

LIFE IN OUR NAVY

It Is Not All Drill and Drudgery For the Enlisted Man.

THE WAY HE SPENDS HIS TIME

Story of a Day's Routine, With Its Duties, Work and Recreation, From Reveille in the Morning Until Taps Are Sounded in the Evening.

"All the world loves the sailor," but how few know and understand him! The American people have very little knowledge of the bluejackets who man the United States navy, their professional zeal and enthusiasm, their pride in the service and their unswerving devotion to flag and country.

"Our brave men of the sea," says Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the United States navy, "should be better known to the American public. All the people of this great republic should be made thoroughly acquainted with the human element of the navy, not merely to popularize it, for the navy is popular in a vague, impersonal manner, but to have our citizens know more of what the navy really means to the men who compose it."

At 5:30 a. m. the buglers sound the reveille, accompanied by a chorus of boatswain's pipes with the added admonition, "Up all hammocks!" "Shake a leg!" etc. The cooks are astray much earlier, for coffee must be served the crew. Then, after a short smoke, comes "Scrub and wash clothes!"

Then all hands clean ship.

After the ship is cleaned breakfast is served, and the bluejacket is usually ready for it. Potatoes, ham and eggs, bread, butter and coffee constitute a simple breakfast menu, changed each day.

After breakfast comes an hour for smoking and for relaxation, to don the uniform of the day and get ready for inspection at 9:30.

From that time until the dinner hour, 11:30, the time is spent at drill, and after dinner more drill. There are big gun drills, boat drills (with both oars and sails), signaling, small arms practice, collision drill, fire quarters, abandon ship, clearing ship for action and at night searchlight drills. These drills are interspersed with special duties, such as coaling ship or landing parties, and lectures by division officers or others on timely professional topics.

Rarely are the men engaged upon the same task two days in succession, so the sailor's life has little chance to become monotonous.

At 4 p. m., "eight bells," is a period of "knock off all work." Pipes again are lighted, or the race boat crew has manned the cutter and is taking a pull through the fleet. The baseball team or football squad goes ashore for daily practice; the bugle sounds swimming call, and hundreds of men are soon in the water, with a dinghy crew standing by to aid a tired swimmer or a beginner.

Books of fiction or of travel are drawn from the crew's library, while throughout the ship may be found men studying for the annual examination for appointment to the Naval academy, older men studying for a warrant and classes in academic studies. Others play checkers, chess or cards.

The canteen, or ship's store, is liberally patronized. Tobacco, candy, sweetmeats, writing paper, toilet articles and other needful articles are kept on sale.

After supper, at 6, the bluejacket's time is his own. There is a concert by the ship's band, often a few reels of movies. Occasionally there is a smoker or an invitation from another ship to attend a minstrel show or a program of boxing and wrestling bouts. Unless there is some special event taps are sounded at 9, and the sailor's day is over, except those on watch.

An account of the sailor's life would be incomplete without mentioning the mascots. The most common pets are goats, bulldogs, cats, monkeys and parrots. But many ships have bears, pigs and strange tropical animals from Cuba and Mexico, and some battleships have even carried kangaroos from Australia.—Newark Star-Eagle.

Hard Biting.

The shipwrecked sailor sat desolate on a lonely raft in the middle of the trackless ocean. In his hands he held the last remnants of a pair of shoes. "Though reduced to the lowest extremities and completely surrounded by water," he croaked hoarsely, "I can still take to my heels." With these words he made his semi-weekly meal and spent the remainder of the afternoon picking the nails out of his teeth.—Chicago News.

Records in Massachusetts.

Thanks to its complete system of birth records, begun in 1639 and improved repeatedly since then, Massachusetts knows and can verify the age of every person born in the state. All births are registered within forty-eight hours and other data added within fifteen days.—Detroit Free Press.

A Nice Girl.

"I am visiting alma mater," wrote a girl to her chum.

"I have never met Alma," the chum wrote back, "but if she's a friend of yours she's a friend of mine. I'm sure she's an awfully nice girl."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Childhood has no forebodings; but, then, it is soothed by no memories of outlived sorrow.—George Eliot.

CLEVERNESS OF A THIEF.

He Made the Job a Thorough One While He Was About It.

The retail store is often the recipient of unreasonable demands for adjustment of one sort or another, but the following incident related by a man in the business seems to be a high light in the picture.

In this case the theft of a package of dress goods and silks was made from a delivery wagon by a crook, whose procedure indicated an experienced hand in department store methods. He immediately took the package, which had been purchased C. O. D., to the customer who had bought the goods and was paid the \$12 called for by them. The dress fabrics had been bought for the purpose of making a suit, and the customer asked the pseudo delivery man to take the package around to her dressmaker, whose shop was only a few blocks away. She paid him a quarter for doing this, and he skipped around to the dressmaker.

