

OREGON BOYS LIKE LIFE ON THE DEEP

Training Trip on Maryland Is Full of Interest and a Few May Enlist.

TARS' TRICKS ARE LEARNED

Militiamen Share Watches With Regular Officers—Chaplain Is Free Lance—Autopiano and Moving Pictures on Board.

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ABOARD UNITED STATES SHIP MARYLAND, June 22.—(Special.) When men from Portland, Marshfield and Bandon stepped on the deck of this ship they knew it only in a general way, but if there is any compartment forward of Captain Elliott's quarters and the wardroom that they are not familiar with today it is where strict Navy regulations prevent those who have no official business from inspecting or where ponderous machinery makes it dangerous for even the regular force not included in the "black gang" to congregate.

That everyone is having a "bully" time goes without saying. There are men in the Oregon Naval Militia who have spent much time aboard ships—mostly merchantmen—from inspecting the old Boston from keel to trucks, while a few have seen service in the pay of Uncle Sam, but about the Maryland all are learning. It may be only some new twist in "setting up" exercises, or that firing under all boilers is done on a signal from an annunciator, maybe it is that in the latest orders from the Navy Department it has been specified that in the future target practice is to start at 1600 yards. But at any rate there will be more wisecracks on the return of the divisions to Portland than the militia has ever boasted.

So strongly have some of the men been impressed with the work aboard ship and the life generally that Lieutenant W. H. Toax, in charge of the Navy recruiting station at Portland, with a view to enlisting. More of them see in the cruise the opportunity to master details that will help to push the organization to the front among militia bodies. They have the advantage of the Washington militia, because the Pennsylvania class is a skeleton crew, as she is in reserve, while on the Maryland is a full company, and she is engaged in speed tests, so they get the full benefit of work below deck. Besides there are recruits on the Maryland who joined her at San Francisco previous to her visit to Portland, and that makes the Oregonians feel that they are not alone in being green.

As must be expected with all branches of the service, Oregon men could be told as recruits a mile away when they donned their uniforms. Some were given away by their awing. More wore white hats as though they were Panamas, and in the way they gazed at big guns, others were found but, as those who are in being green, as shortcoming, only in the eyes of regularly enlisted men.

It has not taken the boys long to feel at home on the cruiser. In watching the sea, they have seen the way they have caught on. Hats are now worn at the same rakish angle affected in the service. To work in the big eight-inch turrets is a feat that the youngsters can hitch their trousers with the same free hand and sprawl on deck for a daytime nap without getting blue uniforms soiled.

when the Maryland was speeding at 13 knots, the weight sank only to a depth of about 190 fathoms. The manner in which depths are ascertained from the ground glass tube in the base of the weight proved instructive and interesting to them.

From the ranks of the Oregon Militia two ship carpenters have been detailed under Chief Carpenter Murphy and they have been engaged in helping to patch cutters and other boats, mend launch hulls that sustained a few knocks at Portland, and do general work.

Life-Gun Watch Set. Two gunners' mates have been assigned to the life-gun watch, standing by a small weapon forward that is fired in the event of a man falling overboard. Of the 116 citizen sailors on board many are mechanics and they are fitted into niches in a manner that augurs well for the future of the Militia.

The first and second divisions have been assigned to the vessel that has guns and most of them are in the eight-inch turrets, the rest being told off with the crews of smaller weapons. In the forenoon a drill half of the men work in the turret while the others go into the magazines and pass up dummy ammunition, the hoists not being operated. The men are divided in drill so those in the turret one morning go into the magazines the next. As the Boston has eight-inch guns the men are not on absolutely new ground, though in each of the Maryland's turrets are two eight-inch guns and they represent many modern features over those on the Boston.

The vessel has attracted numerous militiamen, particularly as Chief Electrician Louis Moore, of the Maryland, talked with P. R. Kelly, of 1031 China street, and C. J. Austin, of 651 Salmon street, Portland, who volunteered to receive messages gratis, but there could be no indiscriminate communication between the men aboard and relatives and friends. Each message sent must have the "O. K." of either Captain Elliott or Lieutenant Lang, executive officer.

Life on the Maryland is not all work. Far from it. The men have found that while the ship's crew has duties to perform, the men are also allotted time for entertainment or rest, as they select. At Portland 190 new records for an autopiano player, owned by the sailors, were purchased. A complete moving picture machine was also bought and some special stunts are being worked up for a show to be given at San Pedro. With the band to be heard frequently, an orchestra of special occasion among the crew, time does not pass slowly during idle hours.

There are half a dozen dogs to accept the name "Bully" the goat, whose chief delight is to butt a seabag suspended from a hammock hook, a green parrot that is mastering phrases of an up-to-date vintage and two monkeys.

One event witnessed on the main deck forward the other day made a strong impression. An auction sale of the effects of deserters. There was one outfit of clothing and chattels that sold for 25 cents and another, which consisted of a watch and a hammer for \$2.45. The money is turned into a fund for the relief of widows and families of sailors.

On the forecastle when evenings are favorable fods are brought out and Boatstain's Mate Christensen, said to be the most expert of the Pacific fleet, gives exhibitions of his skill.

