

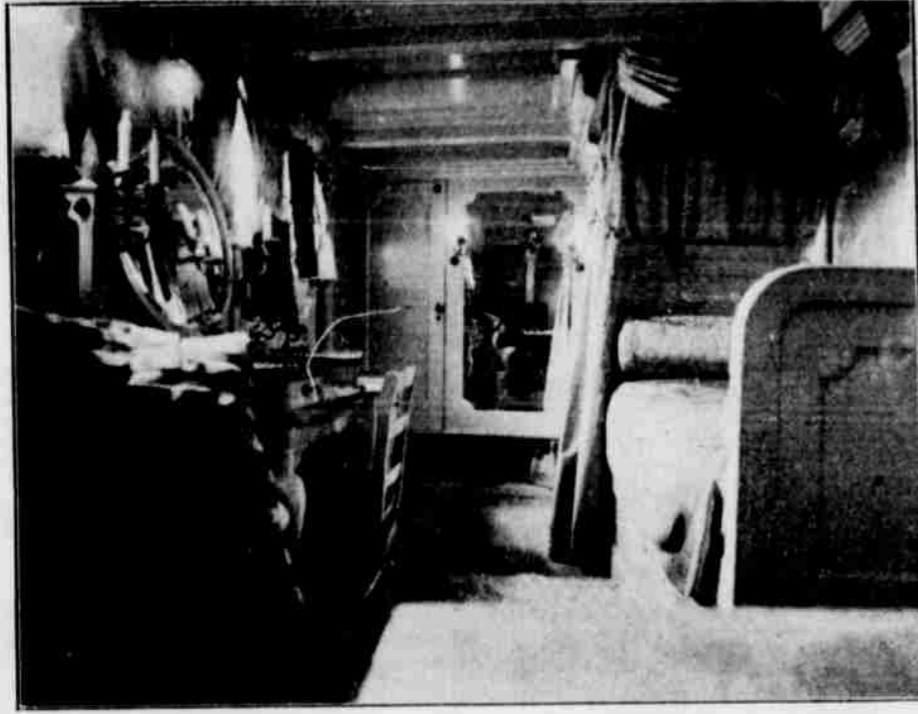
Luxury in Modern Floating Palaces

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According to careful estimates made by the leading marine architects in New York City the vast sum of \$23,335,000 is invested in steam yachts by citizens of the United States. Nothing pre-claims more emphatically that this is a land of millions and multi-millions than the fact that in round numbers 450 steam yachts are owned by American citizens. These vessels may be

Elfrida, owned by Dr. W. Seward Webb 100,000
Total \$10,830,000
Cost of 398 other steam yachts in the United States valued at less than \$100,000 each \$12,505,000
Grand total \$23,335,000
This sum just about equals the total amount of pensions paid by the government last year in Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Ver-

mont, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and the Pacific states, the aggregate disbursements for all of these states being \$23,889,833. The \$23,335,000 invested by our rich men in steam yachts would cancel the combined net public debts of Chicago, Albany, N. Y., Atlanta, Ga., Bridgeport, Conn., Charleston, S. C., and Omaha, with a few dollars to spare. It would build a fleet of eight battleships, each costing as much as the battleship Maine, with enough left over to construct a first-class gunboat.

Howard Gould's Niagara.
A number of the finer boats in the above list were built abroad, but the very finest of them all have been built in American shipyards. American designers and builders are coming to be recognized as the



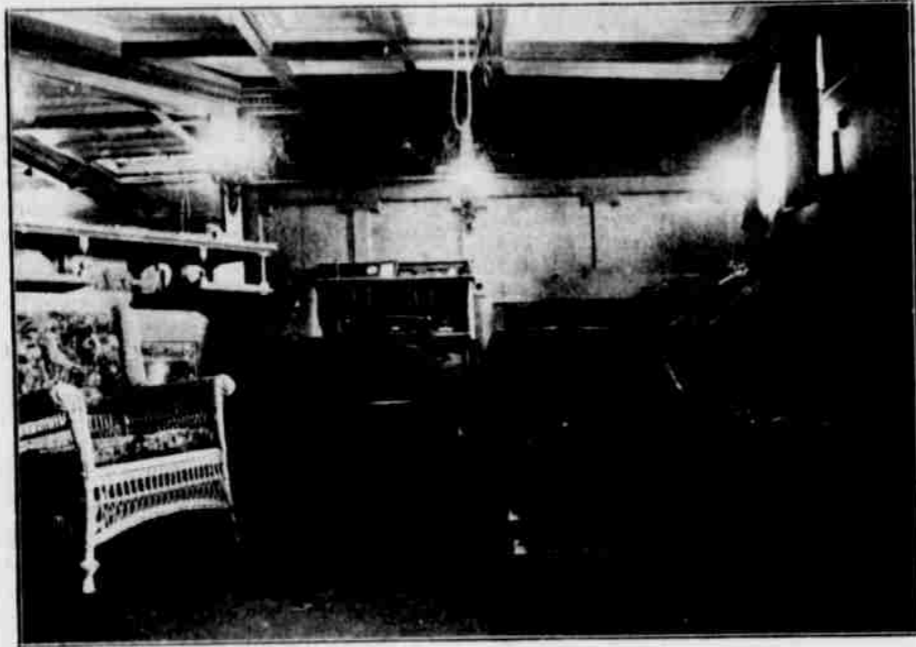
A SLEEPING ROOM ON THE "DREAMER."

properly described only by the oft-used simile, "floating palaces." Palaces they are, indeed; magnificent marine residences—as expensively appointed as the millionaire owners' city mansions—huge vessels in which their owners may cross oceans, may traverse the waters of foreign parts, and yet always be at home.

