

POST CARD.

POSTAGE.

April 20, 1936.

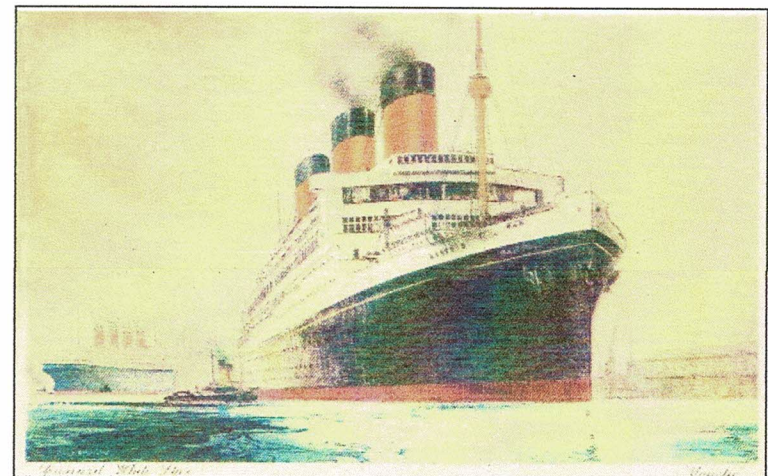
CORRESPONDENCE.

FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

The FRANCONIA and her passengers are now in Japan. The ship first stopped at the lovely little island of Miyajima where the inhabitants live in their native picturesque way, unspoiled by any "western influences". The Cruise Director wired that the island was, "Perfectly beautiful also all well aboard".

After cruising along Japan's famous Inland Sea, the FRANCONIA docked at Kobe from where some of the various overland excursions will commence. The FRANCONIA is scheduled to remain a full week in Japanese waters.

CUNARD WHITE STAR LINE - THOS. COOK & SON.



Cunard White Star "Majestic" postcard

Log of the World Cruise

S. S. "FRANCONIA"

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(KOBE, KYOTO AND NARA)

Monday, April 20th

The "Franconia" is due to reach Kobe at daylight
Timetable of Shore Excursions (See overleaf for further details)

GROUP 1.

Monday, April 20th In Kobe, Morning Sightseeing
Afternoon free.

Tuesday, April 21st To Nara and return, by train

Wednesday, April 22nd To Kyoto and return, by automobile

GROUP 2.

Monday, April 20th In Kobe Morning free, Afternoon
Sightseeing.

Tuesday, April 21st To Kyoto and return, by automobile

Wednesday, April 22nd To Nara and return, by train

Tuesday, April 23rd

THURSDAY

The "Franconia" will sail at daylight for Yokohama

IMPORTANT

Kindly advise your bedroom steward as soon as you
return finally to the steamer on Monday.

He is responsible for reporting your presence on board.

COOK'S OFFICE :- Oriental Hotel, Kobe.

(Office Hour: Week days 9 a.m. till 12 noon 2 p.m. till 5 p.m.)

The Log Book advises outgoing mail from Kobe
departing on *Empress of Russia* 23 April,
Vancouver May 4th, New York May 9th



