

SEND ALL NAVAL RECRUITS ON INITIAL VOYAGE TO GOAT ISLAND

(By Associated Press.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Recruits assigned to the San Francisco naval training station must take a water voyage before they can reach their destination. The station is on Goat Island in San Francisco Bay, and more than a knot from the mainland. Usually the recruit is taken from this city to the island in a small naval supply boat or a smaller launch which give him a good idea of what is in store for him. The day happens to be a bit choppy.

The experience of reaching the island is unique for the farmer boys who come from the six states in the seventh naval reserve district. It gives many of them their first contact with salt water, and none have been found yet who disliked the experience. It is especially interesting to the recruits who come in summer from the hot states and find themselves bobbing up and down in the wash of the big ferryboats or ocean steamers, with the cold spray whipping their faces. Sometimes they are homesick after landing on the island, but they are usually too busy.

The "feel" of the natty naval uniform also cures many and no time is lost in the change from "civils" to the naval livery. If the man is particularly husky he may be put in overalls for a time and set to work loading and unloading ice cream freezers and other necessary naval impediments, but he always knows he will be "clean as a whistle" and developed in fetching navy blue before the end of the day.

If the homesickness persists the recruit may be given a baseball or a pair of boxing gloves and told to

"go to it," which he usually does to the confusion of the homesickness germ.

The station is an effective mixture of good cooking, drill and play. It can boast of "mountain stream" water, which is made to resemble the mountain variety right on the island, and a mess menu that would do justice to a first class hotel. This menu is kept posted constantly in the commandant's office, along with a list of several prominent motion picture stars and the dates of their appearance on the island in filmed dramas.

The play feature is such an important one on the island that an "amusement officer" has been named in the person of Lieutenant C. M. Dolan. It is his office to see that the men have an adequate dessert of "movies" and dancing to accompany the daily menu of drills and inspections. When the men indulge in social affairs on the islands, the officers keep away. The emjoyment is given to understand that they are under no restraint except that provided in the regulations.

Wednesday is visiting day, and the island is usually thronged on that day with feminine relatives and friends of the apprentices. The entire afternoon is given over to dancing, and couples trip around the floor of the station's big assembly room to music furnished by the efficient Goat Island band of 100 pieces.

In furtherance of the amusement plan a commissary is maintained for the sale of candies and other delicacies. The commissary is handled by the navy department, but all profits go to a fund maintained by the men for amusement purposes.

In addition the mess menu is in-

tended to provide a diversified entertainment for the inner man. Ice cream is served occasionally, while pie and cake are regular occurrences, and second helpings may be had whenever desired. Breakfast is made up of cereals and coffee. Lunch and dinner are equal in size and importance. They start usually with soup and wind their way through a wholesome and diversified menu to pie, cake, fruits and other delicacies. The men are fed on the cafeteria plan in two big mess halls, and while they are given plenty of time to eat, they cannot "loaf" after the eating time. The main mess line runs serpentine like, from the mess hall near the detention camp, almost to the lower grounds, a block or more in length.

The ice cream is brought from San Francisco in the big naval launches and the "mountain water" from Oakland on the opposite of the bay. This water is subjected to a filtration through gravel in the same manner that a mountain stream is rendered sweet and clean. The island has no water system of its own, the water being pumped under the bay and delivered through hydrants at several points in the encampment. However, there is a salt water pumping system for the benefit of the efficient fire department.

The island resembles a great immobile battleship, "fighting top and all." The hospital is called the "wick bay," as on a battleship, and many of the men swing their hammocks at five feet intervals in the big headquarters building in strict accord with the battleship plan. The "fighting top" is provided by the big wireless plant at the top-most point of the island.

FIGHT ON OVERMAN BILL NEARING END

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, April 25.—Support for the Overman bill empowering the president to re-organize government departments came from both sides of the chamber yesterday as the long drawn-out debate neared the final stage and proceeded under an agreement limiting speech-making. Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the military committee for whose war cabinet and munitions director bills the pending measure directly is a substitute, together with Senators Borah of Idaho and Nelson of Minnesota, Republicans, spoke for the bill. Senator Chamberlain, however, limited his support by stating he would vote for an amendment to exempt the interstate commerce commission and federal reserve board from executive action.

For the administration, Senators Williams of Mississippi; Wolcott, of Delaware, and others, made spirited speeches in behalf of the bill.

Today voting on amendments will begin with the fight centered on that exempting the interstate commerce commission. Senator Overman last night expressed the hope of reaching a final vote by Saturday.

Senators Chamberlain, Williams, Borah and Nelson all scouted the suggestion that the powers proposed in the bill might be abused. Other legislation, Senator Nelson said, has conferred more "despotic" authority, while Senator Borah declared the pending measure would be helpful without permitting a permanent change in the government organization.

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SILK INDUSTRY IN CHINA IN NEED OF GOVERNMENT AID AND HELP

(By Associated Press.)
 SHANGHAI, April 25.—That the silk industry of China is suffering for want of governmental direction and assistance and that such should be forthcoming at an early date, is the substance of a resolution adopted by members of the Foreign Silk Association at a recent general meeting in Shanghai.