Not only are more steam yachts owned by Americans than by the citizens of any other country, but American steam yachts exceed all others in luxuriance. On forty-nine of the largest and most expensive ones the least costly of which cost \$100,000, \$10,830,000 has been spent, while the cost of 398 others, less valuable, swells the total invested in this luxury to the sum stated above. A statistical table is sometimes an encumbrance, but the one given below cannot fail to be of interest just at this season, when so many of these palatial floating homes are being got ready for summer cruising:

American Yachts and Owners.

Niagara, owned by Howard Gould	700,000
Nahma, owned by Mrs. Robert Goelet	600,000
Josephine, owned by P. A. B. Widener	550,000
Valliant, owned by W. K. Vanderbilt	500,000
Varuna, owned by Eugene Higgins	500,000
Margarita, owned by Anthony J. Drexel	475,000
Corsair, owned by J. Pierpont Morgan	450,000
Achrodite, owned by Oliver H. Payne	360,000
Namouna, owned by James Gordon Bennett	325,000
Nourmahal, owned by John Jacob Astor	300,000
Conqueror, owned by F. W. Vanderbilt	300,000
Atalanta, owned by George J. Gould	275,000
Eleanor, owned by Mrs. C. D. M. Carleia	275,000
American, owned by Archibald Watts	250,000
Alcedo, owned by George W. C. Drexel	250,000
Kanawha, owned by John P. Duncan	250,000
May, owned by Alexander von Rensselaer	250,000
Narada, owned by Henry Walters	225,000
Columbia, owned by J. Harvey Ludew	200,000
AuRevoir, owned by William DuPont	200,000
Utowana, owned by Allison V. Armour	200,000
Sapphire, owned by Amzi L. Barber	200,000
Virginia, owned by Isaac Stern	175,000
Dreamer, owned by Thomas W. Lawson	150,000
Colonia, owned by C. A. Postley	150,000
Hawatha, owned by Charles Fleischmann	150,000
Electra, owned by Elbridge T. Gerry	150,000
Sultana, owned by William H. Langley	150,000
Intrepid, owned by Lloyd Phoenix Buccaneer	130,000
Hearst, owned by William R. Hearst	125,000
Susquehanna, owned by Joseph Stickney	125,000
Idalia, owned by Eugene Tompkins	125,000
Secamore, owned by John H. Hanan	125,000
Anita, owned by John H. Flagler	115,000
Eusebia, owned by Mrs. A. S. Van Wickle	110,000
Elreba, owned by Henry Darlington	105,000
Felicla, owned by E. W. Bliss	105,000
Wadena, owned by J. H. Wade	105,000
Marietta, owned by Harrison B. Moore	100,000
Vergana, owned by Frederick H. Benedict	100,000
Satanella, owned by Perry Belmont	100,000
Kismet, owned by J. Rogers Maxwell	100,000
Alison, owned by Richard Stevens	100,000
Aloha, owned by D. Willis and A. Curtis James	100,000
Andria, owned by John E. Brooks	100,000
Clermont, owned by A. Van Santvoord	100,000
Hama, owned by Albert S. Bisslow	100,000
Foebia, owned by John T. Williams	100,000



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As determined by careful estimates, the annual cost of maintaining America's fleet of 440 odd steam yachts is \$4,825,000, a sum which exceeds the total United States government, state and municipal appropriations to all of the colleges and universities in the country by more than \$500,000.

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Howard Gould's magnificent Niagara is one of these. Plans were submitted to Mr. Gould by European experts, but in fair competition the American designs won. The Niagara is not only of American design and build, but it is constructed entirely of American material. This most expensive private yacht in the world is a thoroughly seaworthy vessel. It is 272 feet long over all, and is of the twin screw type. The house on the spar deck, 110 feet long and 16 feet wide, is of steel, covered with mahogany. In the forward end are the owner's navigation room and nautical library. Just back of this is the captain's room, which is of easy access to the bridge.

Lawson's Dreamer.
This has been one of the busiest seasons the yacht designers and builders of this country have ever had. Of all the new yachts recently finished, the most luxurious is the Dreamer, the \$150,000 yacht which has just been completed for Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston multi-millionaire. It is the most gorgeous boat of its size in the world.

The accommodations of the Dreamer were designed with a view to the securing of the maximum amount of comfort in our hot American summers. There is a long deck-house, in the forward part of which is the large dining room, finished in natural oak, and capable of seating twenty people. The galley is on the deck, thus being cooler for the cooks, while not heating the interior of the yacht, as would a galley below decks. At the foot of the main companionway is the owner's private suite, comprising two large bedrooms and a bathroom. The bedrooms are finished in white enamel and pine in panels. In Mrs. Lawson's room the furniture is white enamel and the upper panels of the walls are filled with pink cretonne, probably in remembrance of the famous Lawson pink named for her, for which her husband paid \$30,000. In the other bedroom the furniture is of old mahogany, and the carpets and curtains throughout are of

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