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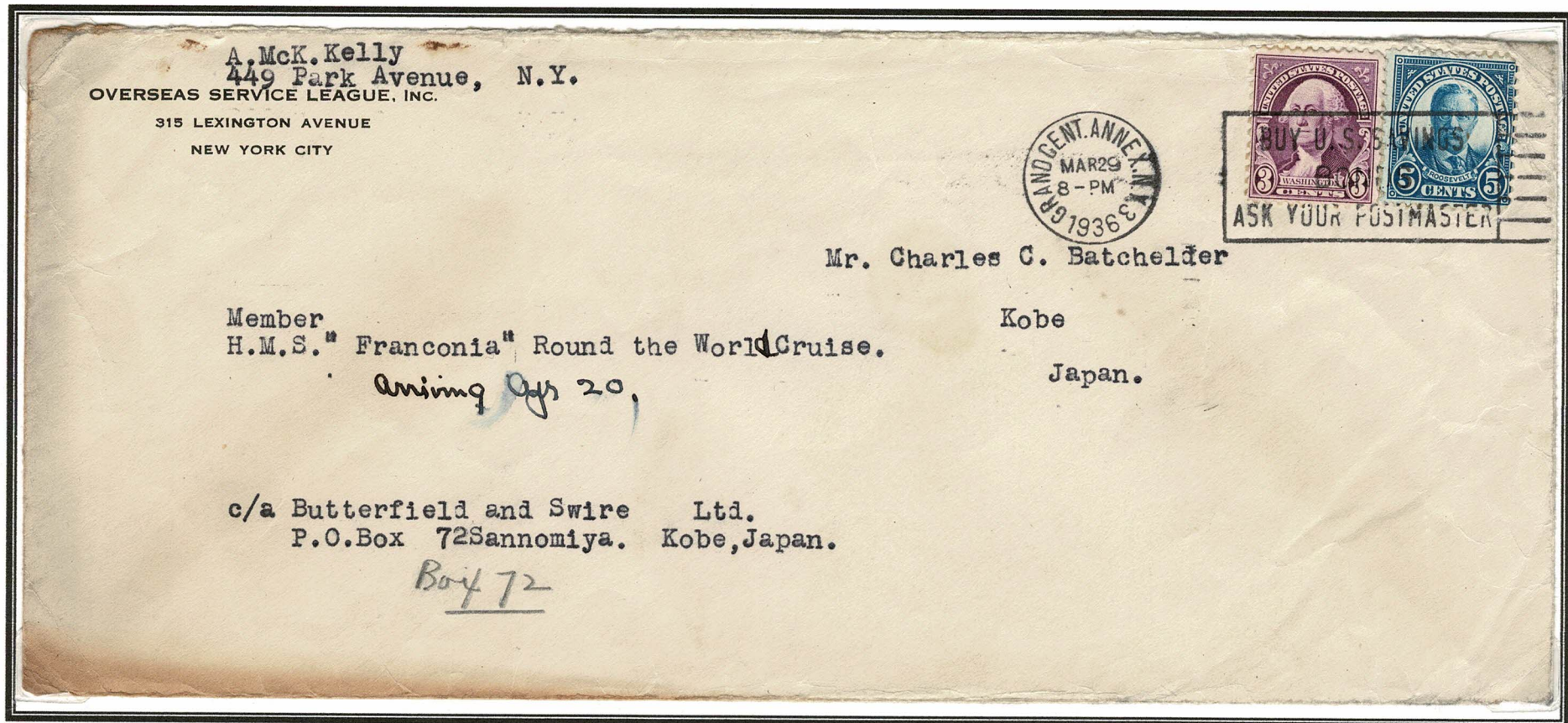
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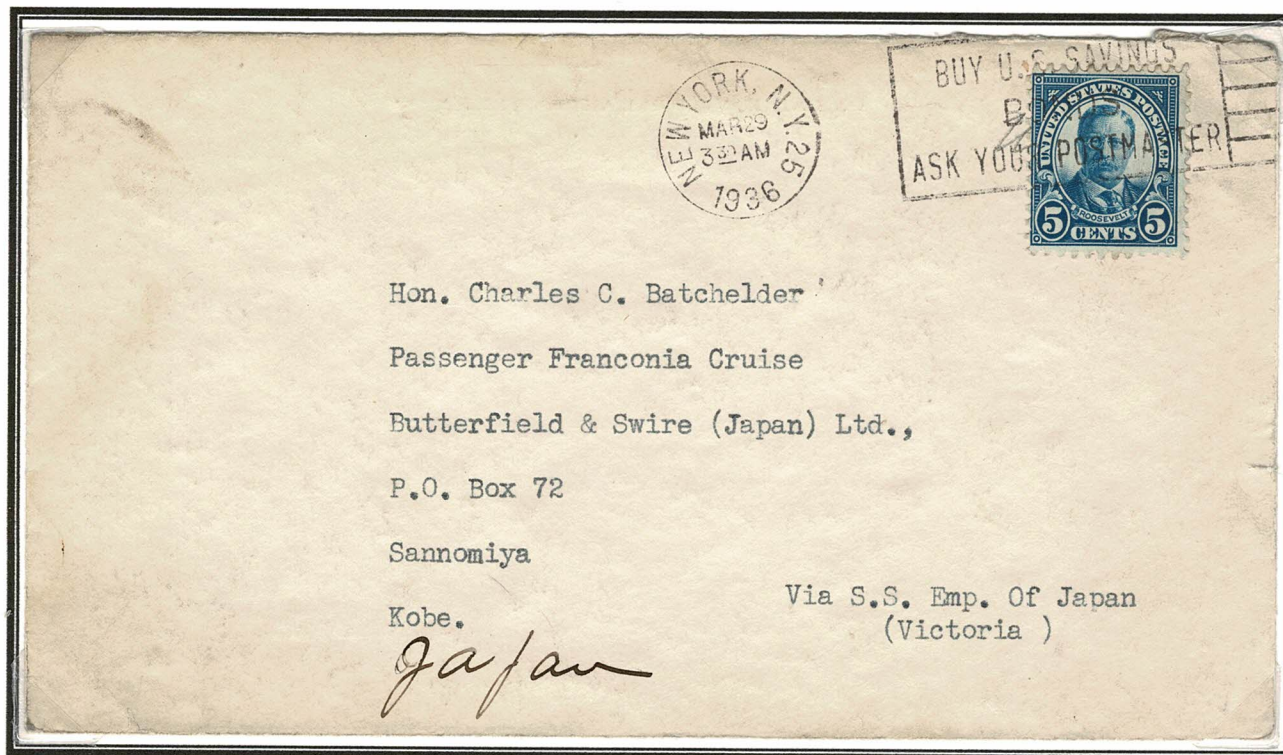
PAQUEBOT

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ON THE HIGH SEAS.