Here was where he began to show real cleverness. The story he told the dressmaker upon turning the package over to her was that her customer had paid \$10 on the goods and wanted her to make up the difference, which was \$2, and put it on the bill for the suit. This account seemed perfectly plausible to the dressmaker, who promptly paid out the \$2, knowing that the goods were worth a good deal more. The thief was then just \$14.25 to the good—\$12 as the original payment, 25 cents as a tip and \$2 that the dressmaker paid.

The store in this case was out the \$12, which would seem to be sufficient punishment for the driver's lack of vigilance, but the customer was by no means satisfied to let the matter drop there. She wanted the store to pay back the \$2 the dressmaker had given out. This claim, of course, could not be allowed.—New York Times.

PATHETIC OLD AGE.

Have Pity For the Man Who Has Outlived His Usefulness.

Whenever age has stricken from a man his power of usefulness and activity there is demand for human sympathy. He may be the inmate of a home of luxury or so placed that his bodily needs and the companionship of equals and friends may be all that is to be desired, still the old man whose life work has closed and who must sit idly by and watch the sands in the hour glass run swiftly out is an object of profound consideration and should be given the veneration that his position and past deserve.

Of all human beings who through advancing years or bodily affliction have reached the limit of usefulness man is the most pitiable. His has been the work of actual accomplishment. He has depended on his strength as a great fortress and has been lavish in its use. Unlike the woman or the child or the mentally and physically afflicted during life, he has been the world builder and the home maker. On his shoulders have rested the great tasks of life, the creation of a home, the support of a family and the achievement of great things in business and society.

To lay these things all aside at the behest of Time's beckoning finger and the approaching decay in mind and body is a tragic thing, however much we may glorify the peace and calm that is said to come in the sunset days of life. The old man is largely a stranger in a land made strange by the absence of many of those with whom he began the journey.—Pittsburgh Gazette Times.

Deaths From Athletic Sports.

Dr. Robert E. Coughlin of New York city, writing in the New York Medical Journal, says 943 lives were sacrificed on the fields of athletic sport in the ten years ending with, but not including, the year 1916.

"Baseball heads the list with 284 fatalities," he says. "Football is second with 215, auto racing third with 128, boxing fourth with 105. Seventy-seven cyclists and fifty-four jockeys lost their lives, fifteen wrestlers perished on the mat, fourteen persons lost their lives playing golf, nine were killed at bowling and one died while playing lawn tennis."

Influence of America.

It is a fact that no matter how backward, how crude, how ignorant, how illiterate, are the workers and aliens who come to your shops something in the American life and environments puts a civic intelligence and sense of independence into the workers which every executive must understand and co-operate with.—Meyer Bloomfield in Industrial Management.

Fighters.

Nearly all successful business men possess fighting qualities. Commodore Vanderbilt was a fighter. Harriman, Hill and Morgan were fighters. Men who aspire to do big things must have daring, must have courage, must have self confidence. They must be prepared to accept risks. They must exhibit boldness when others show timidity.—Leslie's.

How She Changed.

"I suppose the young men do not regard Miss Barrowcliff as so handsome now that her father has lost his money."

"Well, they don't think she has such a fine figure as she once had."—Pearson's Weekly.

His Nerve.

"The floorwalker called me down for being late this mornin'."

"He's got a nerve expectin' us girls to dance till 3 in the mornin' and get here at 8."—Browning's Magazine.

DRIVE AGAINST RUSSIANS

And Roumanians in Moldavia Continue With Loss to Russians.

Infantry fighting on the western front and especially in Flanders has not been marked during the last twenty-four hours. In southern Moldavia the Teuton drive against the Russians and Roumanians progresses.

In Flanders the Anglo-French and German troops apparently are resting in preparation for further infantry activity. The Germans can hardly permit the British to hold the important salient east of Ypres and between Pillekem and Hollebeke without first making additional efforts to straighten out the front. By widening the salient, Field Marshal Haig adds to the insecurity of the German line from Dixmude north to the coast as well as the front southward toward Lens.

French troops again have repulsed German efforts along the Aisne front, Sunday night and on Monday the Teutons tried to recapture the ground lost to the French south of Ajilles. The French threw back all the attacks. East of the positions the French took the offensive and succeeded in making a small advance. Elsewhere on the French front the artillery fighting continues violent.

The Russians and Roumanians having been forced to give up the Fokshani-Maraschti line and retire to the Sereth river, Field Marshal von Mackensen has captured Pantzin, a railway town west of Maraschti. By taking the town the Teutons probably have cut the railway line north, imperiling the Russians and Roumanians fighting in western Moldavia around Oena as the railroad north from Maraschti was one of their two means of obtaining supplies and reinforcements.

