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and his Officers, this was followed by an excellent luncheon, the *Menu* of which consisted of soup, sole, "real" fillet steak with various vegetables and a delicious soufflé. White and red wines of a fine vintage were also served. Speaking from experience of either dinners or luncheons served on board-ship, I can testify to the excellence of the food both as to quality and quantity which should be one of the incentives to join the "Swiss Navy" or any other navy. The Chef, who is one of our countrymen, had certainly excelled himself, and greatly added to the enjoyment of this visit.

Whilst coffee was served, Monsieur J. Fornet, on behalf of the owner's company, extended hearty greetings to the visitors, thanking the Captain and his Officers for their generous hospitality.

Before leaving this really fine vessel the guests were taken round on a little inspection tour. The engine room, the Captain's, passengers and crews quarters, the bridge, chart room and deck were visited and all looked spick and span, but what impressed me most was the spirit of good comradeship which was evident amongst the officers and crew.

To see this handsome vessel, carrying proudly the Swiss flag, amongst the many ships of all nationalities surrounding her, was indeed an inspiring experience which will remain a treasured memory to all those who were privileged to be present.

And now "Good Luck" and "Happy sailing" to the M.V. "ANUNCIADA".

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