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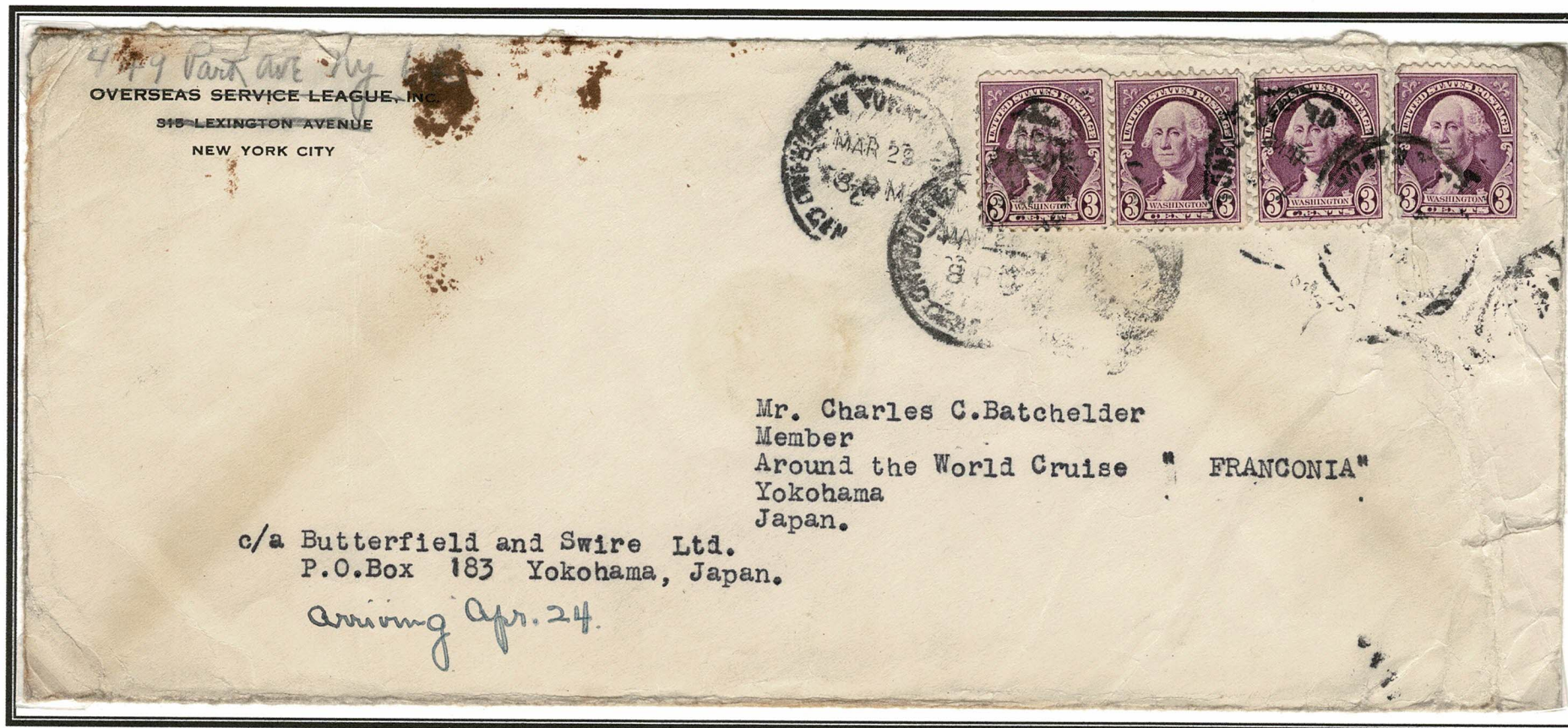
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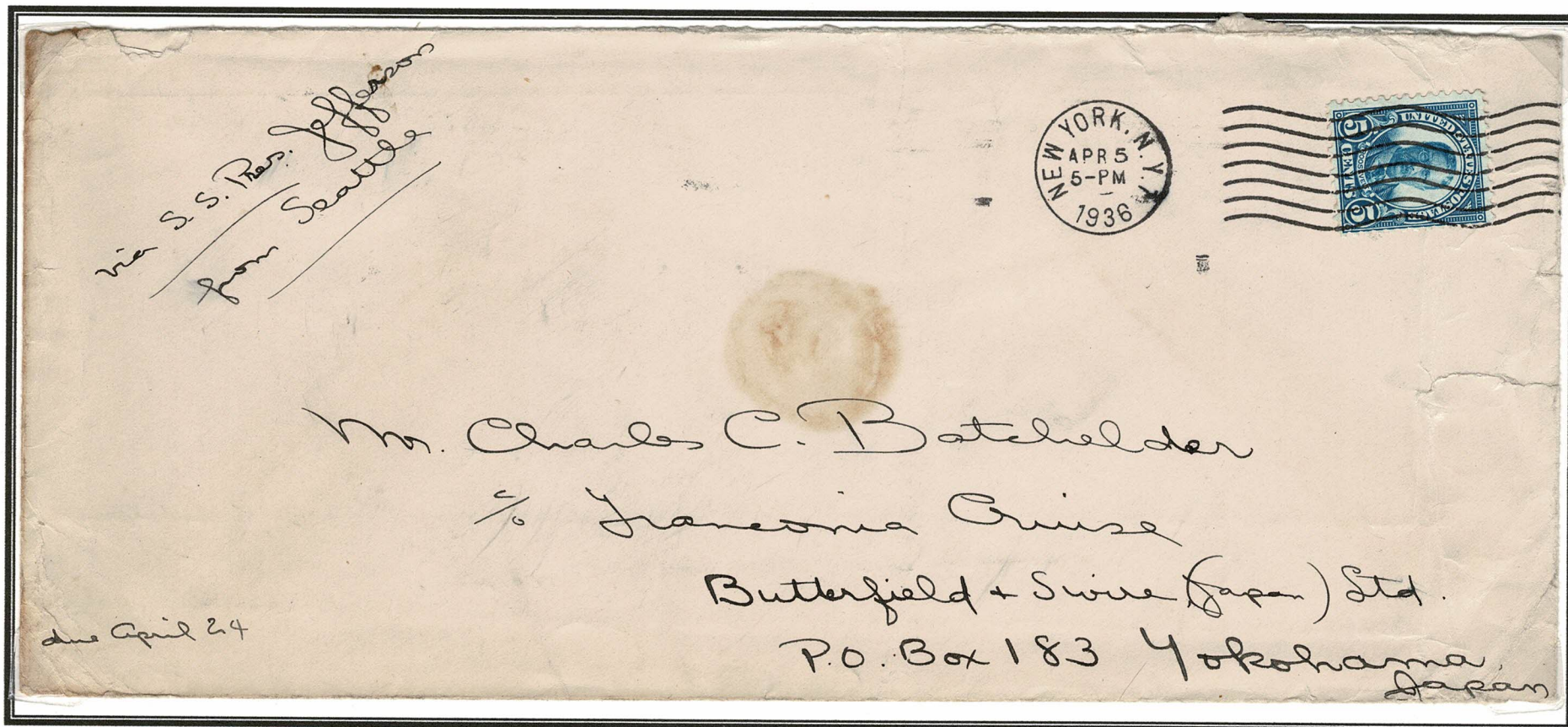
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The Steamer *Empress of Japan*
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Vancouver - Far East route