German aeroplanes which raided the southeast coast of England Sunday apparently had London as their objective but the prompt defense by British aeroplanes and anti-aircraft guns compelled them to abandon that plan. In the pursuit two of the raiders were brought down by British airmen. Berlin admits the loss of one machine and Amsterdam reports that a German airplane was forced to land in Dutch territory Sunday, evidently while returning from England.

Five Americans and fourteen others were killed when the British steamer City of Athens struck a mine last Friday near Capetown, South Africa. Four of the Americans lost were missionaries. The American bark Christian has been sunk off Azores by a German submarine. The crew was landed safely.

GOING TO FRANCE

Plans For Sending Division Of National Guard Perfected

Washington, Aug. 14.—Plans for sending the first contingent of the National Guard troops to France have been perfected, with the organization of a division including men from 26 States and the District of Columbia. The selections cover all sections of the country. The division includes the Georgia guard, South Carolina and Florida are not included.

The division will be known as the forty-second. The division conforms to the new plan of reducing the number to twenty thousand. It will be commanded by Brigadier General W. A. Mann. The eighty-fourth infantry brigade comprises the Hundred and Fifty first machine gun company, formed of Companies B. C. and F., Second Georgia Infantry. The engineers' regiment will be known as Hundred Seventeenth. It includes the first separate South Carolina battalion of engineers.

Clear As A Crystal.

Before I went to burlesque shows I puzzled me somehow Why each girl wore a flimsy gown— But I see through it now.



Which Comes To The Majestic Two Days Wed. and Thurs. Aug. 22nd and 23rd.

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Five Hundred Dollars reward will be paid by the Southern Railway System for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who removed spikes, bolts and angle bars resulting in the derailment of passenger train No. 26 near Hendersonville, N. C., Tuesday morning June 17, 1917.

All communications pertaining to this subject should be addressed to Mr. J. W. Connelly, Chief Special Agent, Southern Railway System, Charlotte, N. C.

If arrested, wire him or Sheriff N. W. Wallace, Charlotte, N. C. W. N. Foreore, General Manager.

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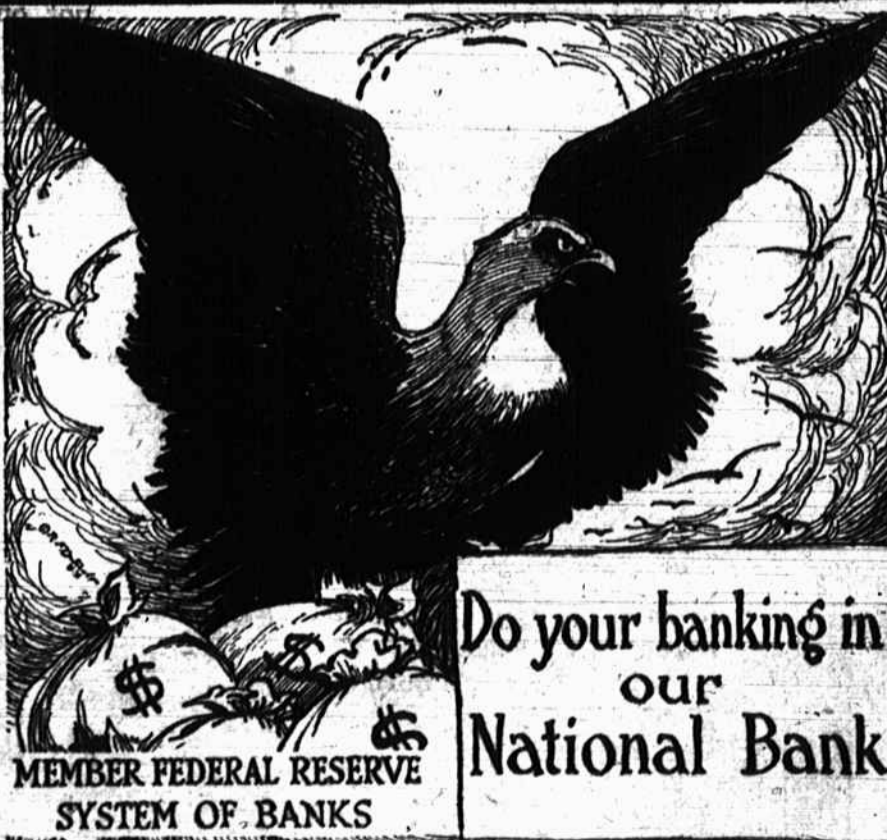
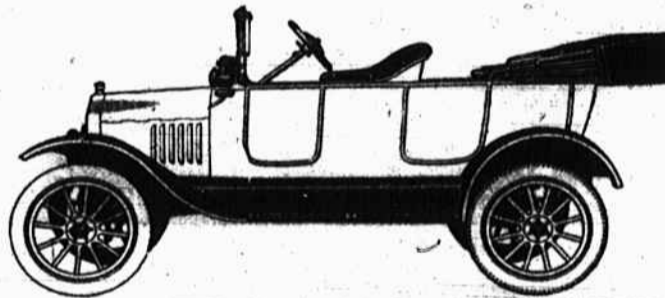
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JAPANESE MISSION ARRIVES

at Pacific Port And Hails United States as Brother in Arms.

