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East Coast of Luzen.

March 26, 1911. Anchored off East Coast of Luzon Island. A day of rest for everyone except the running boat crew. Bayers has two bars from today so you had better keep your eyes open. Raining most of the day. There is considerable speculation as to what really did happen to that shot gun.

March 27. Quarters for muster, which is needless as it is hardly probable that there will be any absentees while we lie here. The smile that wont come off is on the Albany for we leave tomorrow for Olongapo. The cocoanut palms will be sorry to see us leave for we have relieved them of some of their burden.

March 28. Underway at 9:30 at speed of 10 knots. Fifteen days away from civilization is an awful long time but if we can get to Subig, things will be alright after eating some ice cream and drinking lemonade.

March 29. Passed through several tide rips during morning. Barometer fell rapidly in the afternoon and everything about the decks was secured for heavy weather but nothing more than a fresh gale and moderate swell showed up. The chow line was somewhat reduced at supper as a result of the "typhoon."

March 30 Muster and General quarters in the morning. Anchored off Olongapo at 3:00 p. m The Saratoga got underway and stood out at 7:00 a. m. returning to anchor at 9:30 Received 12 bags of mail from the States

March 31. Ensigns Wallace, Jones, Owen, Midshipman Parsons, and Gunner Wittman went on board the Saratoga as observers. W. E. Enterline, (Blksmth.) reported on board for duty from the Saratoga. "Sails" Sensen, (S.M.M.) and "Red" Holden, (El.3cl.) returned from the hospital.

April 1. Baxters Cadets put it over Slatts White Sox in a fast game of ball by a score of 9 to 7. Features: Home run by Schilling and good work of all players. Water lighter came alongside. U. S. S. General Alava stood out for Cavite. 9

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Olongapo, P. I.

April 2, 1911. Played a game of ball with the Olongapo Marines, winning by a score of 5 - 4. Sent the New Orleans a four and a half inch wire hawser for towing purposes. Several changes in details are noticeable, one of them being the advent of "Freddy" Good on the signal force.

- April 3. Received P. S. Wandell (M.M.2cl.) from the hospital and J Power, (C W.T.) from the Mohican. At noon the Naval Station fired 13 minute guns in respect to the memory of the late Rear Admiral Sperry Received stores on board. Transferred J. Dahlin, (Cox) to the Wompatuck.
- April 4. Underway at 8:30 a.m. to accompany the Saratoga while firing at Divisional Practice. On the return trip from the range the two ships had a race, the Albany coming into Olongapo 8 miles ahead of the Saratoga on this 25 mile course Had swimming in the afternoon. The New Orleans stood out for Cavite.
- April 5. Received E. H. Kimball, Bugler, and A. B. Bishop (O.S.) from the Naval Hospital. J. A. Gontier, (C.M.M.) was honorably discharged. Transferred two men to the hospital. This is our regular day for pay, but Uncle Sam will not be around until tomorrow.
- April 6. Underway at 12:15 a. m. and anchored off Cavite at 6:55 a. m. Paymaster brought \$9,000 gold aboard and paid but this did not create half the excitement that "Bill" Hardy did when he came aboard with a fine Victor Phonograph and several hundred records. Peceived two sacks of mail from the States. Fired 13 gun salute in honor of Rear Admiral Mertz. On account of the Monterey being at sea the boat race between that ship and the Saratoga was not pulled.
- April 7. Underway at 8:00 a.m. making practice runs with the torpedo boats preparatory to their target practice. Anchored at 12:20. Liberty granted special first class men. Transferred "Dippy" Ward to the Dale.
- April 8. P. A. Surgeon, M. H. Ames, U. S. N., reported on board for temporary duty. T. P. Byram, (Yeo.lcl) C. R. Rockwell, (El. lcl.) and J. Grisholm, (Cox.) reported on board for duty. Transferred 30 "1911" men to the Naval Station where they will await further transfer by transport to the States. The majority of these men have been on board the Albany for three years or more, and will be greatly missed by those who have been shipmates with them.

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Cavite, P. I.

April 9, 1911. The coming race between the Saratoga's race boat and that of the Monterey's is causing considerable interest to be displayed aboard this ship. Some of our shipmates have a few pesos which they will doubtless wager.

April 10. Ensign D. H. McGuire reported on board for duty from the Paragua. Received three men from the Monterey. Underway at 6:00 a. m. acting as masking ship for the torpedo boat battle practice, anchoring shortly before noon. This completes all our practice in Manila bay for this spring, a fact which we all appreciate.

April 11. Two coal lighters alongside in the morning but we knew it was to furnish steam until our arrival at Yokohama, consequently the lighters were empty at 3:00 p. m. with 550 tons aboard Received 30 ordinary seamen and coal passers from she Naval Station.

April 12. The Monterey's race boat crossed the line 40 boat lengths ahead of the Saratoga's this morning, giving the Monterey first place in the fleet. Received L. Nemeck, Cox., and P. F. Holman, Cox., from the Monterey also J. J. Prendergast from Canacao. The two former men were members of the Monterey's race boat crew, so our boat will probably take second place if we can get another race with the Saratoga.

April 13. A. J. Gontier, C. M. M. re-enlisted on board. Received F. C. David, C. P. from Canacao. Took small arm ammunition aboard. Transferred three men to the Independence via transport, and two to Canacao. P. H. Osuk, H.App. and O. A. Sidener, H.App. reported on board for duty. Underway at 10 p. m. bound for Hongkong China. No doubt the Phillipines are alright but they look much better when the distance between them and the ship is increasing.

April 14. All hands donned jumpers this morning for we have left the Phillipine sun, and cooler weather is noticeable. Fveryone was vaccinated. Making 12 knots in a smooth calm sea.

April 15. Held fleet maneuvers in the afternoon while the bridge force had signal drill. A heavy rolling sea is making some of the new-comers somewhat uncomfortable. Never mind Ford, after you have stood the quarter-deck tast for three evenings you will feel much better.

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Heagkong, China.

April 16, 1911. Steamed into Hongkong and anchored to Harbor Buoy No. 1 at 8:55 a.m. Distance from Cavite, P. I., 630 miles. Regular liberty was not granted, but 25 of the "good" men were permitted to go ashore. Several English Mes-of-war in the bay. The U. S. S. Wilmington and H. M. S. Tamar seem to be just where we left them last fall. "Slop Chute Mary" is on the job with her beaming smile.

April 17. The Saratoga fired a national salute to Hongkong Province and 13 guns to H. M. S. Tamar. After these had been answered, the Wilmington fired a 13 gun salute to Rear Admiral Hubbard, which was returned by the flagship. The silk and jewelry dealers were on the job bright and early, displaying their wares. Regular liberty granted.

April 18. Transferred 16 men to the Callao and received 15 from that ship. "Ike" Weston, M. A. A. Icl., transferred to the Wilmington and P. J. Henerickson, M. A. A. 3cl., received. Several thousand dollars, (Hongkong Currency.) was brought aboard by the Paymaster.

April 19. C. L. Stewart, H. Std., reported on board from the Callao. Laundry women came aboard, a fact which the officers and C. P. O's. appreciated.

April 20. Transferred two men to the Wilmington Scraped the propellers. Our new motor launch was given a try out and ran as if she knew her business from A to Z. She is a valuable addition to the ship for she will save quite a few strokes and the steamers crew will get some rest.

April 21. Peceived 5 men from the Wilmington. The "Limy Soilors" have found us to be the same jolly bunch as on the other visit.

April 22. The passage way by the pay and engineering offices has taken on the appearance of a young Chinatown since our arrival in Hongkong. Varnado had the misfortune of running into one of Brown & Co'. human sledge hammers about midnight which caused a short circuit in his left searchlight. The hammer was demolished.

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Hongkong, China.

April 23, 1911. All vaccinations were inspected by the Medical Officer; Some of us will hardly need another vaccination for quite a while. Chief Boatswain Webb tells the bugler; "Call away the Nancy Jane" and in about twenty minutes the Chug-Chug of the motor launch can be heard. H. M. S. Minatour entered the harbor.

April 24. The Wilmington returned from Canton with the Commander-in-Chief. Unmoored ship at 1:50 p.m. and stood out of Hongkong harbor headed for Nagasaki, Japan. Midshipman H. E. Parsons took the oath as an Ensign.

April 25. Clear and cool with a smooth sea. Set clocks back 4 minutes. Passed a fleet of fishing junks. Fighty-two men were received aboard the Albany during April.

April 26. Passing through heavy fog with the whistles blowing at short intervals. A fresh gale sprung up at 5:00 a. m., and everything around the decks was secured for heavy weather. The gale continued throughout the day, causing a number of individual distress signals to be hoisted. Sliding across the berth deck seems to be a fad with the mess gear.

April 27. Set clocks ahead 15 minutes. General quarters in the forenoon. Myers has discovered that there is no fun in being sick and sea-sick at the same time. Beverage says sea-sickness is just a little too much for him so he refuses to carry the burden.