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Endorsed "via S S Pres Jefferson from Seattle" one of the Dollar line steamers on the trans-Pacific route





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R.M.S. "FRANCONIA"

AROUND THE WORLD CRUISE, 1936

No. 8.

CHINA AND JAPAN EDITION

LAST RITES OF AN ANCIENT OCTOPUS PINE

Nowhere in the world is the pine tree so much revered as in Japan. Some pine trees over a thousand years old are still alive in different parts of the country. Pines are an essential beauty part of every Japanese garden. Skillful native tree surgeons have an art of shaping the pine so that this, in addition to the help of the weather, causes the pine trees to attain strange and unusually artistic shapes.

These odd and artistic pine trees are a beautiful feature as well of every Japanese landscape scene. In the bonsai, or dwarfing of trees so that an old tree may retain all its characteristics and still be in an ordinary plant pot, the Japanese again favour the pine for this particular house decoration. The pine, more than any other feature of a Japanese landscape, excepting perhaps Fujiyama, expresses the artistic and poetic taste of the Japanese.

There may be seen to-day on the shore of Lake Biwa, just above Kyoto, a skeleton trunk of a gigantic octopus pine which died in the autumn of 1921. For 1,200 years or more this strange-looking pine tree, resembling an enormous octopus, was revered daily by Japanese of the Shinto faith. Shintoism includes nature worship as well as ancestral worship. More than one-third of the entire population of Japan may be classed as devotees of Shintoism.

About the year 1919 the famous octopus pine on the shore of Lake Biwa began to fade. Heroic and strenuous efforts were made by the Japanese to save the tree. Experts were called from Europe and America, and these, together with Japanese experts, were unable to save the tree. It kept on fading. For a time it was thought that the gas and smoke from Lake Biwa sightseeing launches caused the trouble, so strict orders were issued against the launches approaching anywhere in the immediate vicinity of the dying pine. Still the ancient tree continued to fade, until at last only a small sprig of green was left on one of the numerous tentacle-like branches.