Pacific Port, Aug. 13.—A Japanese mission to the United States arrived here today and proclaimed that "the Japanese people have come to see a gigantic struggle which is for the liberties and the sacred rights of mankind," declared Viscount Goto, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, responding to an expression of welcome from the mayor, the representatives of Japan, on the occasion of friendly and good will, as allies in a common cause.

"We are particularly glad to be here at this time," he said, "when America is showing a courage, patriotism, energy and wholeheartedness. Naturally Japan is interested in your preparations. We are glad to see anything in your preparations that will be of great benefit to both countries in the future."

Mr. Goto, third assistant secretary of State, and Gavlin McNab, attorney sent from Washington with representatives of the army and navy, met the liner bringing the mission to Pacific Port at her forepeak in the real ceremonies of welcome held at the landing place.

Classes of troops at "present arms" on the street while the Japanese mission was played. When Viscount Goto made his declaration of allegiance and friendship the cheering became thunderous as the crowd caught the significance of his utterances and the significance of the mission. Viscount Goto, who had been reading a moderate voice from his manuscript, continued in vigorous tones:

"This, perhaps, is neither the time nor the place for a detailed exposition of the plans and hopes which have inspired our mission," he said, "but it is sufficient that you see in our eyes here this afternoon Japan's deep loyalty to the principles for which America has thrown down the gauntlet of battle."

Stockton News Notes.

Boekin, S. C., Aug. 14.—Messrs. Eugene Pearce and Charlie Sowell and Misses Lorena Humphries and Sallie are motored to Sumter where they will spend the week end at the home of their Mr. J. C. Humphries.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and little daughter of Providence spent a few days last week with relatives here.

Miss Inane Galloway left Saturday on an extended visit to friends and relatives in Hartsville and vicinity.

Miss Irma Seagle is visiting relatives at Rock Hill this week.

Miss Ethel Watson of the Pisgah section spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gardner here.

Mrs. S. E. Goodale and little grand-daughter from Camden attended the meeting several days last week.

The meeting at Swift Creek church held Friday night with great success. There were five members that joined the church. We were very glad to see Mr. Dalbey of Kershaw to help in the singing and hope that he will come again.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Owens and little daughter and Miss Gladys Wells of Sumter spent last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gardner here.

Miss Sallie Pearce is visiting at the home of her uncle Mr. J. C. Humphries this week.

Mr. E. M. Workman is spending a few days in Westminster.

Master Lam Britton is spending a while with relatives in Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pearce and children spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Pearce's parents Mr. and Mrs. Belton Owens at DeKalb.

Master Alfred Pearce and sister Helma are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Belton Owens at DeKalb.

Jurors For Special Term.

Following is a list of jurors drawn to serve at the Special Term of court of Common Pleas for Kershaw County to convene on September 3rd, 1917, with Judge M. L. Smith presiding:

T. R. Blyther, Camden
E. R. Curson, Liberty Hill
E. H. Brown, Camden
M. H. Hornsby, Blaney
S. B. Kirkland, Camden
S. W. Hogue, Camden
S. J. West, Bethune
B. H. Boyce, Bethune
W. E. Elliott, Roland
J. E. Pearce, Boykin
J. McIntyre, Blaney
L. W. Raley, Bethune
G. R. Brannon, Kershaw
J. D. Baker, Kershaw
T. A. Spears, Roland
J. T. DuBrul, Cassatt
W. L. Honeycutt, Camden
L. R. Ogburn, Kall
C. T. Trapp, Camden
H. A. Brown, Camden
H. J. Owens, Camden
Amos West, Bethune
W. B. Mangum, Bethune
Wesley Boone, Westville
Henry Ray, Lincoff
J. C. Gardner, Camden
H. R. Boykin, Blaney
E. L. Phillips, Jefferson
D. M. Barnes, Bethune
A. M. Rogers, Camden
J. E. Mangum, Bethune
B. T. Hasty, Camden
A. A. Boykin, Camden
J. S. Ross, Blaney
B. D. Boykin, Boykin
R. C. Bennett, Kershaw