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## LANDLUBBERS TO BE TRAINED FOR NAVAL SERVICE

### Hundreds of Civilians to Be Given Chance to Learn the Sailor's Life.

## WILL HAVE MONTH AT SEA

### Amateurs Will Be Taken Aboard Nine Battleships and Given Course of Training—No Menial Labor for the Rookies, Says Secretary Roosevelt.

New York.—Ye, ho! My lads! For the naval Plattsburg!

Aboard nine United States battleships many hundred enthusiastic young landlubbers will learn something about the gray sailor's life off the Atlantic coast next month.

Like their brothers in the military training camps for citizens, they will partly fit themselves to volunteer for service in Uncle Sam's defense when war comes.

And incidentally, from all signs, they will have a jolly good time, a bracing vacation and a month of exercise and salt air which will put them back into civil life ready for almost anything that comes along.

The amateur tars at this point will assemble and go aboard the Maine, now receiving ship at the New York navy yard, and the Kentucky on August 15.

On the same day the Virginia will pick up its contingent at Portland, Me.; the Kearsage at Boston; the Ill-



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inois at Newport, R. I.; the Rhode Island at Philadelphia; the Alabama at Philadelphia; the Louisiana at Norfolk, Va., and the New Jersey at Charleston, S. C.

All will then proceed to Gardiner's bay, at the other end of Long Island sound, holding ship drills on the way. At the bay they will participate in department strategic maneuvers with other vessels of the Atlantic fleet. Division drills will take place.

On August 27 the nine training ships will set sail (or steam, if you like it better) for Tangier sound, a part of Chesapeake bay, where they will hold target practice and some of them will coal at Hampton Roads.

About September 5 they will start for their ports of embarkation and here they will be joined by flotillas of motor boats owned by citizens who have patriotically offered to train for coast defense in time of war. The motor boats and training battleships will hold joint maneuvers, studying

## BEAR CUBS ARE CAPTURED

### Baby Bruins Are as Gentle as Puppies After Their Mother is Driven Away.

Estacada, Ore.—Fred Bannister of Estacada returned recently from a trip in the interests of the forestry department, near Carry's Hot Springs, on the Upper Clackamas river, bringing with him two brown bear cubs.

These cubs are about three months old and were captured by Bannister after the mother bear had been driven off and the youngsters allowed to climb a tall tree.

Temporarily the animals, which are as gentle as puppies, will be kept in Estacada, where they are furnishing much amusement for young and old.

## DUTCH RUBBER OUTPUT UP

### East Indian Crop Expected to Reach 9,205,825 Kilograms During Current Year.

Batavia, Netherlands East Indies.—The rubber production of the Dutch

problems in the defense of naval districts. The disembarkation will take place September 12.

### Bunch of Landlubbers.

Some of the men enlisted for the cruise are the very best landlubbers. There are bankers, brokers, lawyers, ministers, mechanical, mining and civil engineers, business men of various sorts, artists and several bona fide newspaper men in the New York detachment.

Readers of salt water fiction know that the first thing a newcomer aboard ship has to do is to holystone the decks, in land parlance, scrub the floor.

But not this time. There will be no menial labor for the rookies. They aren't above it. They have promised and are willing to do anything they are ordered to do. But Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt, who has the cruise under his particular wing, has decided it would be a waste of time.

He decided the men going on the cruise, mostly above the average in intelligence, training and education, need no lessons in peeling potatoes and shoveling coal. Instead, they will get work just as hard, but more informative. They will be trained intensively, as the naval officers say, to take jobs as petty or commissioned officers in time of crisis.

In general, according to Mr. Roosevelt, they will be organized, messes and berthed after the methods employed with the midshipmen of Annapolis Naval academy on practice cruises.

The object will be to get them into the habits of ship life and to drill and instruct them at the lighter guns of the ship batteries. They will be taught signaling, boating of all kinds, fire control and torpedo defense station work, quartermaster's duties and marine electrical engineering, including radio work.

There will also be frequent emergency drills, such as fire quarters and general quarters. Besides this they will have field artillery and naval drills on shore to give them a rudimentary knowledge of the handling of arms.

Lectures will also be a feature of the end of the cruise. Between August 29 and September 5 some of the best schoolmasters in the navy—and army and navy life is mostly teaching school in some manner or other—will talk to the volunteers on subjects bearing on the navy's work.

### Limit the Volunteers.

Secretary Roosevelt also promised to cut down the number of volunteers allowed on different ships so that there will be no overcrowding or discomfort in the way of hammock room, or delay in serving food.

As at the army training camps, there will be optional courses lasting a portion of each day. The subjects will include navigation, signaling, radio work, steam and electrical engineering.

The cruise will have several important advantages over Plattsburg. No mosquitoes, no sleeping on the wet ground, no trench digging!

Thomas V. Slocum, a well-known yachtsman, is head of the civilian committee in this city which has charge of getting recruits for the cruise. Mr. Slocum, whose ideal is Paul Jones, for whose ship Ranger he has named his yacht, is very enthusiastic when talking about the cruise.