Fortunately, a baby tree 500 years old had sprouted from the old octopus pine, and this was the only offspring. A solemn religious ceremony was immediately arranged. The great bell in Kyoto tolled. Deep-toned waves rolled like thunder over the hill to Lake Biwa, while under the old dying tree Shinto priests chanted prayers for the transfer of the spirit of the old tree to the nearby baby tree, 500 years old.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

On April 11th, we had an evening of rubber bridge, non-progressive, with six tables. Considering our early arrival at Chin Wang Tao the next morning, this was a rather large party. High Table scores were as follows:—

Table No. 1—Mrs. Morrison, 2,900
Table No. 2—Mr. Tauber, 2,700
Table No. 3—Mrs. Bulkeley and Mrs. Macawley, tied at 1,100
Table No. 4—Mr. and Mrs. Fowkes, tied at 1,200
Table No. 5—Mrs. Manley, 2,200
Table No. 6—Mme. Cronier and Miss Means, tied at 800

April 23rd, with the large optional party off in Japan and an early arrival next morning in Yokohama, was a quiet evening on the Franconia. Only five tables played, with the winners as follows:—

Table No. 1—Mrs. Fowkes
Table No. 2—Mr. and Mrs. Buttram, tied
Table No. 3—Miss Griffin
Table No. 4—Mrs. Gates
Table No. 5—Mr. Benners

CONTRACT BRIDGE LESSONS

The Contract Bridge lessons, which were suspended for so long on account of the almost constant sightseeing, were again resumed after leaving Yokohama and will continue right up to New York.

BACKGAMMON, APRIL 28

The Backgammon Tournament announced for this date turned out to be a two-table match, with Miss Ruth dePont as the winner.

ERRATUM

We wish to acknowledge our mistake in Miss Helyer's name in the list of prize winners in our last issue. Instead of reading "Mrs. B. Holyer" it should have been "Miss B. Helyer."

(Continued from preceding column)

Crowds of Japanese were present and one foreign onlooker who is now reporting the incident stood in respectful silence. Shortly after the conclusion of this impressive religious ceremony, the last remaining green twig faded and died. The skeleton trunk still remains to this day in the same place. It looks much like the skeleton of a gigantic prehistoric monster. R.A.G.

NEWS FROM "FRANCONIANS" BACK HOME

Mr. Charles B. Samuels is in Miami, and is homesick for the Franconia.

Mrs. Arthur Evans, of Chicago, is spending the winter in Palm Beach, where she frequently sees Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kischel.

"Tommy" Chatsworth is in receipt of good news from Mrs. Grace Fitzgerald-Chatsworth, and her father, Dr. Fitzgerald, of 1931 and 1933. Grace wrote that Niagara Falls had been frozen over for the first time in history. It took them half a day to drive the twenty miles, in dense traffic, from Buffalo to the Falls, and cars bearing licenses from the surrounding states and Canada were part of the congestion.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Norton Guinwade, of 1933, are now on their way from Melbourne to England for a holiday. They are travelling in a New Zealand steamer.

FORMER "FRANCONIANS" ALONG OUR WAY

Mrs. Upton Bigelow was in Kyoto when our party from the Franconia was there.

Miss George F. Hutchins, of the 1931 and 1933 cruises, will be waiting on the dock in Honolulu. She has been the winter guest of the Arthur Hutchins and Ronald Pugsley's, of the 1931 cruise.

Miss Drusilla Myers was in Baguio while we were at Manila.

Mrs. Frances B. Howard, of 1934, sent us greetings from Nikko. She is having a lovely trip through China and Japan, and regrets she will not be at home in San Pedro to greet her friends when the ship calls there.