April 28. At 9:09 a. m. sighted the "Land of Rising Sun" and at 12:10 p. m. moored to buoy No. 9 in Nagasaki Horbor. Distance from Hongkong, 1080 miles. The Saratoga fired a seven gun salute to the American Consul

April 29. There is not much money on board but quite a few are taking advantage of regular liberty. Base ball team went ashore for practice.

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Nagasaki, Japan.

April 30 1911. The French Cruiser "Dupleix" stood in flying a Rear Admiral's flag. Church service on board in the forenoon. Base ball game in the afternoon with the Nagasaki Medical College, resulting in a score of 10 - 2 in our favor.

- May 1. P. A. Surgeon M. H. Ames was detached and ordered to the Helena for duty. Beat the Nagasaki Military School in a ball game by score of 13 to 2.
- May 2. Our Captain made an official call upon the Admiral and Commanding Officer of the Cruiser "Dupleix," which was returned by the Captain of that vessel. Liberty granted to petty officers until 10:00 p. m. Took the second game of ball from Nagasaki Military School by a score of 4 - 2.
- May 3. Underway at 7:00 a. m., at speed of twelve knots. Fire, Collision, and abandon ship drill in the moraing. Bag inspection in afternoon.
- May 4. At 9:00 a. m., the Fleet commenced a full power speed test. The New Orleans was 4,000 yards ahead of us at the beginning but we caught her in short order and at the end of the test (1:00 p. m.) she was below the horizon astern of us. The Saratoga made slow time, coming in third. Formed column at 3:00 p. m., and continued course up the Fast Coast of Japan. During the test the Albany made an average of 20.3 knots.
- May 5. Passed several steamers and sighted familiar scenes during the morning. At 1:20 p. m., anchored off Yokohama breakwater. Distance from Nagasaki 717 miles. The steamer Korea stood in with mail from the States. Liberty granted to petty officers.
- May 6. Paymaster Kutz brought 35,000.00 Yen aboard and all hands were paid. Starboard watch left ship on 48 hours liberty. Our base ball team was defeated by the Yokohama University in a ten inning game by score of 3 2. Never mind fellows, they can't do it again.

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Yokohama, Japan.

May 7, 1911. Anonymus letter writing seems to have a bad effect on Speakman and Duesler. Base ball team went ashore for practice.

May 8. Transferred C. W. Bentley, (C. P.) and J. S. Moore, (O. S.) to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Yokohama.

May 9. The Steamer Mongolia stood in from Hongkong. Sent party of men ashore to tally coal while it is being put in the lighters.

May 10. Four coal lighters alongside at daybreak with 480 tons aboard. Had them empty at 3:00 p. m. The scuttlebutt failed to furnish enough wet goods, so some of the boys invested in Japanese watered stock, made especially for sailors. As a result, the little compartment foreward of the chain locker had several over night visitors.

May 11. Lieutenant W. F. Osborne, Jr. reported on board for duty as Executive Officer. Field day.

May 12. Lieutenant Osborne assumed the duties of Executive Officer and Lieutenant Baum relieved Ensign Wallace as Navigator and Ordnance Officer. In the sixth inning of a ball game with the C. M. C. team of Yokohama, the catcher of the opposing team had his leg broken. The game was called with the score 4 - 1 in our favor.

May 13. The Captain inspected the ship and crew. The injury received by the Japanese catcher has developed into a compound fracture, and on account of his family being in poor financial circumstances, a collection will be taken for his benefit. "Cy" Young has charge and any amount given will be greatly appreciated.

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May 21, 1911. Church service on board in forenoon, also sent a party ashore to attend service. Our ball team slipped a 4 - 2 score over the Yokohama Tigers in a closely contested game.

- May 22. Received Commissary stores aboard. No Queenie, of course you haven't heard of the Albany lately, for you are not in our class. The last speed test and target practice exposed you to our satisfaction, so why don't you do away with those old bones and get something new?
- May 23. The Fleet Minstrel troupe is meeting every day for practice on board the flagship. Notable among those from this ship is the smiling countenance of "Hans" Kreiger, which, in itself, is an assurance of a good show.
- May 24. The bum-boat people must of heard some good news about pry-day for they are doing rushing business with pencil and paper. Fire and collision drill in forenoon. I. Patterson, one of "Fritz" Viller's converts, was rated guener's mate and W. F. Frass rated coxswain.
- May 25. Five Japanese battleships stood in; the usual salutes were fired.
- May 26. Cleaning and painting ship for Saturday inspection. Big Dr. Baxter and Dr. Little Baxter, with their assistants, Messrs. Cseik and Thompson, put a coat of shellac on the sick bay deck. Wonder what this aggregation will do next. Ispanese battleship and torpedo boat stood in.
- May 27. The U. S. S. Supply stood in and anchored. The Japanese Fleet went out side the harbor to hold maneuvers and celebrate the anniversary of their victory in the late war. The Waseda ball team won from us 9 0. Ten games played in Japan of which we won eight, is a fine record; of course we do not expect to win everything. Received mail from the States.

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Yokohama, Japan.

May 28, 1911. Several Japanese Wardroom Officers called on our Officers. Sampson and Good, two of our featherweights, were the center of attraction for a few minutes during the evening when they gave a one-round exhibition. "Jew" Morrison acted as referee, but owing to his timidity, (not fear) no dicision has been announced.

- May 29 Transferred Ah Lum, a talking machine in disguise to the Yokohama Hospital. Lavray was rated M. A. A. and for his sake it is hoped that there will be no more out-of-hours hicky smoking. The Minstrel Troupe composed of Officers and men of the Fleet gave a very successful show on the Saratoga's foc sle. A number of Japanese Officers and men from the Japanese Fleet were present, also several Americans from shore.
- May 30. H. I. J. M. S. Satsuma, Asaki, Kashima, Hizeu, and Ibuki stood out of habor. Fired the National salute et noon and sent a party of men ashore to attend memorial services at the U. S. Naval Hospital.
- May 31. Fire, collision, and abandon ship drill in forenoon. Special first class liberty granted. A few of our shipmates have put in requests for transfer to the Supply. Like many others who have left the Albany, they will only want to come back before many days pass.
- June I. General Quarters in forenoon. A photograph of the Ship's company was taken in the afternoon. Paymaster Kutz returned aboard with 32,000 Yen.
- June 2. The Pacific Mail Steamer "Manchuria" stood in. Received two bags of mail from the States. John Yung, (M. Att.) was honorably discharged.
- June 3. The Saratoga went inside the breakwater and moored to the pier. This is the first time in Yokohama history that a foreign man-of-war was allowed that privilege. Received the following men from the U. S. S. Supply, A. E. Carlisle, (O.S.) M. Walker (F.Ic.) F. R. Fuller (C.P.) and J. A. Winters (C.P.). Defeated the Waseda ball team, 2-1.

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Yokohama, Japan.

June 4, 1911. Uniform changed to whites. The Saratoga left the dock and returned to anchorage outside the breakwater. Received J. W. Moore, (O.S.) from the Hospital and J. J. Dermody, (Cox.) from the Supply. Pay day for all hands.

- June 5. The New Orleans stood out for Kobe. Transferred one man to the Supply. Several "Come Seven" men were caught in the act, on the foc'sle, as a result of pay day. They will hardly have so much money next month.
- June 6. The New Orleans would like to know why the Albany does not answer the "Scorching write-up" our ball team received in one of the Yokohama papers when Waseda made a 9 0 score. We did answer it by defeating Waseda by a score of 2 1, but the "Subsidized Press" did not mention the game.
- June 7. Fire and collision drill, also bag inspection. "Hank" Myers has moved his office from amidships to the bridge; we are glad to note this change for he is an efficient and accommodating signalman and will be of great assistance to those poor overworked boys on the bridge.
- June 8. General quarters in forenoon. Heavy rain with lightning and thunder in the evening. While making her afternoon trip ashore, the motor launch lost her propeller, this is only the third since she went in commission.
- June 9. Transferred one man to the Hospital and received the following: P. Ford, (C.M.M.) A. J. Frank, F.2cl.) and C. W. Bentley, (C.P.).
- June 10. Underway at 10:00 a. m. for Kobe, Japan, at speed of 12 knots. On this date four years ago, the Albany was placed in commission at the Pudget Sound, Navy Yard. The following men who helped put her in are still on board; D. Peterson, C. B. M., T. Arnold, C. M. M., A. Waldron, Ch. Yeo., J. Hayden, G. M. Icl., G. W. Kershner, G. M. Icl., C. A. J. McDermid, G. M. Icl., F. C. Newell, G. M. 1cl., M. O.Bye, G. M. Icl., I. O. Arthur, Bkr. Icl., W. F. Coffee, Q. M.2cl., C. L. Frazer, Oiler., A. Trent, Cox., J. Smith, Sea., and Jue Yep, C. Std.

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Enroute from Yokohama to Kobe, Japan.