Some idea of how duties are carried out on board, after the cleaning and drills of the morning can be gained from the following:

Sea Routine. P. M. 12:00—Report the time to the officer-of-the-deck so that he can notify his watch. 12:30—Believe the watch. 1:00—Turn to, out smoking lamp. Pipe down wash clothes, if dry; pipe down aired bedding; clean out spit-kits and water ways. Signal off and water report. 1:30—Sound provision call. Drill call. 2:00—Believe the wheel and mast head. 2:30—Pipe sweepers. 3:00—Report the time to the officer-of-the-deck, so that he can notify his relief. 4:00—Believe the watch. 4:30—Knock off work. Pipe down clothes; pipe sweepers; clean out spit-kits and boxes; clear up the decks and quarters. 4:45—Officers call; ring boat song five times. 5:00—Quarters (except Sunday), setting-up drill. Close water-tight doors. (Do not use green or white.) Sunset—Turn on running lights. Station lookouts. Muster lifeboat crew. Set lookouts overhauling hatches to gun-deck, if not already set. Test all electric signal apparatus. 5:15—Diesel gear. Light smoking lamp. 5:30—Supper. Shift into blue, unless otherwise ordered. 6:00—Turn to. Relieve the watch. Pipe sweepers; clean out spit-kits and water ways. Scrub clothes on forecastle, except Sunday. Fresh water call. 6:15—Band call. 6:30—Concert. 7:30—Hammocks, unless sunset occurs later.

Ensigns Get Experience. Among the ensigns similar opportunities have been given, as they mess with officers of the same rank on the ship and take part in drills, accompany them in watches and are mastering technicalities without the benefit of Annapolis. * But Chaplain Olson is the freelance of the crowd. The Maryland has no chaplain attached. He is the sole sky pilot on the cruise, and, not being able to hold services as regularly as drills, he is putting in his time getting acquainted. The other day he noticed one of the handsmen, playing a tuba, who looked as if he needed a rest. In his college days Chaplain Olson was some tuba manipulator and he volunteered to take his place. The way he waded through "Lawana" showed he had not forgotten the big movement. Of course that did not take place on deck, but during rehearsal, and again when the men were playing the regular evening concert below. The band plays three concerts daily, besides playing at drills, and a programme for the evening is always printed in advance. The chaplain was also seen today in the rear rank of a company going through "setting up" exercises on the quarter-deck. The entire crew has voted him a "good fellow," even if he doesn't know how to run the course. In connection with the coal tests the Oregon men have learned much in the way of firing and engine-room stunts. Besides they know that the Maryland can carry 2100 tons of coal, steamed over 5000 miles from Honolulu to Ecuador early in the year without re-coaling and had several hundred tons of fuel left.

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NORMAL IS CLOSED

Baccalaureate Sermon Is by Dr. J. R. N. Bell.

TENNIS GIVES FLAG RIGHT

Senior Class Gives Three-Act Play. Dr. C. H. Chapman Addresses 28 Graduates on "Efficiency."

The commencement exercises proper were held Wednesday morning in the normal chapel. Sara B. Mickelson delivered the class oration, her subject being "Chivalry," which she traced through history to the present day, providing that chivalry does exist, no matter how material our lives may seem. The class gift, the picture, "A Reading from Homer," was presented by Miss Mabel Ellis. Mr. Butler gave the response. Farewell was given by Miss Twoby and an excellent instrumental solo was rendered by Miss Stark.

MONMOUTH, Or., June 22.—(Special.)—After a successful and brilliant year the Oregon Normal School held its commencement exercises, beginning Sunday, June 16. Dr. J. R. N. Bell preached the baccalaureate sermon. The faculty, students and alumni assembled Monday morning for the farewell chapel. Each member of the faculty said a parting word to the students. In order to establish a precedent, a tennis tournament was held. The juniors being victorious, they were allowed to raise their flag.

Miss Twoby and an excellent instrumental solo was rendered by Miss Stark. The address was full of practical thoughts drawn from the experience of life. President Ackerman presented the diplomas to the classes, there being 29 graduates in the standard courses and eight in the elementary. He informed the class that the value of the diploma was a matter largely in their own hands, depending upon the practical use to which they put it and the intrinsic value was measured by the value of the work which they themselves gave to it.

ALBANY, Or., June 22.—(Special.)—While Sheriff Smith was out looking for an automobile owner, who later proved to be V. L. Bowman, a traveling salesman from Los Angeles, Bowman walked into the Sheriff's office to try to sell some goods. It was not known then that Bowman was the man wanted. While Mrs. Laura M. Rickard, of Corvallis, and her son, Ray Rickard, were driving in a buggy today they met an automobile. Their horse became frightened and threw the buggy down an embankment. Mrs. Rickard's thigh was broken.

Later Rickard telephoned to Sheriff Smith, giving a description of the automobile, which did not stop after the accident. Smith found Bowman's automobile answered the description exactly and Bowman admitted meeting a buggy at the scene of the accident, but both he and his wife assured the officials that they did not observe the trouble and knew nothing of the accident. No warrant was issued and Bowman was not held. Mrs. Rickard is 65 years old. The injury is a serious one.

On account of fire in our old store, we have secured the large store at 303 and 319 First street, in the same block as the old store, and will open Monday morning with an absolutely new stock of groceries, meats, etc. All prices advertised for Saturday will prevail during this week. Same telephone numbers.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF OREGON NAVAL MILITIAMEN ON CRUISER MARYLAND.



TRAIN THIEF ROBS WOMAN. Clever Crook Gets \$230 From Mrs. Orth, of South Bend. CHEHALIS, Wash., June 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ora Orth, of South Bend, Wash., lost \$30 in cash and jewelry and silverware worth \$200 here today to a stranger giving Leslie as his name. Mrs. Orth, who was on route to Salem, Or., to visit her father, met the stranger, who robbed her at McCormick, where the train from South Bend was delayed. He claimed to be headed for Portland. At Chehalis Leslie tricked the woman by leaving Mrs. Orth at a store while he got her suitcase and valuables at the depot and "beat it" successfully.

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