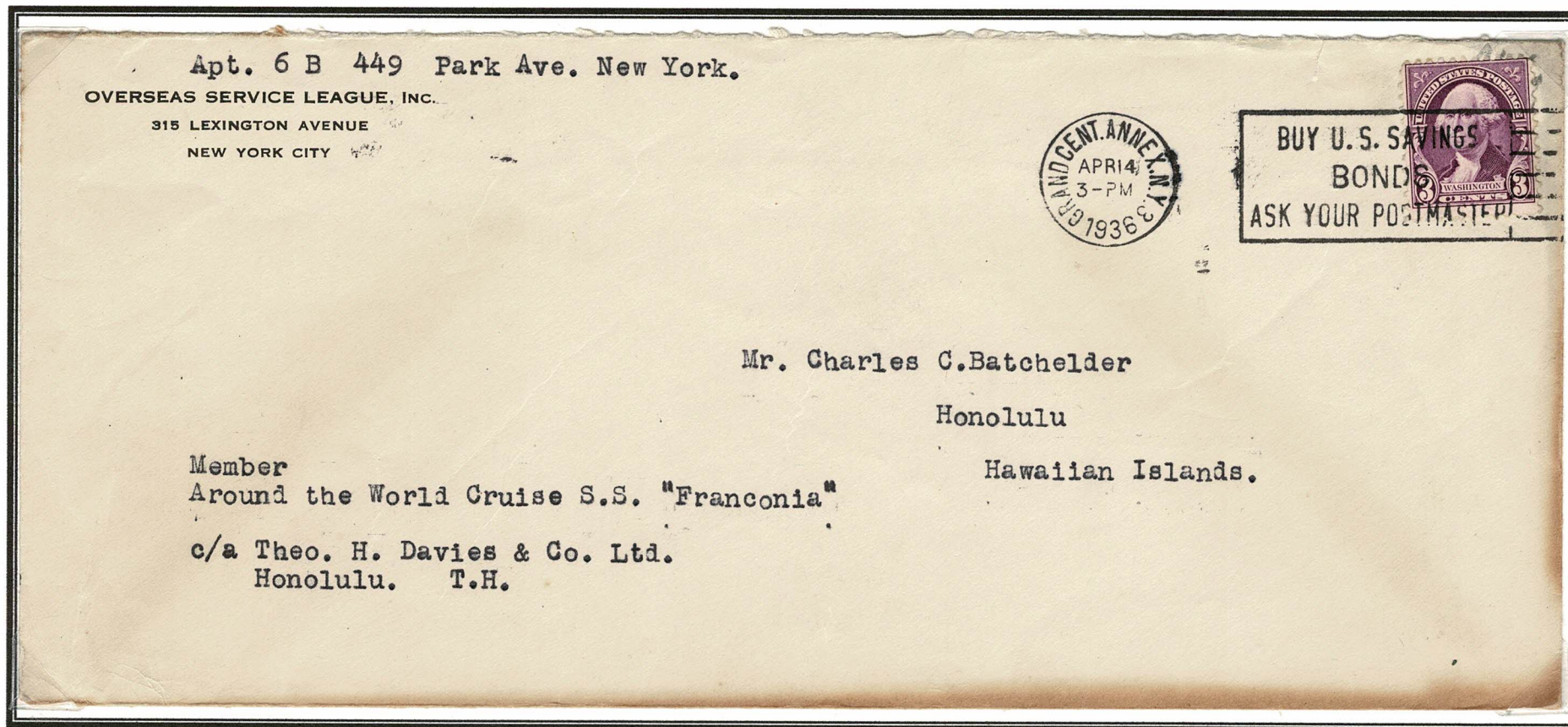
The first morning ashore in Yokohama we ran into Mrs. Paulsen and Frances and Mrs. Reinhart, all of the 1935 cruise. Later they paid a visit to the Franconia and sailed on the President Hoover that day for home.

In Miyanoshta we had the pleasure of seeing Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Hamlin, of the 1934 cruise, who are spending the winter in the Orient.

Dorothy Hall-Stillwell, of 1932, has lived in Yokohama since September, where her husband is connected with the National City Bank. Alice Cousins, of the same year, was present at a 1932 gathering at the Stillwells.

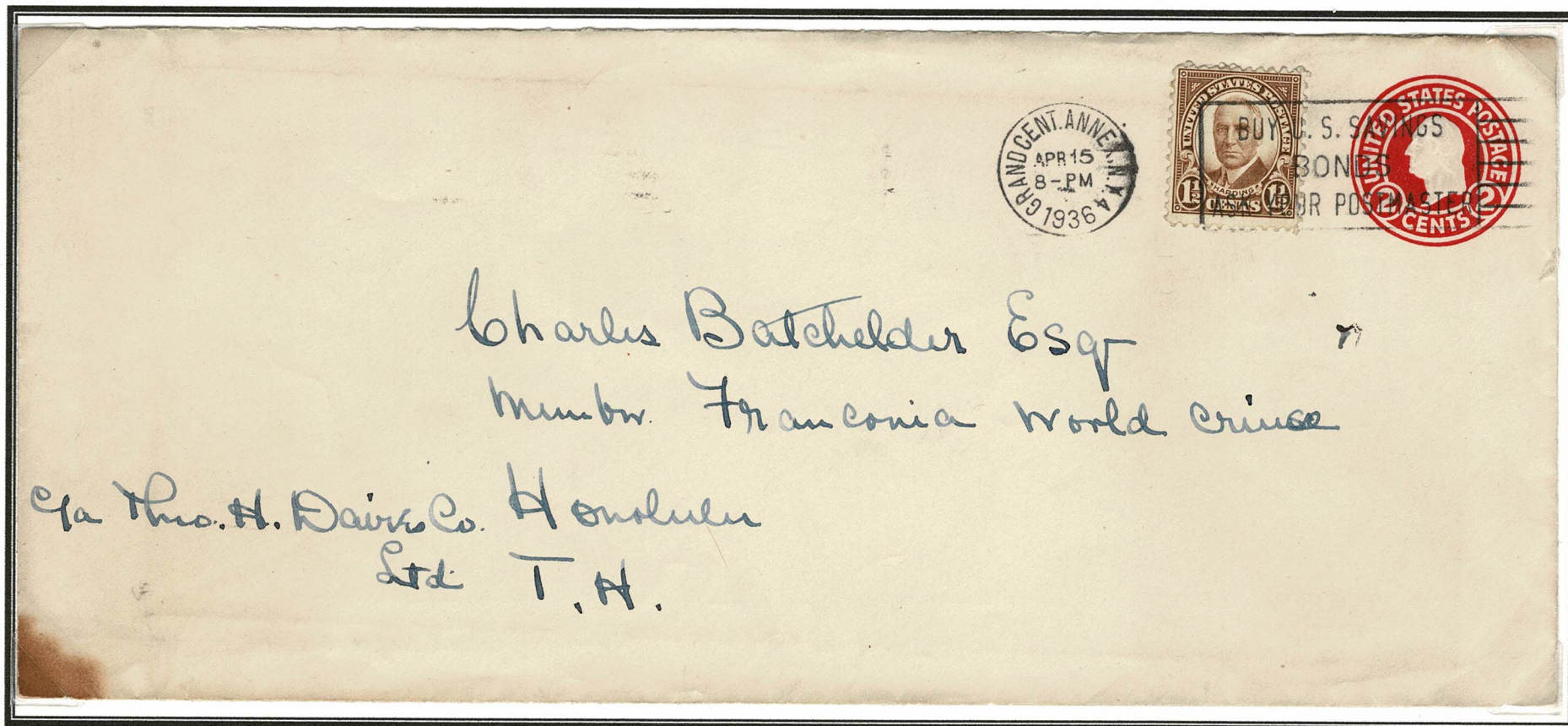
Mr. Darling, of 1935, was in Japan during our stay there, and called on Franconia friends just before we sailed for Yokohama.

