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The Lusitania, Taking Sporting Chance, Wins

*Most Welcome of All England's Reservist Ships, After Slow but Tense Crossing,
Gets Royal Greeting in Her Home Port of Liverpool*

Liverpool, Aug. 12.—The home run of the Lusitania to Liverpool ended last night in safety. Where other ships feared to start, or, having started, put back, she took a sporting chance and won. Of all the reservist vessels returning to the colors, she is one of the most welcome here. The original cost of this vessel was \$7,000,000. On this voyage she carried much gold, 800 bags of mail, 200 passengers and a crew of 800. Among the passengers were Lieutenant Porte, the British aviator; Sheldon Leavitt Crosby, secretary of the American Embassy at Madrid; M. Menier, the millionaire French chocolate manufacturer; Captain Miller, of the English polo team; Guy Standing, the actor, and Laura Guerite.

The panic, reported by passengers on the German ship, Kronprinzessin Cecilie, that put back to Bar Harbor was conspicuously absent on this ship. Discipline was strict, but all on board recognized that precaution was being taken against capture. To sailors and to passengers the ship's log was a closed book, but several incidents were witnessed by all.

The first day out a torpedo boat destroyer gave us a scare, but she was apparently American and, after looking us over, turned back. Later in the day we held up the Pannonia, and as we dared not use our wireless, we gave her good advice by semaphore signs. Since then no other ship was sighted.

Yesterday morning we signaled the station at Bull, Cow and Calf, and were curtly told to haul down our flag. The trip was very much like any other. The passengers indulged in bridge, deck games and listening to band concerts.

Lest it might establish our position, no wireless was sent, but many bulletins were snatched from the air. One, stating we had been captured by German cruisers, was by those on board generally discredited.

The Lusitania's voyage was the slowest on her record, for the reason that one of her turbine engines broke down the second day out.