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BALBOA PARK

San Diego, California.

In reply refer to File No.

May 30, 1928

Capt. Woldemar Merzan,  
1127 Guerrero street  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to express my appreciation of your letter of May 9, with your photograph. We are extremely grateful for both.

Your reference to log-books in the table of the dining saloon led to an extensive search, but unfortunately, all were gone. However, Capt. Halse was able to locate for us all of the books as far back as 1885, with the exception of 1916 and 1917. Did she go to Alaska those two years, and if so, did anything unusual occur on those voyages?

I would also like to ask about two things on the vessel -- the chart-house on the after deck, and the shape and manner of setting the ring-tail. Unfortunately, the sails were sold, and in attempting to make out a sail-plan, I am trying to get this matter straight. Two sketches are enclosed, and if you can indicate which one is correct, and send it back, I will greatly appreciate it.

The deck-house, I understand, was added to the vessel fairly recently. As you recall, the companionway leads athwartships, coming out at the forward end of the house, on the starboard side. We have been told that the companionway originally led fore-and-aft, and that there was a small companion-hatch over it, opening aft. Can you give us any information about this?

Hoping for an early reply, and assuring you of our appreciation of the kind assistance you have given already, I remain

Very truly yours,

G.F. Mac Mullen,  
Secretary, Aquarium Committee.  
(By direction)



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