Miss Louise Young, of 1924, was also in Japan visiting her sister in Osaka.



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Cunard White Star Cruise

Topics of the hour



Around the World
1936 Franconia Cruise

R.M.S. "FRANCONIA"

AROUND THE WORLD CRUISE, 1936

No. 9.

PACIFIC OCEAN EDITION

"FAREWELL TO THEE!"

The sad fact that the best of friends are soon to part must be faced. We come to the end of the Franconia 1936 World Cruise with the feeling that we have worked amongst the most delightful people, formed the most charming friendships, and visited memorable beauty spots together very congenially. The cruise has not been spoiled by a critical spirit, but rather has been carried to the highest success by the co-operation of every passenger on board. It has seemed to us that the busiest people have been willing to give the most and that the most willing givers have received the greatest praise from their fellows. We shall hold this memory of the 1936 cruise as we bid all of you who leave us at San Pedro a hearty God-speed. We hope you will find only good news at home, and that you will realize the fullest enjoyment of your trip as the months and years roll by,— and most of all that you will never be quite happy until you return to the "Franconia" for another cruise with us.

MERIDIAN DAY BIRTHDAYS

The entire ship was interested in the fact that Mrs. Manley and Mr. Best each had birthdays on May 2nd, thereby having two successive days for celebrating. Had we been going around the world Westbound they would have had no birthday at all. We hope they consider themselves lucky to have been going East.

Incidentally, since this is Leap Year, we shall all see 367 sunrises and sunsets, eat 367 dinners, etc., in 1936.

NEEDLEWORK EXHIBITION

Several lovely pieces of needlework were displayed in the Port Garden Lounge on the second Second of May, which have been made along the way. Many enthusiastic comments were made, especially for the five pieces of needlepoint Mrs. Hacker is making for the altar rail of her church in Bryn Mawr. The central piece of the set was displayed. The other four are ornamented with the figures of SS. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

MRS. SCHAEFER'S SKETCHES

We wish to thank Mrs. Schaefer very much for her willing generosity in giving us an opportunity of seeing the sketches she has been making along the way. We found the landscapes delightfully fresh in colour, and felt a rare life-likeness in the portraiture.

BALL OF ALL NATIONS

The Ball of All Nations came up to our fondest expectations. The dining saloons were festive with the finest fabrics of the Orient and we think everyone's eyes had a treat. The Judges were the Misses Alice Spaulding and Louise McKelvey, and Messrs. William C. Warrington, Jr., David Brooks and Hugh McDermott. The following prizes were awarded:—

Ladies' Most Beautiful

Miss Ann Lee Brady, as a "Manchu Empress."

Honourable Mention

Mrs. Marloth, as "Queen Victoria."

Gentlemen's Most Handsome

Mr. duPont, as a "Shinto Priest."

Honourable Mention

Mr. Garrigues, as a "Shiek of Biskra."

Most Fetching Costume

Brigitte Ephraim, as "A Little Japanese Mother."

Most Original

Mlle. de Guyencourt, as "Mlle. 1900."

Honourable Mention

Miss Patty Brooks, as "A Bengal Lancer."

Most Humorous

Mrs. Sproull, as a "A Durban Rickshaw Boy."

Honourable Mention

Mr. Morrison, as "A Chinese Communist of 1950."

Best Group

The Misses duPont, as "A Mohammedan Couple."

