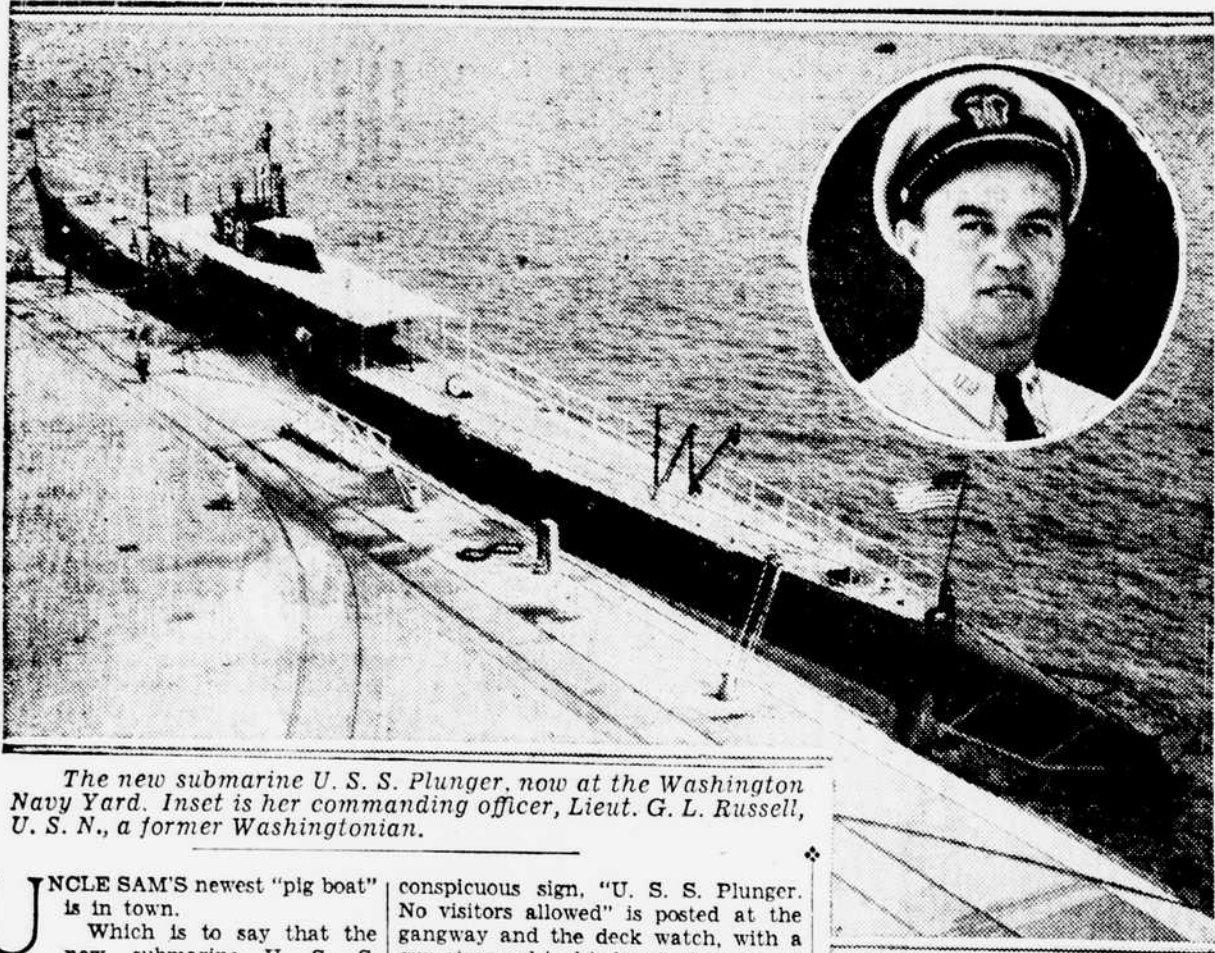


## Submarine Here on "Shakedown" Cruise

U. S. S. Plunger Has Many Mementos of Cruise Through Canal and South.



The new submarine U. S. S. Plunger, now at the Washington Navy Yard. Inset is her commanding officer, Lieut. G. L. Russell, U. S. N., a former Washingtonian.

UNCLE SAM'S newest "pig boat" is in town.

