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### A Gunboat in War—a Merchantman in Peace

**T**HE *Kilmore* was a British gunboat during the war; now she is a merchantman. She was converted from one to the other in two months! The picture in the upper right-hand corner shows the *Kilmore* in her war paint.

She had a stern-shaped bow, which made it difficult for the Germans to know whether she was coming or going. But

now, with war paint off, and deck cut away, she is another vessel, as the picture in the lower left-hand corner shows.

Now she can carry five hundred and seventy tons of cargo at a speed of ten knots.

The conversion has been so successful that seven other ships in her class will also be made over into merchantmen