"Think of the advantages," he said recently. "A summer vacation at sea on vessels that cost millions of dollars, the sea air, the wholesome food, the healthful exercise. Besides the gainful experience, everyone will come back with a larger knowledge of the navy and what our sea defense means and will come back with a rudimentary training in that defense, an increased pride in his country—and a better patriot."

No obligation to fight is incurred by going on the cruise, except the duty every American citizen has to defend his country when called upon. How-

East Indies, upon which America now draws to a considerable extent, is increasing by leaps and bounds.

According to figures just published by the Batavia Rubber Trade association the crop harvested last year in the island of Java alone was 8,069,069 kilograms, as against 3,200,274 in 1914, and it is estimated at as much as 9,205,825 kilograms in the current year. Other parts of the Dutch East Indies yielded 2,285,389 kilograms of rubber, as compared with 1,321,330 in 1914, while the estimate for 1916 is 3,752,000 kilos.

## Bit Woman's Ear.

Los Angeles.—Reaching out for the three green leaves that adorned the hat of Mrs. Mary Miller, sixty years old, of Ninth and San Pedro streets, a staid old draught horse missed the trimming and bit off the left ear of the woman at the Ninth street market. Terrified and shrieking with pain, Mrs. Miller ran into a produce stall near by and collapsed. She was revived and taken to the receiving hospital, where she told the surgeons how the accident happened.

## SHE IS AN ENGINEER



Miss Antoinette Vanasek, one of the few woman stationary engineers in this country, has quit engineering for a while to become chief matron of the public baths of Long Island City. When she's engineering she wears the duds of an engineer, overalls and all. Miss Vanasek, who is twenty-three, is taking a vacation from the intense heat of tending a stationary engine.

ever, at the end of the cruise the recruit will have a chance to announce his intention to volunteer for service in the navy in case of war occurring within the next four years, and most of the men will do this.

### To Be Given Certificates.

At the end of the course a recruit will get a certificate signed by the commanding officer of his ship specifying the nature of the duties he has performed, the efficiency he has displayed and the rating he is best qualified to fill.

The expenses of the cruise are very small. The recruit must pay his own transportation to and from the points of embarkation. Once aboard the ship he must make a deposit of \$30 to cover board and clothes, but part of this will be returned to him if it is not all used up.

Each man must take with him two pairs of black shoes, underclothes, toilet articles and other necessities. Washable uniforms will be handed out aboard ship.

The recruits can't spend much money on the cruise. However, there is a ship's store, where they can purchase soap, tobacco, stationery, toilet accessories and a few other things.

The motor boat mobilization is stirring up much interest in this city and more men will take part in it than in the sea cruise. The "mosquito fleet" of several hundred chuggers will be inspected and classified by navy officers.

Harold Vanderbilt has shown his interest by having a scout cruiser built just for the purpose of the mobilization.

Many other young men of well-known families are actively interested in the cruise and the boat mobilization. These include Vincent Astor, Hermann Oelrichs, Paul Hammond, William Greenough, Orson Munn, Thomas Lamont, Harry B. Hollings, Jr., Robert Jacob, B. H. Borden, Stewart Davis and Charles H. Jackson.

Young men from the same community or the same school or college may enlist as a sort of club and be assigned to the same ship. However, enlistments are closed now, but they will open again next spring. The civilian cruise is to be a permanent annual fixture.

## DENIES THAT SHARK ATE HIM

### Mr. Baldwin Positively Refutes Story of His Taking Off by Man-Eating Fish.

Berkeley, Cal.—George H. Baldwin positively denies that he was eaten by a shark, despite seemingly overwhelming evidence to the contrary. Recently a man-eating shark was killed off Catalina island, and when its interior was examined fragments of a man's coat were found, to which was attached a pin of the American Society of Civil Engineers, bearing Baldwin's name. His denial was announced in some newspapers and his wife began to receive scores of telegrams and letters of condolence. Mrs. Baldwin some months ago gave away one of Baldwin's old coats, from which she forgot to remove the pin.

## Lessens Annoying Humming.

To lessen the humming of telephone wires fastened to buildings a new German system enclosed them in cement cylinders that are softer on the inside than the outside.

## HOLD REINS SEVERAL YEARS

### McGraw and Mack Have Piloted Respective Teams Longer Than Any Other Leaders.

During the last ten years in baseball every team in the National and American leagues, with the exception of the Philadelphia Athletics and the New York Giants, have had two or



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more managers. Ten years ago John McGraw was managing the Giants and Connie Mack was leading the Athletics. These two men are still piloting those teams and bid fair to do so for many years to come.

McGraw started his career with the Giants in 1909. Under him the New Yorkers won the National league pennants in 1904 and 1905, and the world's title in 1905. They lost the National league championship in 1908 because of Merkle's famous "boner" and finished third in 1909. In 1910 the Giants finished second, and were first in 1911, 1912 and 1913. The Giants lost the world's series with the Athletics in 1911, and in 1913 were again beaten by the Athletics for the big honors. In 1914 the Giants were nosed out in the pennant fight by the Braves, after the latter had made a whirlwind finish. In 1915, for the first time in McGraw's management, they finished in the cellar.