June 11, 1911. Passed a Japanese Navy Yard in forenoon, and at 2:00 p. m., passed through Tamagashima Suido. Came to anchor off Kobe, Japan, at 5:15 p. m. Distance from Yokohama 360 miles.

- June 12. The American Consul called upon our Captain and upon his departure from the ship, a salute of seven guns was fired. Served out clean bags. Boat drill in the afternoon.
- June 13. Regular liberty granted. Our ball team defeated the Kuansei Gaquin School of Kobe by score of 7 - 1.
- June 14. Hoisted the Admiral's flag at 8:00 a.m. From the reports made by some of yesterday's liberty party, Kobe is not as much of a Sailor's home as Yokohama.
- June 15. The Collier Abarenda stood in with stores for the Fleet. Received mail from the States.
- June 16. The Abarenda came alongside in the morning. Took stores and ammunition aboard. One of our brave Sailors covered himself with glory last night during the storm when our steam launch ran afoul of the S. S. Atholl, by making a more hasty than dignified getaway and crawling up the anchor chain and through the hawse pipe. After washing him off with the deck hose he was put to bed to get over his fright, and returned to the ship this morning in a somewhat dazed condition. The question now is, what did he do with our mail?
- June 17. The Abarenda came alongside again this morning and all hands went to work with a will. Those black diamonds were certainly in the rough alright but we managed to take on 421 tons. The base ball team left the ship at noon for Kyoto. Word was received that they defeated the Doshisha team in the afternoon by a score of 9 5.

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Kobe, Japan.

June 18, 1911. Cleaning and painting ship after our coaling yesterday. Abarenda went alongside the New Orleans in the morning. Barber Mixon has decided to give strickly regulation hair cuts whether called for or not. Nocetti happened to be one of the first in the chair and is very sad over the loss of his locks.

- June 19. Another storm made it's appearance during the night causing the liberty party to remain on shore a few hours overtime. Broken sampans and gear were floating over the bay and life-saving tugs were picking up men and boats during the morning.
- June 20. Landing force with general quarters in forenoon. The motor launch looks almost as dangerous as a Chinese gunboat when she is rigged out for action. The New Orleans left for Yokohama.
- June 21. Shifted to the New Orlean's berth at 5:20 a.m. A Good Conduct medal was delivered to D. Ahern, (W. T.) at morning quarters. Japanese Cruiser Takiwa stood in and exchanged a 13 gun salute with our flagship. 103 men attended a tea party given by the American Ladies of Kobe.
- June 22. Full dressed ship at 8:00 a. m., in honor of coronation of H. B. M. King George, V; fired 21 guns at noon. Special first class liberty granted until 10:00 p. m.
- June 23. Underway at 7:02 a. m. for Nagasaki, Japan via the Inland Sea. Although this is the second trip by this route for most of us, it will doubtless prove as interesting as the first. Passed a Japanese Cruiser at 2:30 p. m. She fired a 13 gun salute with American Ensign at fore which was answered gun for gun by the Saratoga, with the Japanese Ensign at her fore. Anchored at 7:55 for the night.
- June 24. Underway again at 4:05 a. m. Passed the Japanese Cruisers Azuma and Chiyida. Anchored off Miyajima at 8:13 a. m. Special first class liberty granted from 12:30 to 4:00 p. m. Miyajima is one of the three most beautiful and picturesque places in Japan. Underway at 4:30 p. m. The New Orleans thinks maybe we will challenge them for a game of football some day. Wonder what they would do for uniforms if we did challenge them.

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Inland Sea of Japan.

June 25, 1911. Anchored at 12:30 a.m. and underway at 4:30 to compensate compasses. Anchored again at 12:40 p.m. and underway at 4:35. Passed through the Shimonoseki Straits which varies from one to four miles in width. The shore is lined with small villages and fortifications can be seen on the hill tops. Stopped at 6:42 when the Saratoga discharged the pilot.

- June 26. At 11:15 a. m., moored to buoy No. 6 in Nagasaki harbor. Distance from Kobe, 496 miles. Regular liberty granted. "Jack" Hayden, G. M. 1c., was honorably discharged from the service.
- June 27. The Pacific Mail Steamer Mongolia stood in with mail from the States. Ford was on the job as usual and did not keep us waiting very long for "The" letter. Jack Hayden re-enlisted and will be at home on the fo'c'sle to his shipmates until 1915.
- June 28. Underway at 7:00 a. m., for Tsingtau, China at a speed of 11 knots. Fire and collision drill. Word was received that the body of A. Root, (G. M.3cl.) had been found on the beach in Yokohama. Root has been missing from this vessel since May 2d and when found showed evidence of having been murdered and sunk in the bay with weights. A firing squad from the New Orleans attended the funeral which was held in Yokohama.
- June 29. Enjoying fine weather, a calm sea, and putting 11 knots on the credit side every hour. Set the clocks back 49 minutes and there was some grumbling from those who had to stand that long 4-49 watch. Swung ship for compass deviations.
- June 30. Passed Chalientau Island at 5:05 a.m. Set clocks back 11 minutes. At 8:45 a.m. anchored off Tsingtau, China. Distance from Nagasaki, 528 miles. Usual salute fired. Had night general quarters. Our Captain, with the Commander-in-Chief, called officially on the Governor of Tsingtau. H. M. S. Alacrity and Minotaur stood out.
- July 1. The Commanding Officer of the German Gunboat Jaguar called officially on our Captain. No liberty has been granted and those who went at 1:00 p. m. were brought back at 4:00 under the tender care of "Cy" Young.

PORT INFORMATION SERIES

AMOY, CHINA

Amoy is one of the chief commercial ports of China, and next to Canton is the principal point from where Chinese coolie labor is shipped to all parts of the world. It is situated in the province of Fuh-Kien, on the S' W. corner of the Island of Amoy, or Haimun, and at the mouth of the river on which stands the large city of Chang-Chow-Foo. The city of Amoy was the scene of trade with western nations at a very early date, being visited by the Portuguese in 1544. In 1730 trade was prohibited with foreigners at all ports except Canton, but an exception was made in favor of the Spanish, who were also permitted to trade with Amoy. It was captured by the British on August 26, 1841, during the first of the so-called "Opium Wars". Owing to the many hills enclosing the harbor being so well adapted for defence the town was thought to be impregnable, especially so as its natural advantages were reinforced by batteries containing over 500 guns. The Chinese held their position in the face of a hevy bombardment by the British fleet and only retreated when they found their rear threatened by a large landing party. Some of the officers, however, preferring death to surrender, committed suicide, one of them being seen to walk calmly into the sea and drown himself in sight of both armies.

During the late rebellion against Manchu rule Amoy was taken by the "rebels', with very little trouble, the southern Chinese all being very ardent Republicans.

Kulang-seu Island, the International settlement, containing the residences and consulates of the Europeans of the port, is seperated from the Island, of Amoy by a channel between 400 to 700 yards wide. This island is approximately one mile square, and seen from the outer harbor appears as a huge granite boulder pile. The settlement of Kulang-seu manages its own affairs under an annually elected municipal council whose regulations and by-laws are subject to the approval of the Chinese Government and the foreign ministers at Peking.

The chief articles of export are tea, sugar, porcelains, silks and paper. In 1904 the value of the imports amouted to over ten million dollars (gold), and the exports to nearly five millions.

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R. L. Varnado, Editor.

Tsingtau, China.

July 2, 1911. Preparations are being made to spend a "Glorious Fourth" this year. The Commander-in-Chief has changed our sailing orders from the third to the fifth. Regular liberty granted.

July 3. Paymaster brought 25,000 Mexican dollars aboard and all hands were paid. A large liberty party went ashore to take in the sights. A party of German sailors came aboard in the afternoon and as quite a number of our shipmates can speak

German, they had no trouble in becoming acquainted.

July 4. Full dressed ship at 8:00 a. m. and fired the National Salute of 21 guns at noon. A visiting party of 150 men from the German men-of-war came on board to spend the day. Sports and races were indulged in before and after noon, prizes of from one to ten dollars being given winners. Special first class liberty granted until 8:00 p. m. All the English men-of-war left several days ago so the Revolutionary war is not likely to be fought again.

July 5. Underway at 6:00 a. m. at speed of eleven knots. There is quite a bunch of Mex. on board and all hands regret very much that they could not stay in Tsingtau long enough to

get rid of it.

July 6. Anchored in Chefoo bay at 7:06 a.m. The Saratoga fired 21 guns with the Chinese ensign at the Main. which was answered by the Chinese gunboat Fei Ying with the American ensign at Main. Distance from Tsingtau 243 miles.

July 7 A whale boat race between the Albany and Saratoga resulted in a victory for the latter by less than half a length. They win alright but they nead the money as a reminder of that Monterey race boat and crew, Boat drill under sails in the afernoon.

July 8. The Commanding Officer inspected the ship and crew. No liberty has been granted in Chefoo but after small arms target practice they will probabaly let us go over and see the town. Let us hope so anyway. The New Orleans Rough Log says they had chicken for dinner on June 25th. Who wants to go to the "Queen of the Seas" from the Albany? Nobody. We get chicken every Sunday but still we don't crow about it,

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Chefoo, China.

