

LONG VOYAGE IS DESCRIBED

N. C. Potter Writes Clever Description to D. H. Talmadge

A clever description of a voyage from the United States navy yard at Bremerton to New York is given in a letter written to D. H. Talmadge of the Halsey Enterprise by N. C. Potter, a sailor in the navy, who is known in Salem. The letter has been submitted to The Statesman by Mr. Talmadge and follows in part:

"I told you when I was down there Thanking that I would write a line or so if I ever got time, and think that there's a chance now to make a start, even though I can't perhaps finish at this sitting—or rather lying, as I'm in a bunk writing on my 'tittle box."

To Stop Indigestion in Five Minutes

Some Common-Sense Advice.
Pain in the stomach after eating indigestion, dyspepsia, flatulence, gas, etc., are almost invariably due to acidity and food fermentation. To attempt to cure the trouble by using digestive powders and pills or dandelion drugs is like trying to relieve a wound from a splinter of glass by applying ointment without first removing the glass. In such cases the cause remains and the trouble gets worse. The common sense thing to do when your stomach hurts is to remove the acid and stop the fermentation by means of a simple antacid or neutralizer such as Rennie, which can be obtained of any druggist in either powder or tablet form. A teaspoonful of Rennie Powder or two or three of the tablets taken in half a glass of hot water after eating, instantly neutralizes the acid, stops food fermentation, and thus enables the most confirmed dyspeptic to enjoy the heartiest meals without the slightest pain or inconvenience. Try this simple plan at once and forget that you ever had a stomach.

we were going out after night, and when they once got to sleep they managed all right. It was fine, though, the next morning, and we had good weather to Frisco. Don't know if that's the usual thing for the Pacific at this time of year or not, but it was. Only took us till Monday morning, January 21, to make that quiet little town. We got our liberty about 1 o'clock and most of went ashore to get something to eat—hadn't been feeding as good as we were used to so we were a bit hungry.

Alien Enemies Aboard

"I have started writing this about a dozen times and expect it will be many more than that before it's finished as it is one thing after another here."

Weather Grows Warmer

"Began to get hot, too—too hot to sleep below decks, so we would take blankets and go up on top—nice and cool where the breeze struck."

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ed like it anyway—big fellows, perhaps two feet or more across the back.

"I think we were all wrong as to how the city at the entrance of the canal should look. It was entirely different from what I had expected—no modern, everything, peculiar shaped and colored islands in the bay (Panama bay) and pelicans in flocks, a few albatross way up in the air—seems like this is their home country."

"I can't explain the entrance to Balboa. I know we came in by a bunch of little round knobs of islands all connected by a stone dike for a railroad track. I suppose the hills were all fortified, though one couldn't see any sign of the guns."

"First impression of the country was how beautiful! though so peculiar to one used to long high mountains. All their hills were so small and like little warts, just round knobs covered with vegetation, here and there a palm. All the rest of the trees were all fortified, though one couldn't see any sign of the guns."

"Well, we docked the afternoon of the 31st, I think. Must have been that day, and got liberty in the evening. That was almost disastrous, as it's only five minutes' ride from U. S. Balboa to the city of Panama, and we don't control that town. We

didn't stop in Balboa, but on to the other city. Very few of us go much farther than just over the U. S. line. There lies "Cococa Grove," peculiar name—and a peculiar place, as it's the line between two civilizations you can imagine what I don't tell you. It's really the outskirts of Panama City—lies between the Chinese cemetery and the city.

"In any foreign country I think we've not barred from the saloons—at least so it was there. This place had two main streets, one at right angles to the other. (Might call them alleys, only they are as wide as any other street in the city). Every place on the two streets, about six blocks in all, is a saloon. Believe me, in about two hours every one was on the road to a saloon's paradise. Beer was 10 cents gold—that was U. S. money, though the boys I was with ran into a soldier from their home town and it dropped to a nickel. They had been here for three years."

Don't Eat United States

"The whole city of Balboa is modern, the streets wide with lawns and fine houses—all government property of course with screen porches across the front. Has a fine Y. M. C. A., though one couldn't tell it was a Y. M. C. A. as it is full of both men and women. Great pool to swim in. We took a dip for an hour in salt water on our way to the city. My impressions of the Panama are rather vague as I saw all in the dark. The streets are all narrow with the exception of Central avenue. It is almost as wide as a Portland street. The buildings, I mean the main ones, are glorious—extremely. The architecture is Spanish to be sure, and a relief to northern eyes. Beautiful cathedral and other buildings, several little plazas filled with little plants and trees. My only disappointment was eating. They don't eat United States. Seem to be afraid one will overeat, and the prices are high—but that's no object to a sailor. Fruit is much more expensive than I had expected. It cost an American dollar for a bunch of their wild bananas, and coconuts were a dime. There was no advantage in our money being worth twice theirs."

"Sorry we didn't get to see Old Town, the one Morgan destroyed years ago. It is ten miles out from the present one."

