TRANSPORT IN NEW CAREER.

Princess Matoika, Known to Many Soldiers, In Passenger Service.

Many soldiers who served overseas have perhaps noted from the marine records that the Steamship Princess Matoika, the transport which took so many of them to France and brought them home, has entered upon a new career in the American Merchant Marine. She has just sailed from this port flying the flag of the United States Mail Steamship Company. In the language of an official of that company the Princess is an American citizen.

No ship in the transport service, except perhaps the Leviathan or the George Washington, did better service during the war and after the armistice than the Princess Matoika. As she lay in the roadstead at Brest showing her high superstructure and two funnels, with their red, white and blue bands, she was a promise of home and friends to many a war-weary veteran.

The former transport began her seagoing days under the flag of the North German Lloyd. She was the Prinzess Alice, built in Stettin and launched in 1900. She had no war record under the German flag, for when the conflict came she sought shelter in the Philippine Islands and was interned there. When the United States entered the war she was seized and taken to Olangapo, 60 miles North of Manila, and run into the famous Dewey drydock in Subig Bay. Temporary repairs were made and under the name of the Filipino Princess she sailed for San Francisco.

Now she has been transformed into a high-class passenger carrier and when she sailed for Naples and Genoa carried a full passenger list.

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