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RICH MEN BID FOR \$5,000 KAISER SUITE ON LEVIATHAN'S MILLION-DOLLAR VOYAGE

America's Biggest Liner, The Rebuilt Leviathan, With Her New Commander, Captain Herbert Hartley.

BIGGEST SHIPS

	Gross Tonnage	Length (feet)	Width (feet)
Leviathan	59,956	907.6	100.3
Majestic	56,561	915.5	100.1
Borengaria	52,022	882.9	98.3
Olympic	46,439	852.5	92.5
Aquania	45,047	868.7	97.9
Homeric	34,593	751.0	83.3
Paris	34,569	735.4	85.3
Mauretania	30,696	762.2	88.0

NEW-YORK, April 19.—Fares exceeding 1,000,000 will be paid by those who sail on the Leviathan on her maiden trip May 4. Several millionaires are bidding on the right to pay the top price—\$5000—to occupy the former Imperial suite, designed on the old Vaterland for the German Kaiser.

"There will be no stowage," says W. J. Love, vice president and general manager of the United States Shipping Board. "The Vaterland had three classes and stowage. The rebuilt Leviathan has three classes only—with the minimum fare of \$275. Passengers and crew will total 3675. The first class cabin will accommodate 174, second class 542, and third class 1399. The crew comprises 1276. The commander will be Captain Herbert Hartley, formerly of the S. S. St. Louis.

Vice President Love amplified for NPA Service his announcement that

rebuilding operation now nearing completion at Newport News, Va., made the Leviathan the largest ship afloat. Her gross tonnage is now 59,956.65, as against 54,282 originally 3495 more than the Majestic, although she is eight feet shorter and only a fraction of a foot wider.

"It cost \$8,500,000 to rebuild and refit the Leviathan," said Love. "The ship is now worth \$25,000,000. She has been converted from coal to oil burning.

Crosses in Six Days

"She will sail from New York for Southampton every three weeks, making the trip in six days. Each trip will consume 5400 tons of fuel oil. If this 1,462,300 gallons were gasoline it would run a flivver around the world 1900 times, or would drive a car 10,000 miles a year for 263 years!

"Weight of the Leviathan loaded is 71,275 tons. To transport this weight on land would require 2380 freight cars.

"The swimming pool for first-class passengers only, is 38 feet long, 20 feet wide, and from 3 1-2 to 6 1-2 feet deep. It carries 30,000 gallons or 118 tons of water. There is a gymnasium 16x27 for second class. Also two libraries, containing 4130 volumes.

"Safety is assured on the Leviathan. There are 8 life boats and two 31-foot motor boats equipped with wireless, 70 boats having a capacity of 4750 persons. There is a Scerry-grogomlass similar to those used on battleships; draft gauges so that amount of water the vessel is drawing can be read on the bridge; four microphones for submarine signals; two high-power searchlights; 13 water-tight sliding doors hydraulically operated and controlled from the bridge.

"Fire protection includes a 45-station alarm system; 28 miles of copper tubing in which expansion of air raises an alarm of fire automatically, 11,000 feet of hose, and 19 pumps having a capacity of 1670 gallons a minute.

Hospital for 34

"The Leviathan has 15,000 electric lamps a generating plant providing enough power to supply an ordinary home for seven years. There is a social hall 53x75, with a 21-foot ceiling. On board will be three doctors and three hospital stewards, with an operating room and a hospital accommodating 34 patients, in addition to the crew's, hospital accommodating 16.

"The distance around the promenade deck is 1090 feet 4 1/2 laps to the mile. There are seven galleys, where the cooking will be done by Americans. Chinaware includes 104,000 pieces and there are 65,000 linen sheets; pillow cases, towels and tablecloths.

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