Which is to say that the new submarine U. S. S. Plunger has arrived at the Washington Navy Yard, to be here until it leaves Saturday morning for Newport, R. I. The vessel is on the last leg of its "shakedown cruise," which has taken it to the West Coast of South America—and it has stood the pace well. Submarines are now named for fish, but the Plunger honors one of the first submarines in the Navy, which was so designated.

Its commanding officer, Lieut. G. L. Russell, is an old Washingtonian, who had two tours of duty at the Judge Advocate General's Office at the Navy Department. On his first assignment here the lieutenant was a law student at George Washington University, from which he secured his bachelor of laws degree, and he is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia. Following sea duty he came back to the Judge Advocate General's office for duty and was engaged in legal work.

Lieut. Russell is proud of his new craft, which was placed in commission in November. The Plunger left Portsmouth, N. H., on April 10, and departed from New York five days later. Its itinerary lay down to the West Indies, through the Panama Canal and down the west coast of South America.

The skipper said today there are many mementos of that trip aboard, including stuffed alligators, trinkets of various kinds, pajamas, robes and perfumes, as gifts from friends and keepsakes of the trip. Officers and men have a nice tropic coat of tan. On its trip back to the United States ports the ship put in at Miami and Charleston, S. C. The cruise will be completed at Newport on June 22.

Although the Plunger is the latest word in submarines, mighty little is being made public about the craft. A

conspicuous sign, "U. S. S. Plunger. No visitors allowed" is posted at the gangway and the deck watch, with a gun strapped to his leg, is there to see the order in enforced. Visitors who are allowed the special privilege of the deck are not permitted to go below.

The ship is air-conditioned and is equipped with very modern machinery, the nature of which is a military secret carefully guarded. There are only 49 men in the crew—a surprisingly small number, when one considers that it is a craft of 1,330 tons displacement.

Five officers are aboard. With Lieut. Russell are Lieut. A. R. Joyce, executive officer; Lieut. (j. g.) G. K. McKenzie, engineering officer; Lieut. (j. g.) M. R. Jensen, gunnery officer, and Lieut. (j. g.) J. H. Campbell, communications officer.

Painted black, unlike the general run of warships, which wear a gray coat, the Plunger is 290 feet long. Its

keel was laid in July, 1935, and it was built at the Portsmouth, N. H., Navy Yard. The white letters "P-8" appear at the bow, signifying that it

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is the eighth of its class, which is called the 1933 program. Five of its sister ships—the U. S. S. Porpoise, Pike, Tarpon, Perch and Pickrel—have already passed final acceptance trials with success. The U. S. S. Permit is now on a shakedown cruise, which is taking it to Caribbean ports, the Canal Zone, Houston, Tex.; New Orleans, Jacksonville, Fla., and will be complete at New London, Conn., on July 2. The U. S. S. Shark, the sixth of the 1933 program, has not yet finished its completion trials.

In dungarees, the traditional uniform of the submarine sailor, members of the crew were going about their regular tasks aboard the Plunger yesterday afternoon. A routine examination of the hull was being made by a diver from the Diving School at the Washington Navy Yard—W. R. Hollingsworth, who is a water tender, second class. E. A. Beshore, ship's fitter, second class, also attached to the Diving School, was at the telephone, for while the diver was moving about on the floor of the Anacostia River he was constantly in communication with the men on the pier. The diver reported that all was well below and that the "shakedown cruise" has shown that the craft has weathered her long cruise well.

Johore, Malaya, has a new military airport.

## MATTSON KIDNAP SUSPECT CHECKED

U. S. Agents Believe They Have Right Men—Send Fingerprints to Washington.

By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, June 15.—Federal agents were checking today the story told by a 31-year-old prisoner who they said bore an "unusually close resemblance" to the kidnaper and slayer of Charles Mattson.

Police Sgt. George Wragg said the man, who gave the name of Bert Madsen, when arrested Friday, asserted he was in Sioux City, Iowa, from December 23, 1936, until last January 1.

Ten-year-old Charles Mattson, son of a wealthy Tacoma, Wash., physician, was kidnapped from his home last December 27.

The sergeant said that when the man was picked up here while tampering with a parked automobile he noticed the resemblance to an artist's sketch of the kidnaper and asked Department of Justice agents to view him.

