

# INSPECTING LA BOURGOGNE.

## MANY PEOPLE VISIT THE NEW AND SPEEDY SHIP OF THE FRENCH LINE.

Men, women, and children crowded the decks of La Bourgogne, the new steamer belonging to the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, yesterday, and were received by the courteous French officers. The recent remarkable run of the new steamer had placed her among the ocean grayhounds, and as such every one was anxious to see her. The log of her recent trip of 7 days 15 hours 21 minutes had to be hauled out and inspected by those who knew by heart the logs of the fast trips of all of the famous ocean racers. The experts, after carefully examining the record of La Bourgogne's maiden effort, prophesied that she would in the near future far eclipse the figures already to her credit.

There were present the friends of the company, the friends of ocean steamers in general, and a number of people who came because the festive appearance of La Bourgogne, gay with flags and bunting, convinced them that there must be something interesting happening on board. The handsome vessel was seen at its best. The sun shone into the gorgeous saloon and revealed all its splendors in the most advantageous manner. The reception lasted from noon until 5 o'clock, between which hours Mr. Louis de Beblan was kept busy replying to questions and making himself amiable. Every one felt it to be his duty to examine not only the magnificent saloon, but also a number of the staterooms, which were found to contain every facility for comfort which has yet been discovered by naval architects. The well equipped galley, the officers' quarters, and the large, well ventilated steerage were inspected by many of the visitors. There were numbers of the French colony present, who evidently regarded La Bourgogne as a native oasis in a foreign desert, for they talked French, laughed French, and gesticulated French as though they were thoroughly enjoying themselves. Awnings were spread over the hurricane deck, and it was there that scores of people met and spent a felicitous afternoon. An orchestra stationed on deck played a number of selections while the reception was in progress. La Bourgogne will leave this port for Havre on her return trip at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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