July 9, 1911. Church service on board in the forenoon by American Missionaries. Life on board a man-of-war in Chefoo Harbor is quite a contast to that in Tsingtau, a fellow feels as if he is only existing to read, eat and sleep on Sundays.

- July 10. A working party went to Wisconsin Island to prepare a small arm target range. The New Orleans stood in and anchored. Received H. Osborne, (Ch. El.) and C. P. Stuart, (Sea.) from the Yokohama Hospital.
- July 11. The Commanding Officer of the New Orleans called officially on our Captain. Firing began in earnest today when 54 men went on the range in charge of Lieutenant Baum.
- July 12. Another party of men went on the range this morning. Overhauled the starboard chain.
- July 13. The Abarenda came alongside. Commenced coaling from her at 7:50 a.m., finishing at 5:17 p.m. with 397 tons taken on board. Transferred four men to the Abarenda.
- July 14. Cleaning ship after coaling and preparing for Captains inspection. Chefoo should be given a blue ribbon for her afternoon showers. They are almost as regular as clock work.
- July 15. Lieutenant Robinson inspected the crew and ship. Transferred P. H. Oseik H. App. Icl. to the U. S. Legation at Pekin, China. At 1:00 p. m. the Saratoga hauled down the flag of Rear Admiral Murdock and it was hoisted on the Albany.

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July 16. Special first class liberty granted from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Those who went ashore are not very favorably impressed with the town. Church service on board in forenoon.

- July 17. After a couple of days lay-off from firing, work was commenced again this morning. No drills or quarters on account of rain.
- July 18. At last we breathe a sigh of relief for the range was turned over to the New Orleans to-day. Some of our shipmates are wondering why bulkheads are not made sound proof so they can enjoy, undisturbed, a little game of "seven-eleven."
- July 19. Fire, collision and abandon ship drill. The Chefoo Signal Station men are right on the job when it comes to hoisting typhoon signals. An itinerary of the fleet was posted on the bulletin board this morning.
- July 20. Real Admiral Murdock's flag was hoisted on the flagship at 12:31 p.m., and hauled down on this ship. General quarters. A number of "Out of Uniform" men were at mast this morning; they will be initiated into the mysteries of the Stargazers club this evening.
- July 21. The Saratoga fixed a seven gun salute with the German ensign at the fore and another with the British ensign at the fore.
- July 22. The Commanding Officer inspected the crew at morning quarters. "Salute, uncover" was the order to each of the divisions. As a result, the barber did a rushing business during the remainder of the day. Special first class liberty granted until 6:00 p. m. 25

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Chefoo, China.

July 23:—Transferred G. W. Kirshner, G.M. 1c., to the "New Orleans." Now that small arm target practice is over with we will probably enjoy the remainder of this cruise. Special first-class liberty granted. After several days of hideand-seek with the clouds, old Sol came out in all his glory this morning much to the delight of all hands.

July 24:—The Chinese Cruiser "Hai Shen" stood in. The "Saratoga" fired a 15 gun salute in honor of the Chinese Vice-Admiral. An itinerary for this ship was posted on the bulletin board this morning. We will leave the fleet at Port Arthur and go to Nagasaki, then to Formosa and other Southern Japanese Island. There is some consolation in knowing that we will be alone.

July 25:—The Chinese Vice-Admiral called on our Captain. Fire quarters during the day is bad enough but when you awake at 10.00 p.m. to hear Kimball doing his best with the bugle it is not very pleasant.

July 26:—The British torpedo-boat "Janus" stood in and anchored, leaving at 10.00 a.m. Fire and collision drill at morning quarters.

July 27:—Calling Committee from the Chinese man-ofwar visited the Ward-room officers. The landing force went on Kentucky Island for practice, general quarters being held during their absence.

July 28:—At 11.00 a.m. all hands breathed a sign of relief when we saw Chefoo disappearing beyond the horizon. Aired bedding. Anchored off Wei Hai Wei, China, an English port, at 4.15 p.m. Distance from Chefoo, 40 miles. Usual salutes fired. The English men-of-war "Minotaur," "Flora," "Kent," "Astræa," "Monmouth," "Alacrity," and the Austrian man-of-war "Kaiser Franz Joseph I" are in the harbor.

July 29:—Captain's inspection. Overhauled the port anchor chain. Baseball team met defeat at the hands of the "Saratoga's" team, 21-14. Must have been a fast game. Several petty officers attended a canteen party given by the English sailors in honor of the men of the U.S. Fleet. All report a fine time.

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Wei Hai Wei, China.

July 30:—Church party went ashore in forenoon. Several first-class and C.P.O's attended a canteen party given in their honor by the English sailors.

July 31:—Underway at 8.00 a.m. Anchoring in the outer harbor of Dairen, Manchuria, 6.08 p.m. Distance from Wei Hai Wei 90 miles. Held night general quarters.

August 1:—The Commanding Officer of the Italian Cruiser "Calabria" called officially on our Captain. L. C. Bobbitt, our C. Std., who has a reputation for the excellence of food served the crew, was made a C.C. Std. to-day. The "Calabria" stood out to sea at 7.30 p.m.

August 2:—Shifted berth to inner harbor of Dairen. At morning quarters a letter of commendation from the Navy Dep't was read, saying that the "Albany" made 94% of the score made by the trophy winning ship at the last elementary practice. Regular liberty, the first in a month. Paymaster brought Yen 29,400 aboard. All hands were paid.

August 3:—General quarters in forenoon. Now that we have a few yen to spend nearly every one will take in the sights around Dairen. Several officers left the ship to visit Mukden and other points of interest in Mauchuria

August 4:—On this date one year ago the "Albany" sailed from Puget Sound for the Asiatic Station. During this time there has been one death, A. Root, G.M. 3c., who met foul play in Yokohama, and one desertion, a Chinese mess attendant in Hong Kong.

August 5:—The Commanding Officer made the regular weekly inspection. With her modern street railway, railroad, buildings and parks, Dairen gives one the impression of a thriving American city.

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Adgust 6:—Underway at 10.00 a.m. Took pilot aboard at 1.50 p.m. and entered inner harbor of Port Arthur, the "New Orleans" following. The "Saratoga" fired 21 guns with the Japanese ensign at the main which was answered gun for gun by the Japanese Cruiser "Satsueja" with the American ensign at the main.

August 7:—A sight-seeing party of 175 men left the ship at 7.00 a.m. equipped with canteens and haversacks to visit the battlefield and other places of interest near Port Arthur. All returned before night reporting an interesting trip but tired from climbing the hills.

August 8:—At 12.16 p.m. got underway for Nagasaki where we will meet the Collier Abarenda. Coal and stores will be taken aboard for a month's cruise. The Flagship and "New Orleans" remain in Port Arthur.

August 9:—Enjoying a smooth calm sea but the berth deck would make a close second to a bake oven in a race for heat. Had fire and collision drill in forenoon.

August 10:—Moored to buoy No. 6 in Nagasaki harbor at 6.00 p.m. and shortly after seven bags of mail were brought aboard. Distance from Port Arthur 601 miles. Boarding officer called on American Consul. General quarters in forenoon.

August 11:—Scraped propellers. Shifted berth to buoy No. 5. The American Consul called officially on the Captain; upon departure a salute of seven guns was fired. The Commanding Officer of Fortifications in Nagasaki called on the Captain and 9 guns were fired upon departure.

August 12:—At morning quarters the Captain inspected the crew and ship accompanied by Commander R. H. Jackson All hands marched aft at 1.45 p.m. Commander Williams read his orders detaching him from command of the "Albany" and ordering him home. Commander Jackson then read his orders directing him to take command. General liberty granted. A party of men left the ship to attend a tea party given by American missionaries at the Seamen's Home.

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Nagasaki, Japan.

Aug. 13:- At 10.35 A.M the Collier Abarenda was moored alongside. Took stores aboard until 3:00 P.M. then commenced coaling. Knocked off at 9:00 P.M. and after having lunch, turned in for a night's rest.

Aug. 14:- Continued coaling at 5:00 A.M. finishing at 8:45 with 362 tons of coal and 35 tons of stores taken aboard from the Abarenda. Cleaning ship during remainder of day.

The Captain called on the commanding officer of Nagasaki Fortifications.

Aug. 15:- Vice Consul C. Miller of Nagasaki came aboard to act as interpreter during our Luchu Island trip. Got underway at 10:05 A.M. and at 6:37 P.M. anchored off Tama No Ura, Goto Island, Distance from Nagasaki 74 miles. No drills owing to rough sea.

Aug. 16:- Served out clean bags. Fire and collision drill at morning quarters. Sailing and swimming parties out in the afternoon.

Aug. 17:- Weather warmer. Uniform "Undress whites without jumpers" in the afternoon. A large party were sent ashore for swimming instruction. McCabe can swim with one foot on bottom, and Fields is also making rapid progress.

