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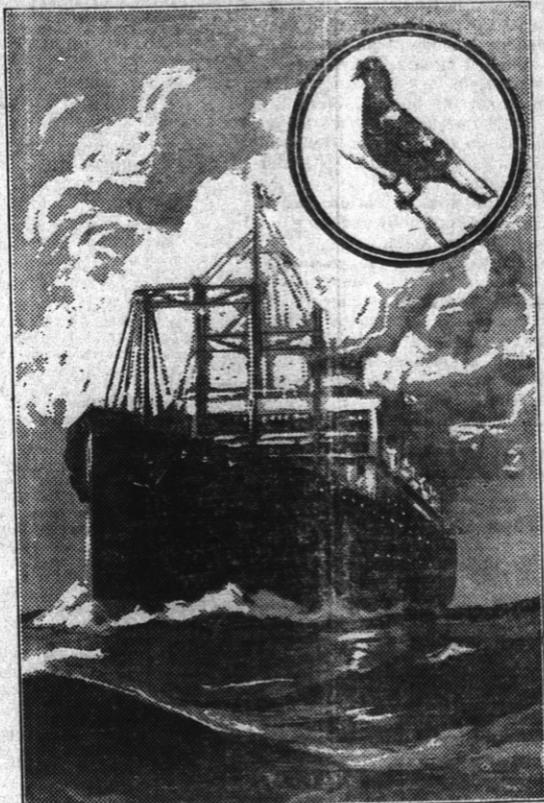
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PIGEON LANDING ON U. S. SHIP BRINGS PASSENGER GOOD LUCK



S. S. President Garfield

New York—Since the days of Noah the pigeon has been universally considered a bird of good omen. After the pigeon's first cousin, the dove, was released from the Ark during the latter days of the flood, and came back with the olive branch indicating that land was nearby, these birds have been regarded as emblems of hope.

The legends of practically every race in the world are full of some reference to pigeons, bolstering up this belief in their qualities as good luck bearers. So strong is this superstition imprinted in the minds of men that in various of the leading cities of the world flocks of pigeons eat and strut about public squares unmolested.

Get Demonstration

Passengers on the S. S. President Garfield of the United States Lines a few weeks ago were given a practical demonstration of the good luck bringing qualities of the pigeon. Bound from London to New York, the President Garfield was about 1200 miles off the English coast when a carrier pigeon, which had been hovering over the vessel, became exhausted and dropped into the lap of a woman passenger who was sitting on the boat deck.

The woman, Mrs. Edith Sneooks, of London, examined the exhausted bird and found on the tag attached to one of its legs the identification mark "K-23, Norfolk, England." According to officers on the President Garfield, this is the insignia of pigeons used in the British Army carrier service, and it is believed that the bird, released during the training season, had in some way gotten off its course and started across the Atlantic, keeping up its flying until exhausted, when it had chosen the United States liner as a landing place.

The President Garfield's carpenter made a handsome wicker cage for the pigeon, which, under treatment prescribed by the ship's butcher, official steward to birds and animals aboard, speedily recovered its strength. The arrival on board of the pigeon revived stories of the good luck these birds are supposed to bring, both among the passengers and crew, and until the President Garfield arrived in port, many were the yarns swapped concerning these legends.

When the President Garfield reached her pier in New York, it looked, however, as if this particular pigeon was not running true to form, as a bringer of luck, for the immigration officials told Mrs. Sneooks, who is not an American citizen, that as the British quota for the month had been filled, she could not land. Though not exactly blaming this misfortune on the carrier pigeon, Mrs. Sneooks was not

at all pleased at the prospect of having to return to England without seeing her brother, a resident of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Not knowing how she could enter the country after the British quota was exceeded, Mrs. Sneooks decided she would have to return to England. It was then that the pigeon starred again in its good work. Newspaper men, keen on the scent of an unusual story, heard of the pigeon flying aboard, and were taken to Mrs. Sneooks for full details concerning it. While obtaining their story, the newspaper men learned from the Englishwoman that the immigration authorities had told her she could not land. They asked her how long she intended to be here, and learned something that the immigration officers had not; that Mrs. Sneooks only intended to visit her brother for four months and did not intend taking up her residence here.

This put an entirely different face on the situation, for as a visitor Mrs. Sneooks could come in, though the quota was filled, while she could not come in as a permanent resident.

Aiding the woman, as is always their custom, the ship news reporters took Mrs. Sneooks back before the immigration officers. They explained to them that she was but a visitor, and that she was therefore entitled to land. The officials recognized the justice of the woman's claim as newly presented, and a landing ticket was issued her.

Thinking over the matter, Mrs. Sneooks decided that the carrier pigeon was the direct cause of her not being sent back to London, for only through it had her case been again called to the attention of the immigration men. She declared, therefore, that Mr. Pigeon would travel with her to Fort Wayne and back home to England after her visit.

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