Start Through Canal Made

"Saturday morning we started into the canal. The big ditch was different from anything I had ever seen. Can't remember much about it. Seems to be one stretch of little round hills all the way, with the exception of the big cut, and we were at quarters when we went through there. Just got a glimpse of the scars where the slides had been and wonder what keeps it from doing the same thing over again. If I were in charge I would move the hill back over on the other side of another one. Took us all day to get through, or nearly that long. The lake is a peculiar place. Must be quite a bit of backwater in it as the islands along the course look as if they were made that way by the water rising. Quite a little by the water on our logs and several houses. Takes quite a number of workmen to get a ship through, and the little electric engines—funny little things—don't look like engines at all. Big cog wheel in the center does the pulling."

"O, yes! I got transferred to the canal zone, but got out of it. Could not myself after a few months there. Would be absolutely worthless. The white people don't run with the sailors, I think. Didn't see any of them there at least. The 'eck' told me I was too delicate for the outfit when I ask off the transfer. I told him I didn't think I could stand the ill mate."

Weather Rough at Sea

"Weather got rough as soon as we hit the sea again. Was that way all Saturday night and Sunday. Got my 'antifolia' for a little while. Heaved a bit and then felt fine. The ship is right in the peak of the sea, but the ship jumping so makes it rather rough riding there. Calm again Monday and rough on Tuesday, but we had gotten used to it by then."

"Got into Charleston, S. C., Wednesday, but didn't get any liberty. Unloaded all our alien enemies there with the baggage. Would like to have looked the town over, but what we could see from the ship didn't look any too good. This trip will take in about 10,000 miles of ocean. Some trip, isn't it. That includes side trips and the different circles we've turned. The first two days, you know, were nothing else."

"Think we make New York City in the morning. Wonder what will happen then. None of us knows where we are bound for or anything of the sort, though we expect a ship of some sort, probably a transport as soon as we land. May get a chance to write a bit about my impressions of the big village. If not, I'll see you again some day."

Gotham Looks Small

"February 10. We are alongside a dock in Hoboken, N. J. Came into the harbor yesterday a. m., but didn't get out of the stream till this morning. Saw the lady with the candle in one hand, and Lord only knows, what's in the other. Thought it was larger than it is. Can't seem to see the largeness of New York. Saw all the big buildings as we came in, but they seem small. Going ashore sometime, maybe, today."

"Leave here for Philadelphia some time tomorrow. Don't know how long for there, but hope it's long enough to get a payday and see the country."

Ford Car Owners Engaged in Business of Insurance

In an opinion written for State Insurance Commissioner Wells, Attorney General Brown holds that the Ford Car Owners' Protective association is engaged in the business of insurance and that it is under the insurance commissioner. The opinion holds that the association comes within the provisions of Chapter 263, Laws of 1917, and that the insurance commissioner is not exceeding his authority in attempting to require the association to be conducted in the manner provided by law for the conduct of an insurance business.

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NEEDHAM HAS UNIQUE PLANT

Dehydration System Is Invention of Salem Man and Proves Successful

By W. C. COWGILL.

Very few Salemites are aware of the fact that an inventor lives in Salem who has had a dehydrating plant in operation part of the season for almost three years, but it has been used in the past, commercially speaking, for drying hops.

Down at his residence, 967 Leslie street, F. E. Needham has a small dehydrating plant, and there he has experimented in the dehydrating of various kinds of vegetables and fruits, with but one verdict from the experts who have tested his method, government men, as well as Professor Bars of Oregon Agricultural college, who now has in his possession the college in Corvallis complete blue prints in anticipation of the time when congress shall make an appropriation of \$250,000, which will be available for use by all land grant colleges in the union for the establishment of dehydrating plants in their experimental departments.

And when the bill does go through, Professor Bars thinks so much of the Needham plant that he will have erected such a plant with the college share of the government money.

You will get a better understanding of the distinctive feature of the Needham system if you will step out onto your lawn and watch your revolving lawn sprinkler, see those small arms, tiny affairs, which keep revolving round and round, while the water spurts through the little tubes, throwing a fine spray all over your lawn within a certain radius.

Now Mr. Needham's large plant is situated a short distance from the city where he has been using it in the past for drying hops in a yard in which he has an interest.

Beneath the main building is an excavation in which is situated the large centrifugal fan which shoots air drawn from a furnace situated at a distance from the main building, heated to 140 to 160 degrees through a system of tubes emanating from a central pipe affixed to it on exactly the same principle as your small lawn sprinkler. The ends of these arms or tubes are at an angle of forty five degrees, forcing the heated air to every corner of the building; being thrown back from the walls to the center and this super-heated stream of air goes upwards—its natural course—and passes beneath the waiting trays of vegetables or fruits. Each one of these tubes, or revolving pipes, is eighteen inches shorter than the other, so that as they revolve rapidly every inch of space is covered.

This system has a wonderful advantage over the old natural draft system in common use all over the world in the drying of fruits and vegetables or hops. First, that it entirely eliminates all danger of fires; second, insurance is reduced 40 per cent; third, it cuts the time required for drying to one-third, thereby saving two-thirds the amount of fuel, and cost of operation; fourth, the buildings are much lower, making a saving in material for construction, and eliminating any elevation of products to be dried fifth, a direct force upwards, the natural course for heated air, and even distribution over every square inch of surface at the same velocity.

Mr. Needham says that with a few necessary changes in his plan, which is now located a short distance south of the city at a hop yard, and at very little expense, in the matter of fitting in new trays for the use of treating vegetables and fruit, he will be in shape the coming season for handling custom work for growers or buyers and might try for some government contracts.

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