Aug. 18:- First aid and Divisional drills. Quite a number of Japanese men, women, and children came aboard, their interest being divided between the guns and graphophone. Some were conspicuous for many colored costumes while others attracted attention owing to their lack of clothing.

Aug. 19:- Underway at 9:03 A.M. An awful commotion on deck proved, upon investigation, to be a man overboard (false alarm). The Commanding Officer made regular weekly inspection. Enjoying a calm sea and cool breezes. (29)

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Naze, Anami O Sima.

Aug. 20:- At 12:37 P.M. came to anchor off Naze Ko, Anami O Shima. Distance from Tama No Ura 275 miles. A small steamer stood in. J. F. Tingstrom, Sea., had his hand badly crushed while hoisting the sailing launch.

Aug. 21:- Abandon ship drill. The number of Japanese on board in the afternoon was estimated at 600. They showed

much interest and were very friendly.

Aug. 22:- Underway at 8:55 A.M. coming to anchor off Kuji Mura at 1:12 P.M. Distance from Naze Ko' 35 miles. Two Japanese Torpedo boats stood in and anchored. Our Captain received. an official call from the Commanding Officer of the Torpedo flotilla.

Aug. 23:- "Up anchor" at 9:00 A.M. Visited Satsukawa for a couple of hours, then underway again anchoring off Koniya at 5:00 P M. Distance from Kuji Mura 127 miles. The Japanese torpedo boats followed, coming to anchor shortly after the Albany, About 110 fishing boats went out into the Straits to fish.

Aug. 24:- General quarters in forenoon. Swimming over the side and on beach; also sent the beginners on the beach for instruction. Sailing parties out enjoying the fine weather.

Aug. 25:- General field day, cleaning and painting ship for tomorrow's inspection. A merchant steamer stood in and anchored. The Ward-room calling committee called on the Commanding Officer and Ward-room officers of the Japanese Flotilla.

Aug. 26- Regular weekly inspection by the Commanding Officer. Underway at 6:28 P.M. and hitting a rough sea immediately upon departure from harbor. The Torpedo boats accompanied us to the entrance, having courteously offered to do so by signal.

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Toguchi, O. Okinawa. Sima.

Aug. 27:- At 11:40 A M. came to anchor in Sesoko Byochi harbor. Distance from Koniya 66 miles. No drills but lots of swimming.

Aug. 28:- The Landing Force was fully equipped and embarked, taking a cruise around the ship. Eoat drill under

oars and sail in the afternoon.

Aug. 29:- Underway at 9:00 A.M. and the weather and sea were fine. The roll of the ship was logged at 21° and the pitch at 5° with waves 36 feet in height and 15° yards long. Anchored at 5:15 P.M. in Nagasuku Wan. Distance from Sosoko Byochi 65 miles. Vecred to 110 fathoms on port chain and let go the starboard anchor.

Aug. 30:- Went into sea watch at 11:30 A.M. and commenced turning over port engine, keeping head of ship to sea. Veered to 45 fathoms on starboard chain. The anchor buoy was carried away and lost. From 9. to 12 P.M. the wind blew from 70 to 80 miles velocity. No drills.

Aug. 31:- Storm still raging and engine turning over until 9:00 A.M. At 2:00 P.M. got underway and stood into anchorage off Yonabare. Two Japanese police officials called on the Captain. It was generally understood that mail awaited our arrival in this port but on account of the weather it was delayed.

Sept. 1:- Lieutenant E.S. Robinson received his commission as a Lieutenant and Carpenter J.G. McPherson received his warrant as a Carpenter in the U.S. Navy. The anchor buoy which was carried away during the storm was brought aboard by natives, having drifted on the beach.

Sept. 2:- Underway at 10:00 A.M. without having received any mail. Dropped anchor at 11:02 to test anchorage. Underway again at 11:19 and stood out of harbor. No inspection by Commanding Officer on account of heavy rain. (31)

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Port Cockurn, Nishi Amote, Sima.

Sept. 3:- Came to anchor at 4:-07 P.M. in harbor of Port Cockburn, Loo Choo Islands. Distance from Nagasuku wan, 110 miles. No drills. cool with passing showers during the day.

Sept. 4:- Set clocks back one hour. Exercised first cutter and sailing launch under sail. Divisional drill.

Sept. 5:- Underway at 8:00 A.M. All hands were paid their monthly money. Anchored at 7:50 P.M. in outer harbor of Keelung, Formosa. Distance from Port Cockburn 110 miles.

Sept. 6:- Underway at 5:35 A.M. and were piloted into inner harbor of Keelung where we moored, bow and stern. Received eight bags of mail from the States, the first since leaving Nagasaki. A committee of local officials called to welcome the ship, and better still, they had a lot of fruit for the crew. General liberty granted. The General Commander-in-chief called on our Captain.

Sept. 7:- General quarters. During our visit to Keelung the Taipeh railroad will give free transportation to Taihoko to all men in uniform wishing to make the trip.

Sept. 8:- Liberty parties are coming and going every day which makes it seem like old times. After 24 days of life on board the ship, nearly everyone is glad of the opportunity to go on the beach and take a little exercise.

Sept. 9:- Regular weekly inspection. The Civil Governor of Formosa called on the Commanding Officer About 150 visitors from ashore came aboard in the afternoon. The P.M. S.S. Manchuria stood in and anchored. (32)

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Keelung, Formosa.

Sept. 10:- Underway at 1:58 P.M. with pilot on board to see us safely out of harbor. Passed close alongside the Manchuria. Her passengers did the waving act but we hardly had the heart to answer for they are bound for the States while we are going still farther away.

Sept. 11:- At 8:23 A.M. fired the national Salute of 21 guns with Japanese Ensign at the Main which was answered by a shore battery with the U.S. Ensign hoisted. Moored to buoy No. 2 in the harbor of Makung, Pescadores Islands, at 8:55 A.M. Distance from Keelung, 190 miles. Usual salutes were fired.

Sept. 12:- Several official calls were made on the Captain by high Japanese Officers, keeping the guard, side boys, bugler and saluting gun's crew busy during the day.

Sept. 13:- rire and collision drill at morning quarters. With the exception of Keelung we have been away from civilazation one month today. Sailing orders have been changed from Shanghai to Yokohama where we will probably arrive September 19th. Then for a good time.

Sept. 14:- A. large party of men left the ship to attend a garden party given in their honor by the citizens of Makung. Judging from present indications, some must have had a "Swell time."

Sept. 15:- Underway at 8:00 A.M. speed of 13 knots, heading for Yokohama. A Japanese destroyer got underway and courteously accompanied us out of the harbor. I wo black goats were brought aboard yesterday as mascots. No doubt they will be mascots when they commence using their "Butt-in" departments.

Sept. 16:- Set clocks ahead 13 minutes. 312 miles to the good by noon. Enjoying nice cool weather but a little too much roll to suit some of the boys. (33)

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At Sea:

Sept. 17:- Weather growing cooler. Temperature of water at surface rose 9 degrees. Set clocks ahead 15 minutes 697 miles from Makung at noon. Passed Farralon Pe Jaros, an active volcano, in the afternoon.

Sept. 18:- Enjoying fine weather and smooth sea. 281 miles from Yokohama at noon. Only a few hours until we

will be back where everything is fine.

Sept. 19:- Came to anchor in Yokohama harbor at 7:47 A.M. Distance from Makung 1307 miles. Underway at 1:00 P.M. and moored alongside the Collier Abarenda inside breakwater. French Cruisers Dupleix and Kleber in harbor Fired 13 guns with French ensign at fore, which was answered by the Dupleix. Lieutenant G.C. Pegram reported on board for duty as Navigator.

Scpt. 20:- Lieutenant G.M. Baum detached and ordered to the New Orleans as Executive Officer. Commenced coaling at 5:00 A.M. Discontinued coaling at 9:00 P.M. with

395 tons for the day.

Sept. 21:- Continued coaling. Court of Inquiry met to investigate cause of death of A. Root, G.M. 3c. The Mayor of Yokohama called on the Captain. Finished coaling at 4:35 P.M. Took on 500 tons from the Abarenda, and 130 from coaling depot at Yokohama.

Sept. 22:- Field Day. Cast off from Abarenda and stood out of inner harbor anchoring at 6:40 A.M. J.W. Cothern, Sea., fell from whaleboat to gangway slightly injuring his foot. Gen-

eral liberty granted.

Sept. 23:- Regular inspection by the Captain. A Japanese torpedo boat stood in and remained an hour. Uniform changed to blues, much to the satisfaction of all hands. (34)

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Yokohama, Japan.

Sept. 24:- Church service on board in forenoon by American Missionaries. The Collier Abarenda got underway and stood out to sea. Liberty and baseball parties went ashore.

Sept. 25:- The U.S. Charge d' Affairs at Tokyo called on the Captain and upon departure a salute of 13 guns was fired. Served out clean hammocks. No drills on account of rain.