EXHIBITION BAZAAR

We wish to thank everyone very heartily for their fine co-operation in making the Exhibition Bazaar such a success. While we know that the hold of our good ship carries many times what appeared, still we could scarcely have used more to better advantage, and we think people most kind to have loaned us so many treasures. The crowd never stayed so long at previous exhibitions and popular enthusiasm is a very fair criterion. By six o'clock the Main Lounge was cleared again, and every object had been returned, safe and sound, to its owner. We wish to thank all contributors, and the young ladies who completed the decorative scheme by assisting us in oriental costumes. Most of all we thank Mr. Marshall McCune, who has taken the chairmanship of this affair for five years, and his splendid committee, including Mrs. S. G. Stem, Mrs. P. M. Cook, Mrs. Blossom, Mr. Stem, Mr. H. F. duPont, Mr. Frank Buck, Mr. S. B. Wright, Mr. Ian Ross, Mr. John Fowkes and Mr. W. S. Horton.

SPEAKING OF LAVISH FLOWERS

Frau Professor Marloth, whose husband was for 50 years eminently known as a Chemist and Botanist in South Africa and a Professor at the University of Stellenbosch, gave a most interesting lecture on the Flora of South Africa on May 9th, in the Starboard Garden Lounge. As illustrations for her lecture, Mrs. Marloth used a great many of the 300 coloured plates which were published in her husband's four-volume work entitled, "The Flora of South Africa." Dr. Marloth was a keen mountaineer and a good photographer. In some cases he spent days and days up on Table Mountain and on one occasion was rewarded by catching a large butterfly fertilising the Disa, Pride of Table Mountain. Until then no botanical scholar had ever known how this beautiful red orchid was propagated. Another most interesting story was that of the Lithops, or "window plant," which lets in sunshine through a small window and stores up the necessary chlorophyll below the ground. Many others of the Karoo resemble stones in colour and shape, which protects them from being eaten by animals. Others store up moisture on which they live during the dry season. Still another, a lovely amaryllis, had a seed pod that swung out from the mother flower on a long slender thread, so that it would not fall immediately on the parent bulb.

WORLD BRIDGE OLYMPIC, February 4th,

At Honolulu we received the great good news that one pair of our Franconia players in the World Bridge Olympic which was held on the ship just before arrival at Capetown, had won the championship of the High Seas.

We regret that the letter from the New York Bridge Headquarters did not state on what ship the other winning pair had played but we congratulate ourselves on one of the two championships, which was won by Mr. and Mrs. C. Schuyler Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Wells will receive their trophies from 30 Rockefeller Center, New York, when they get home.

SCAVENGER HUNT

The Scavenger Hunt held on the second Second of May was won by Miss Ann Lee Brady and Mr. Ian Ross.

Topics of the Hour No 9
Pacific Ocean Edition

The Log Book retails that there were 314 passengers when the Franconia departed from Hilo in Hawaii.

At San Pedro - Port for Los Angeles the names of 131 passengers are listed who disembarked. Leaving 183 traveling on via the Panama canal to New York.

Both My Lytle and Colonel Robbins were among those who ended their trip at New York.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Then there is the ever-widening scope of amateur photography. Whether your favorite field is "stills," or "movies," or "kodacolor," you can never find such a happy hunting ground in all the world as we shall take you to. You will be in a world of strange vegetation and prehistoric animal life that will later thrill your friends back home. They never saw a chameleon that looks like a baby dinosaur, nor a Coco-de-mer, nor an insect that looks like a half dozen leaves pinned together. And yet, there goes that green thing crawling across your next film and you have only just begun.

Then when you go to Victoria Falls you want your best camera equipment along, for you might wish to fly over the Falls in a "Puss-Moth" and what pictures you can get of the gorge! On your way back on the train through Bechuanaland, you will have such opportunities as you never hoped for to photograph native types by the hundred as they come down from their kraals—types that you never knew existed outside of the pages of the National Geographic. Yes, your photographic record of your trip will be absolutely



The Publicity Book has information on many aspects of the Cruise including Photography

enthralling to your friends and your own most prized possession after the trip has gone down into history.

The Franconia carries experienced photographic representatives who stand ready at all times to proffer advice, supply you with film, or to develop your "stills." Moving picture film is best developed ashore, and they will advise you of when and where this can be done. These people also take pictures themselves and even go so far as to supply you with a complete set of the trip, if you happen to be one of those who "just can't be bothered."

Around the World 1936 Franconia Cruise

The **Lytle Log Book** contains a Price list from the **Official Photographers** to the Cunard White Star World Cruises - **Marine Photo Services** based in Colchester England.

They offered a full range of services - developing a roll cost 20-35 cents depending on the size, printing was 5-10 cents with postcard size enlargements at 60c/dozen or 10 each while 7x5 inch enlargements were \$1 a dozen or 12 cents each.

Photographers accompanied all shore excursions and Albums of Photographs were prepared and ordered on board

Official Photograph annotated "*H.M.S. Franconia*" and "*99011200 1936*" with '*1314*' in lower left corner