"The Government agent questioned

Madsen and said he thinks we've got the right man," Wragg said. His fingerprints were sent to Washington for examination.

Wragg said the prisoner had admitted serving jail terms in Milwaukee, Sioux City, Iowa; Pittsburgh, Omaha and Denver.

Marine Reserves to Drill.

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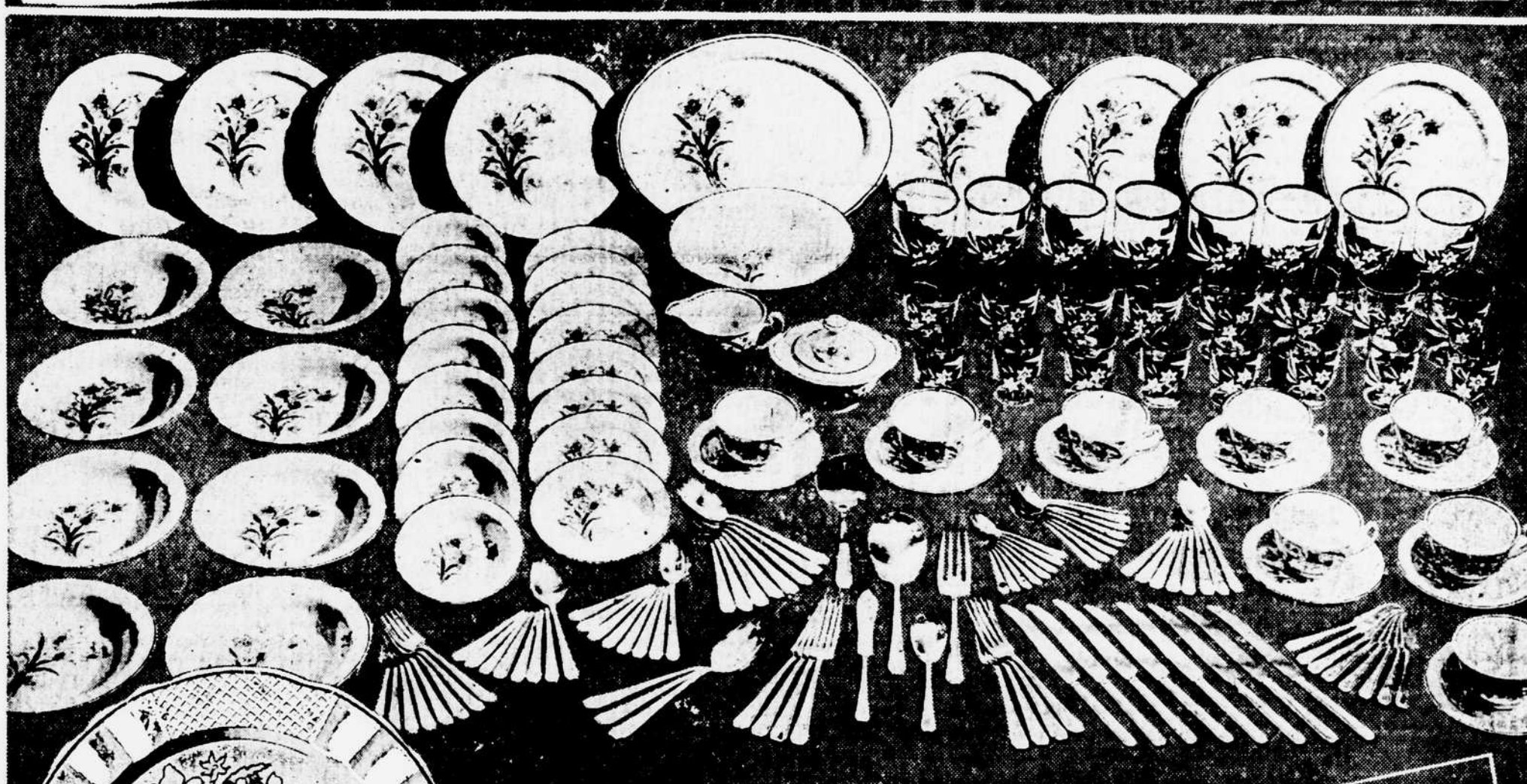
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