Sept. 26:- Transferred two men to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Vokohama. Owing to the experiences of the men of the fleet while here in the Spring, general liberty has been stopped.

Sept. 27:- Three rapanese Torpedo Boats stood out and a cruiser stood in. The Franch Cruisers Dupleix and Kleber stood out to sea. Boxing contests are being held each evening and some good fighting material developed.

Sept. 28:- General Quarters. Our base ball team met defeat at the hands of a picked nine of Yokohama players with Waseda's pitcher and catcher, by score of 2-1. The boys are to be congratulated for they have had no practice in several weeks.

Sept. 29:- Ensign Parsons and the second division won an overwhelming victory with the second cutter in a sailing race. Notice was posted on bulletion board to the effect that no pay day will be held until arrival in next port owing to uncertainty of departure from Yokohama.

Sept. 30:- This is the last day of the week, month and quarter. Regular weekly inspection. The base-ball team and a large party of special first class rooters went to Tokyo. The team was defeated by Keio University first nine, the same team which has just returned from a tour of the States. The score 4-2, is exceptionally fine considering the percentage made Keio against American Colleges. (35)

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Yokohama, Japan.

- Oct. 1. Missionaries held divine service on board in forenoon. Base ball team ashore in the afternoon for practice.
- Oct. 2. The S. S. Persia stood in with mail from the States. H. M. Ships Monmouth, Astrea and New Castle, forming the British-China Squadron, stood in and anchored.
- Oct. 3. Our Captain called on the Commanding Officers of British Men-of-War. Signal force exercised at Ardois and blinker light drill.
- Oct. 4. P. M. S. S. Minnesota stood in. Ward-room calling committee from H. M S. Monmouth called on Ward room officers of this ship. A monkey has been added to our complement and the two goats are getting friendly so we are in line for some amusement in the near future.
- Oct. 5. No pay day until arrival in the next port and no liberty in this one, so we must make the best of circumstances and hope to see Manila soon. General quarters in forenoon; boat drill in afternoon.
- Oct. 6. The British Embassador visited H. M. S. Monmouth and upon departure a salute of 19 guus was fired with red ensign at fore. Blue uniforms are very comfortable here this time of the year especially after having been a month in the warm Luchu Islands.
- Oct. 7. Regular weekly inspection. Received 10 men from Yokohama Naval Hospital. The First and Second cutters entered race of Yokohama Amatuer Rowing Club, first cutter winning first place. Refreshments were served at the Club and prizes awarded members of winning boats' crew. Got underway at 8.14 p.m. for Manila, P.I.

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Oct. 8. At sea, headed for Manila, P. I. making 15 knots. Weather cool and pleasant. Sea choppy.

Oct. 9. Set clocks back five minutes to correct time. Already there are rumors of the Albany being sent to China to "Suppress" the revolution. She has already seen her share of fighting in the South American Republics.

Oct. 10. A roll of 35° in seven seconds was recorded. The moon rose at 7.45 p.m. making a scene that caused some of the boys to wish they were high and dry land-lubbers. Stopped both engines at 11.24 p.m. for repairs to the air pumps.

Oct. 11. Went ahead full speed at 1,40 a.m. Passed several small Islands during the day. Fire and collision drill in forenoon.

Oct. 12. Stood into Subic Bay at 1.40 p.m. Stopped off Olongapo Navy Yard and delivered mail for the New Orleans then stood out to sea. Stood into Manila Bay and anchored at 6.32 p.m. Distance from Yokohama 1814 miles. Once more with the flagship after being alone 64 days. Fired 13 guns to Admiral Mertz while in Olongapo and 13 to Admiral Murdock in Manila Bay, both being returned with 7 guns.

Oct. 13. Lieutenant (J. G.) L. B. Anderson reported on boared for duty from the Saratoga. Paymaster Kutz brought 10,000 dollars aboard and all hands were paid. Transferred two men two Canacao Hospital, one to the Submarine Shark and 28 short-timers to the New Orleans. Received one man from the Saratoga and 26 from the New Orleans. Six months ago to-day we steamed out of Manila Bay on our Northern Cruise, having steamed a total of 9.138 miles.

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Manila, P. I.

Oct. 14. A funeral escort for the body of the late Ensign C. E. Hovey, U. S. N. who was killed by Moros in the Southern Philippines, left the ship in charge of Ensign Wallace. Half masted colors from 9.00 to 10 40 A.M. Regular liberty granted. Lieutenant E. S. Robinson and Chief Machinist J. A. Hickey detached and ordered to New Orleans for duty.

Oct. 15. Received alongside four coal lighters from Cavite with 700 tons of coal aboard: There is some difference in this climate and that of Japan, a maximum

of 95° temperature being registered for the day.

Oct. 16. Commenced coaling at 530 am. The New Orleans got underway at 10.00 a.m. flying a homeward-bound pennant 350 feet long. Knocked off coaling to give her three cheers and get lunch, then continued coaling. Finished at 3.40 p.m. The Captain called on the Commander-in-Chief.

Oct. 17. General field day. Working party of 40 men went to Cavite returning in the afternoon with a lighter of stores. Transferred two men to the Mohican and

received one from the Saratoga.

Oct. 18: Underway at 2.00 a.m. coming to anchor off Olongapo at 8.00 a.m. Took on board 6000 rounds of 3-Pdr., 63000 of 30 Cal., 13000 of 38 Cal., and 36 of 3-inch shrapnel. Underway at 3.05 p.m. anchoring off Manila at 9.25. Distnace made good for the day 132 miles.

Oct. 19. General quarters. Regular liberty granted and everyone who can is taking advantage of the opportunity. It seems certain that we go to China, judging from the amount of stores, etc., being taken aboard.

Oct. 20. Lighted fires in four boilers and made all preparations for getting underway. Went into sea watch at midnight.

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Editor.

At Sea

Oct. 21:-At 1.28 a.m .got underway for Shanghai, China, in obedience to orders from the Commander-in-Chief, standard speed 120 revolutions. At 5.45 p.m. stopped the starboard engine for three minutes on account of blowing a gasket on exhaust line. Taking moderate seas over the bow until 5.55 p.m. when an unusually heavy sea came over causing considerable damage. It carried away the forward searchlight control, forward sky-light, foc'sle ventilator and considerable wood-work on the bridge and foc'sle. The steering compass was lifted off its securings. Ensign H. E. Parsons received a scalp wound, E H. Kimball, Bugler three large cuts on left foot, R. Lee, O. S., wounds on right temple and left foot, L. D. Chandler, O. S., several cuts on face, and Ah Sing, Cab. Std , had middle and ring fingers of left hand caught in galley door which necessitated amputation of both at the first joint.

The huge wave swept down the deck in a raging flood carrying on its foamy crest a sky-light. ventilator, several chests and various objects swept clear of the decks. The G. S. K. and Pay Yeomen who had secured a vise-like grip on the lifeline, saw a dark object flash past in the mad swirl of the water, and with heroic bravery and superhuman efforts managed to grasp it as it was whisked by on a swift journey to Davy Jones' locker, the G. S. K., meantime doing an animated Turkey Trot in an endeavor to dodge the avalanche of wreckage without losing his deathgrip on the life line. When held above the water and carefully examined, the object proved to be our venerable friend Peter Ford, C. M. M. It is declared by his rescuers that when hung over the life line to drain, the "Child of the Ocean" was still praying in an audible tone of voice.

Resumed full speed at 10.00 p.m. after having temporarily repaired the damage. (38-A)

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At Sea.

Oct. 22 Making 120 revolutions in a moderate sea and enjoying fine weather. The sick bay is full of Yesterday's victims but they are getting along fine

Oct. 23 Still making 16 knots. Passed several steamers during the day. Very soon we will probably be in the midst of the Chinese revolution and then something will be doing.

Oct. 24. At 4.10 A.M. took pilot aboard of entrance to Yang Tse River. Moored ship at 10.40 in Woosung Rived off Shanghai. Distance from Manila 1214 miles. Fired 21 guns with Chinese ensign at Main which was answered by shore battery. Our Captain called on the American Consul General at shanghai. Regular liberty granted.

Oct 25. The Commanding Officer of S. M. S. Nuremburg called on our Captain. Pay Master Kutz and Pay Clerk Mitchell returned aboard with 17,500 dollars, mexican currency. Two Chinamen reenlisted on board. Fire and Collision drill:

Oct. 26. Served out clean hammocks, soiled ones being sent to laundry ashore, same to be paid for out of canteen profits. Notice is also given that the crew can also send clothes to the laundry in this port.

Oct. 27. Ward-room officers of H. M. S. Clio called on ward-room officers of this ship. Delivered 21 cases of mediacl stores to U. S. S. Dale for delivery to U. S. Gunboats up the Yang Tse River. Ah Choy M. Att. declared a deserter.

Oct. 28. The U.S. Collier Nanshan came alongside at 6.00 and commenced coaling from her at 6.55 AM. Finished at 3.00 P.M. with 285 tons taken aboard. Our first visit to Shanghai has proven a pleasure to all, although there are not many Mex. dobies to be found.

