

vessel. During clear weather, this trip would have lasted an hour, but owing to the stormy weather, it took us about four hours to reach the ship. When we arrived on board of the ship, the weather had calmed down a little, and the sun was shining again.

At half past eleven the signal for departure was given. I stood out on the deck of our vessel as it sailed along the German coast, until the latter was lost from view, and I was not sorry to see it disappear.

At about eight o'clock that evening, we reached the mouth of the English channel. The sea being here rather rough, it took us several hours to get through the entrance as it was very narrow. The next day was the Glorious Fourth when we entered the English channel at Southampton, situated in the English channel. I saw two American men-of-war covered with flags celebrating independence day by firing salutes, which were answered from time to time by the English ports and other foreign battleships which were in the harbor.

We remained about half an hour in Southampton, and then sailed to Cherbourg, France, across the channel. Owing to repairs which our ship had to undergo, we were detained in this port for two days, during which time I went on land. We left Cherbourg on the sixth, and passed the first four days of our voyage without any incidents, but on the morning of the fifth day, a storm was raging, which tossed our ship about as if it were not heavier than a nut shell. This was naturally very unpleasant, for the passengers