Connie Mack organized the Athletics in 1901. They won the American league championship in 1902, 1903



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1910, 1911, 1913 and 1914. They also captured the world's title in 1910 from the Cubs, and from the Giants in 1911 and 1913. Last year they finished last for the first time in their career.

## Another Pitcher Flaherty.

There's another pitcher Flaherty in the American league. He is a youngster from Dean academy taken on by Hugh Jennings. His first name is Edward. The newcomer, by the way, is a nephew of Pat.

## Fohl Signs Two Pitchers.

Lee Fohl has added two more pitchers to his staff in Dana Filligim, the star hurler of the South Atlantic league, and John Ferguson, said to be the best in the Ohio State league. Fohl certainly will need more pitchers if he intends to keep his team up at the top of the list.

## Hal Chase is Popular.

Hal Chase has developed into one of the most popular players in Cincinnati and receives a hand every time that he approaches the plate.

## Tamsett Returns to Game.

Jimmy Tamsett, who announced some time ago that he had retired from baseball, has consented to play some semiprofessional games in Schenectady.

## THINKS INDIANS REAL FLAG CONTENTERS



There is at least one manager in the American league who doesn't believe the Cleveland Indians are going to "blow" and he is "Bill" Donovan. The Indians have impressed the Yankee leader as being one of the strongest clubs that ever represented that city and Donovan says it is the most dangerous team in the league.

When it comes to batting in runs the other members of the Indians must "kow-tow" to the hard-hitting right fielder, Elmer Robert Smith-Roth or Robert Elmer Roth-Smith, whichever way you prefer, the combination right gardener having driven in 42 runs for the Indians this season, which is only one-third gone at this writing. The Smith half of the firm has sent 20 runs across, while the Roth half has accounted for 28.

"Chic" Gandil, however, is the individual leader, having driven in 36 runs. "Tris" Speaker, though, is giving him a merry battle, having chased 31 of his team mates across the rubber. "This," however, is batting some 100 points better than "Chic." After passing by the right field firm, we find "Jack" Gruezy has driven in 24 men, an unusually large number for a lead-off man, who is forced to follow weak batters. In fact, all the Indians are hitting and this combined with the splendid pitching they have had to date has kept them well on top.

## BASEBALL STORIES

Outfielder "Greasy" Neale is playing sensationally for Cincinnati.

The Red Sox don't miss Speaker any more than an auto would miss a spark plug.

Ping Bodie, with an average of .365, is leading the Pacific Coast league batters in hitting.

Chicago newspapers have learned that Tinker would like to get Johnny Evers from the Braves.

McGraw has decided to make a pitcher out of George Kelly, the Giants' extra first baseman and outfielder.

Speaking of encouragement, there is the headline: "Brooklyn Rooters Wondering Whether Team Will Crack."

Gilhooley of the New Yorks, is beginning to hit as he did in the International league. He is a capital lead-off man.

According to importers, Ivory is growing scarce, but you'd never believe it after attending a few baseball games.

It looks as if Lee Fohl has worked Morton too hard and that the fast young hurler is about through for the present.

Brick Owens is doing sterling work as umpire in the American league. One thing about Brick—he's on the square.

Clark Griffith still says the Washingtons will win the American league pennant. Not unless he gets some heavier hitters!

They are saying that Danny Shay, who once played short for the Cardinals, is liable to get let out as manager of Kansas City.

Pitcher Bill Harrington, formerly a big card in the New England league, has joined Lynn, that club satisfying the Denver claim to him.

The Boston Braves have another outfielder. He is Fred Bailey. Mike Kahoe dug him up for Stallings out of Washington and Lee university.

An umpire in Little Rock has been sentenced to two years in prison for bootlegging. Which some ought to get more than a passing guffaw out of Johnny Evers.

## PATIENCE OF BILL SULLIVAN

### Incident Illustrating Determination and Tenaciousness of Veteran Tiger Coach.

A little story is told of the patience and determination of Billy Sullivan, the veteran catcher and Tiger's coach. The Tigers were in San Antonio, Tex., this spring for a couple of exhibition games. The morning of the first day Sullivan started to clean an old pipe. He shoved a match in the stem, and the wood was caught in the curve of the amber, where it stuck. Sullivan worked on the pipe all morning. He used half a dozen strips of wire in a vain attempt to force the match on through. He failed, how-



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ever, and was still working on it when the call came to go to the park. Sullivan put the pipe away. That night he worked again, and the next morning he was out in front of the hotel—still working on the pipe. Along about noon he started to grin, and persons interested knew the end was near. A few minutes later the broken match was driven out and Sullivan, taking the stem between his teeth, blew long and vigorously.

"That must be a valuable pipe," remarked a bystander.

"Nope; it cost 50 cents," replied Sullivan.

"Why didn't you go and buy another? It wasn't worth while to work that long on a 50-cent pipe."

"Maybe not, but I'm not going to let any 50-cent pipe get me down. I started to get that out of the stem and I intended getting it out if it took me a week or a month."

The incident illustrates the patience, the determination and tenaciousness of the coach.