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R. L. Varnado,

Editor.

Shanghai, China.

Oct. 29: This is our first visit to Shanghai and those who have already been ashore seem to be very favorably impressed with the city. The French Torpedo-gunboat D'Iberville stood up the river and moored off the French Bund.

Oct. 30:—A foot-ball team is on the verge of being organized and quite a few candidates are being tried out. Baseball team is also practicing every afternoon. Half-master colors from 3.30 to 5.00 p.m. following motions of H. M. S. Clio.

Oct. 31:—Heavy fog set in at 5.40 a.m. lifting at 7.25 Fog bells ringing during that time. The Commanding Officer of S. M. S. Nuremburg called on our Captain.

Nov. 1:—The U. S. S. Rainbow stood up the river and anchored at 11.40 a.m. She is temporary flag ship of Rear Admiral Murdock and has 362 marines aboard. Fire and collision drill at morning quarters.

Nov. 2: Received four men from U. S. S. Bainbridge. The Barry unmoored and left for Nanking, China. A base ball game between marines from the Rainbow and the boys from this ship resulted in a score of 13-8 in our favor.

Nov. 3:—Paymaster Kutz brought 27,000 mexican dollars aboard. At 9.10 p.m. the Tao Tai's Yamen in Shanghai was burned.

Nov. 4: -Pay day for all hands. At 9.30 a.m. an officer came aboard bearing the card of General Tset Sun and announced that the revolutionaries were in command of the Yang Tse River. On the card Gen. Tset Sun declared that he was in command of Chekiang. Kiangsi and Kiangsu Provinces. At 3.30 p.m. one officer and 24 marines came aboard. Under way at 4.16 anchoring off Woosung at 6.50 p.m. Sent marine detachment ashore to protect cable landings.

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R. L. Varnado,

Editor.

Woosung China.

Nov 5: - Underway at 6.33 a.m. and shifted to berth outside the breakwater. Our Captain called officially on the Commanding Officer of the Japanese Cruiser Kasuga. Liberty party left the ship for Woosung. taking the train from there for Shanghai, a thirty minute trip.

Nov. 6:—Landing Force drill during forencon. Not being used to traveling by rail a part of the liberty party failed to return on time having missed the train.

Nov. 7:—Underway at 2.00 p.m and went outside the breakwater. First Aid and ordnance instructions for drill during forenoon. Underway at 10.12 p.m. for Amoy, China.

Nov 8:—Enjoying fine weather with calm sea. Passed several steamers during the day. Fire and collision drill

Nov. 9:—General quarters and made preparations for sending the Landing Force ashore during forenoon. At 11.32 a.m. fired national salute with Chinese Ensign at Main which was answered by the Chinese. At 11.35 moored in Amoy Harbor. Distance from Woosung 568 miles. At 12.20 p.m. the American Consul came aboard and upon departure at 2.10 p.m a salute of 7 guns was fired. Underway at 3.55 p.m. for Shanghai.

Nov. 10:—Our stay in Amoy was short but judging by what could be seen of the city from the ship it was very sweet. Land in sight during entire day.

Nov. 11: —Moored off Shanghai at 2.31. p.m. Distance from Amoy 568 miles. The Commanding Officer called officially on the Commander-in-Chief. Regular liberty granted. (41)

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R. L. Varnado,

Editor.

Shanghai, China.

Nov. 12:—Six of our men who stayed over in Shanghai during the Amoy trip reported aboard today having been on the Rainbow.

Nov. 13:—The U.S. N. A. Abarenda stood up the river and anchored during the morning. Ensign H. A. Jones detached and ordered to the U.S.S. Barry for duty. Underway at 4.25 p.m. mooring off Woosung at 6.02 pm. Distance from Shanghai 12 miles.

Nov. 14:—Received three lighters of coal alongside and commenced coaling at 7.30 a.m. Finished at 7.45 pm. with 500 tons taken aboard. A party of Politicians" went to Shanghai with the steam and sailing launches, returning after taps with stores.

Nov. 15:—At 7.00 a.m. the Commander-in-Chief came aboard officially accompanied by his personal staff. Underway at 7 17 a.m. standing up the Yang-Tse River with pilot on board. Anchored at 5 20 p.m.

Nov. 16: - Underway at 1.00 a.m. Passed 15 Chinese Gunboats during the day all of them flying a white flag at the fore yardarm, denoting that they had been captured. Anchored off Nanking about noon. Distance from woosung 196 miles. The New Orleans is in this port. The last time we saw her she was steaming out of Manila Bay flying a homeward bound pennant, but her chances of going home very soon look very slim at present.

Nov. 17: - Underway at 1.04 p.m. for Chinkiang, China, ... Anchored at 3.57 p.m. Distance from Nanking 40 miles. Special first class liberty granted.

Nov. 18:—Two chinese Rebel Cruisers stood out of the harbor and two stood in. The Compodore seems to be the most popular man in Chinkiang at present with the special first class men. (42)

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R. L. Varnado,

Editor.

Chinkiang, China.

Nov. 19: -Special first class liberty granted. A Revolutionary gunboat stood in and after anchoring fired a 13 gun salute with the American ensign at the Main. Her salute was not returned.

Nov. 20:—Captain Jackson, Lieutenant Pagram and the Pilot went on board the torpedo-boat Barry, which stood out immediately for Nanking. There seems to be nothing of interest in Chinkiang except one Pagoda.

Nov. 21:—The New Orleans stood in from Nanking The Commander-in-Chief and Flag Lieutenant went aboard her and at 8.50 a.m. she stood out for Shanghai. Hauled down Admiral's flag. Underway at 11.39 a.m. for Nanking, arriving at 4.17 p.m. Distance from Chinkiang 40 miles. The Collier Nanshan stood down the Yangtze.

Nov. 22:—The Commanding Officer of the Barry called officially. Lieutenant Pegram and Ch. Electrician Osborne went aboard the Barry to install a wireless outfit. She left for Chinkiang. H. M. S. Otter stood in and anchored. Drizzling rain greater part of the day.

Nov. 23:—General Quarters and physical drill. The American Consulate has been moved out of the walled city, the archives are aboard the ship and Consul Gracey spends a good part of his time aboard. Something must be going to happen soon.

Nov. 24:—Communding Officer inspected the general mess. Ward-room officers from H. I. J. M. S. Akitsushima called officially. The New Orleans short-timers seem to be having a hard luck streak, for after a few days in Shanghai they will make an indefinite visit to Chefoo, that wonderful city.

Nov. 25: -Weekly inspection of ship by the Captain. A small amount of ice was to be seen on deck early in the morning. A Chinaman was brought down to the Bund near the Barry in the afternoon by soldiers and decapitated, his body being thrown in the river. (43)

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Editor.

Nanking, China.

Nov 26:—At 8 14 a.m. the revolutionists hoisted a white flag on Tiger Hill and at 8 27 commenced firing with big guns on Lion Hill and Purple Mountain which was answered immediately by the Imperialists. All hands manned the rail, rigging and every available space to watch the battle.

Nov. 27: -The Chinese rebel fleet, composed of seven gunboats and one torpedo boat, have in sight and anchored below the city one of range of Lion Hill. Firing was continued in the afternoon. A Chinaman was decapitated on the Bund about 4.30 p.m. in plain view of the ship. Five bags of mail received from the States.

Nov. 28:—As a result of a conference and call upon the Chinese Rebel Admiral all foreign men-of-war in this port shifted berths about three miles up stream. The American Consul came aboard in the forenoon and reported that Purple Mountain had been captured by the revolutionists.

Nov. 29:—Firing during greater part of night and until noon. All shots fired at the rebel fleet have fallen short but we would like to see them get into action.

Nov. 30: At last the fleet made her presence felt when at about 3.00 a.m. she commenced bombarding Lion Hill and continued all morning. Just at noon a torpedo magazine was blown up at the foot of Lion Hill which caused dinner to be forgotten for a few minutes. Although this is Thanks giving Day everything goes on as usual except the sports and liberty, but a good dinner cheered us up considerable.

Dec. 1:—Full dressed ship at 8.00 a.m. with British ensign at Main in honor of birthday of the Queen Mother. At 2.00 p.m. Lion Hill fired on and sank a sampan. The U.S.S. Quiros and Nanshan stood up river and anchored. Paymaster Kutzreturned from Shanghai with Mex. \$28.000.

Dec. 2: -At 7.35 a.m. the Imperial flag was hauled down on Lion Hill and a white flag hoisted in its place. Shifted berth to old position off Nanking. Chinese rebel fleet came up and anchored. (44)

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Editor.

Nanking, China.

Dec. 3: -All hulks were towed down stream and moored in their old positions. General Ling of the revolutionary army and the Governor of Nanking called on the Commanding Officer.