In view of the large amount contributed by the silk industry in taxes, such aid should be of substantial character, in the opinion of silk dealers, and the government is being appealed to in that sense.

E. C. Byrne, chairman of the Foreign Silk Association, presided and was supported by M. Knight, the French commercial attaché; Julian Arnold, American commercial attaché; M. Muller; M. Madier, president of the French chamber of commerce, and others. The commercial attachés and representatives of the

Chinese silk guilds promised cooperation.

The chairman in his address cited figures to illustrate the value of government supervision of the industry as projected in Japan. During the season 1907-8, he said Japan exported 93,110 bales against 57,553 bales exported from Shanghai. For the season 1915-17 Japan's export was 226,569 bales against 65,847 from Shanghai.

"From these figures," said Mr. Byrne, "you will see that we have made but little headway while Japan on the other hand has gone forward enormously, and I am not including experimental stations that are already in existence, and to buy cocoons and examine the eggs on the Pasteur system by which in 1919 we shall have a supply that can be guaranteed to be healthy and provide worms that will not die in the third or fourth stage, but live to produce cocoons of good size and quality.

The committee in charge consist of representatives of the Chinese, the French chamber of commerce and the Silk Association and you may depend no effort will be spared to make the initial attempt a success and set an example for the future."

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CHINESE LABOR IN FRANCE

(By Associated Press.)
 PEKING, April 25.—About 13,000 Chinese laborers have been shipped to France, according to the Shun Tien Shih Pao, a Chinese daily newspaper. Their wages are from \$30 to \$40 per month. Thirty thousand more men are needed and will be recruited in Shantung, Chihli and other northern provinces.

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SHIPPING MANY CARGOES OF SUGAR

(By Associated Press.)
 SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, April 25.—Steamships and schooners with sufficient capacity for carrying 130,000 bags of sugar have been dispatched from Porto Rico to the United States in ballast or else sent to Cuba for cargoes of sugar within a little more than one month when there have been ample sugar cargoes offered here, according to shipping men.

Sugar men who are not moving their crops as rapidly as they wish say that ships are not permitted to obtain cargo in Porto Rico because the allotment of spaces for sugar in the West Indies is largely controlled by representatives of steamship companies doing business here.

Nineteen steamers took sugar from Porto Rico to the United States during March, carrying a total of approximately 400,000 bags. Shipments are approximately 36,000 tons behind the shipments for the same time last year.

IMPERSONATES OFFICER

(By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, April 25.—Stanley Edward Fenton, who is said to have represented himself as a "lieutenant in President Wilson's military staff," spent last night in jail here before continuing a trip back to Colorado Springs to face charges of obtaining money under false pretenses and impersonating an army officer.

Fenton, who is in the custody of J. W. Weir, sheriff of El Paso county, Colorado, was arrested recently in Baltimore.

WAGE INCREASE DOES HUNS LITTLE GOOD

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, April 25.—Increases in wages paid in Germany have utterly failed to keep pace with the increased cost of living, says the April bulletin of the department of labor.

The average increase in wages has been 50 per cent while the living cost has gone up 300 per cent. The greatest increase in wages has been received by Prussian metal workers who are now getting 69 per cent more than they formerly received. Increases as low as 16 per cent have been reported and some women are still being paid less than \$2.50 per week.

The purchasing power of money has dropped to one-fourth its value before the war, according to the bulletin. German workmen, it says, are being underfed. One egg per week is their allowance. Oleomargarine is limited to an ounce and a half for a family of four.

Sugar is more plentiful, the family allowance being one and one-half pounds. Coffee is practically unobtainable. Potatoes are the heaviest item in the ordinary diet.

AUCTIONEER SHOWS THE RIGHT SPIRIT

(By Associated Press.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—An amusing story is told of an auction held for the benefit of the Red Cross in a small Washington state town. The enthusiasm was boundless. Men, women and children brought and donated articles for sale. A young man popular in the vicinity acted as auctioneer. The bidding was fast and furious. Cord wood, farm implements, livestock and all manner of objects were sold for good prices as fast as they could be put up. The enthusiasm of the crowd only was exceeded by that of the auctioneer who was worked up to white heat.

Object after object was offered and sold.

"Next!" he shouted.

"We're all sold out," said one of the committee.

"No, we're not," yelled the auctioneer, "here, what am I offered for this?" and he snatched his hat off his head. The crowd roared its glee and bid it in. Later it "chipped" in and bought him a new hat.

BUILDING ORGAN

(By Associated Press.)
 LIVERPOOL, April 25.—Although the war stopped all work on the construction of the great Liverpool cathedral, the organ builders have gone steadily forward with their work, and expect to complete the organ early in the summer. It will be the largest pipe organ in the world, being nearly twice the size of any organ at present in the British Isles.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND ILL

(By Associated Press.)
 ST. PAUL, April 25.—The condition of Archbishop John Ireland was slightly improved last night. Announcement made at the home of the aged Catholic archbishop stated that he had enjoyed several hours of rest and that it was hoped he would recover.