Dec. 4:—All hands were in favor of going ashore to see the battle field and get souvenirs but no one was allowed the privilege except C. P. O's. Only an occasional shot at a sampan is heard to disturb our usual routine. Watch caps and heavy clothing with jerseys are not a bit uncomfortable on the Yangtze during this season.

Dec. 5:--Several hundred pounds of surveyed rice was sent ashore to the Red Cross Society for famine-stricken chinese. A Japanese Cruiser stood up the river and anchored in the afternoon.

Dec. 6: The Commanding Officer called Officially on the Captain of H I. J. M. S Mitaka. Ten Dollars (Mex.) were served out to the crew for incidental expenses, there being no regular pay-day. There will be one glorious big time when we do get paid and get a good liberty.

Dec. 7: - Special first class liberty granted. A white goat was brought aboard to take the place of the one which fell down the ash hoist. Mails are arriving every few days and some of the boys are kept busy reading and writing letters.

Dec. 8:—The U.S. N. A. Nanshan came along the port side at 7 10. After breakfast all hands turned to, on Pay Department stores and coal. Finished at 3 35 p.m. with 305 tons of coal taken aboard. Several hundred soldiers and equipment were transported across the river during forenoon.

Dec. 9:—Field Day. H. M. S. Alacrity, flying Vice Admiral's flag, came up stream and anchored. Usual salute of 15 guns fired. Sampans loaded with rebel soldiers and horses, being transported across river during day. (45)

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Editor.

Nanking, China

Dec. 10:—S. M. S. Emden stood up river and anchored. S. M. S. Tiger got underway and stood down the Yangtsze Two Chinese revolutionary cruisers came down river and anchored. First and special first class liberty granted from 1.00 to 5.30 p.m.

Dec. 11:—A British torpedo boat and transport stood up stream. Three revolutionary Chinese cruisers got underway and stood up the river. Mr. Ma Ling the Revolutionary general who captured Nanking in the recent battle, called on the Captain to offer his services in case of trouble. He was received at the gangway without ceremony.

Dec. 12:—The U.S. Collier Pompey stood down the Yangtsze and anchored. The Commanding Officer of the 11th Torpedo Flotilla called officially. Several hundred revolutionary soldiers and horse were transported scross the river to Pukow in junks during the day.

Dec 13:—Drizzling during entire day. Visiting party to S. M. S. Emden in the evening. Since an extension to the fore-and main-mast has been added to give the wireless a longer range the operators have been kept busy transmitting and receiving messages.

Dec. 14:—R. J. Ostrander, E. 2c. returned aboard from temporary duty on the Decatur. Our stay in Nanking is growing monotonous except for those who like to stay aboard ship in absolute quiet. At 7.35 a.m. a three-master Chinese revolutionary cruiser with a batallion of soldiers on board, got underway and stood up river.

Dec. 15:—The British Consul called on the Commanding Officer. Only a few days until we will be enjoying the Christmas and New Year holidays in Shanghai. Almost every day hunting parties go ashore returning in the evening with deer, pheasant, rabbit, duck and other game.

Dec. 16:--Several River steamers and Chinese revolutionary cruisers passed during the day. The Japanese cruiser Mozami and torpedo boat Kamikaze stood in and anchored. Usual Saturday inspection. (46)

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R. L. Varnado,

Editor.

Nanking, China.

Dec. 17:--No drills or quarters. Absolutely nothing doing except eating, reading and writing, sleeping or playing cards. Special first class liberty.

Dec 18:—Cloudy and warmer than usual. An order was posted on the bulletin board prohibiting men visiting Lion will. Anyway some good kodak pictures were obtained before the order. was issued.

Dec 19:--Several hundred revolutionary soldiers with horses transported across the river to Pukow. The talking machine and piano are on the blink so most of our entertainment comes from the goats which can usually be persuaded to give an exhibition of "Buttin" in on each other.

Dec. 20: - hifted hammocks and had fire and collision drill in forenoon. All kinds of rumours are afloat concerning the movements of the (incinnatti and Buffalo, most of them coming from the carpenters' bench.

Dec. 21:-Snow during the entire day and melting as soon as it falls. A German officer called and gave notice that German men-of-war would full dress ship tomorrow in honor of the birth of a son to the heir apparent of the German Empire.

Dec 22: Underway at 6 22 a.m. Passed Chinking at 9 30 and the U.S. Dale gotunderway and fell in formation. Special pay day in view of the appraching holidays. At 4 10 p.m. anchored in the Tung Sha Crossing.

Dec 23: Underway at 7.00 a.m. with the Dale At 11.25 a.m. stood up the Woo Sung River and anchored off Shanghai at 12.55 p.m. Distance from Nanking 215 miles At 158 p.m. the U.S. S. Cincinnatti stood in and anchored having come from the States to relieve the New Orleans. Regular liberty granted. The "Queen" is here in all her glory and no doubt will be flying her "Homeward-bounder" within a few days. There are 25 men-of-war in this port at present representing six nations. (47)

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R. L. Varnado,

Editor.

Shanghai, China.

Dec 24:-Chief Boatswain A. T. Webb and Machinist Donald McDonald detached and ordered to the New Orleans for duty. Boatswain J. C. Lundberg reported on board for duty from the Cincinnatti.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day showed up cold with drizzling rain but no one thought of staying aboard on that account. Had an unusually fine dinner and the Christmas Spirit has a grip on everyone Ever-green adorns the mast-heads, davits, gangways and doors. The Captain remitted the sentence of all men undergoing punishment and restored them to duty. Transferred two men to the Cincinnatti.

Dec. 26: The Commanding Officer of H M S. Flora called officially on the Captain. The U.S. N. A. Abarenda went alongside the New Orleans. Rickshaw men are reaping a harvest from "Melican" sailors from whom they usually get double price.

Dec. 27:--In the forenoon M. McCabe, W. T. and W. F. Bard, C. M. M. went on board the New Orleans and presented Machinist McDonald with a gold watch and chain as a mark of esterm from his shipmates in the engineer division on this ship At 1.20 pm. the New Orleans got underway and stood down the river. As she passed each American man-of-war three cheers were given and so this is the last of the "Queenie" on the Asiatic Station for a while.

Dec. 28:---Held night fire quarters. The talking machine has been repaired and a number of new records "purchased so life will not be so dull when we return to Nanking.

Dec 29 --- Our sailing date from Shanghai has been postponed from the 31st to Jan. 2d. Transferred E. R. McKenzie, Yeo lc. to the Rain-Bow

Dec. 30:---H I. J. M. S. Kuisha passed going up stream. Held night general quarters. 34 000 Dollars, Mexican Currency brought aboard by the Paymaster. (48)

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Editor.

Shanghai, China.

Dec 31:—This is the last day of the year 1911 and quite a few men on board feel elated over the fact that to-morrow is the first day of the year in which they will return to civil life. At 11.30 pm the "New Year" band made the rounds of the ship and although steam had been turned off the siren and whistle they ushered in 1912 with appropriate selections on pots, pans, sheet iron, ship's bell, hoze nozzles and other delicate instruments.

Jan. 1, 19 2. Began the New Year by dressing ship with the Japanese Ensign at the Main. S. Kickirillo, F2c. purchased his discharge. The Saratoga Minstrel Troupe gave an entertainment at the Bijou Theatre in Shanghai. A large party attended from this ship. President Sun Yat Sen dates his proclamation to the Chinese Republican Government as the "First day of the first month of the first Year of the Chinese Republic"

Jan. 2:—Underway at 8 52 a.m. for Nanking the Provisional Capital of the Chinese Republic. Until the 16th century she was the Capital of the Chinese Empire. At 10.30 a.m. crossed the Bar and stood up the Yangtsze River. Exchanged salutes with the German, British and French m-n-of-war lying off Woosung. Anchored at 5.34 p.m. for the night.

Jan 3:- Underway at 7.00 a.m. coming to anchor off Nanking at 5.10 p.m. Distance from Shanghai 215 miles. Things seem to be just as we left them before the holidays.

Jan. 4:--Began our usual routine after several pleasant days of liberty and sport. General quarters in forenoon. Freezing during the morning watch so no decks were scrubbed

Jan. 5:—The U.S. S. Decatur got underway and stood down stream. The Barry stood in and anchored. This is the regular monthly pay day but so far there seems to be nothing doing.

Jan 6:--Published Articles for the Government of the Navy at morning quarters. Also order prohibiting sale of chewing gum in canteen. Received mail from the States. Lots of smiles when those registered Christmas packages were delivered. (49)

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JANUARY 29th. 1911.

At sea, enroute from Manila to Iloilo. Took range-finder readings. Anchored off Iloilo at 2:20 p. m.

JANUARY 30th.

At anchor off lloilo until 5:00 p. m., when got underway. Had abandon ship drill.

JANUARY 31st.

At sea, enroute from Iloilo to Mindanao until 1:00 p. m., when came to anchor off Mindanao. Sent base ball party ashore. At 4:05 p. m. Army post fired a salute of 13 guns to Rear Admiral Hubbard.

FEBRUARY 1st.

At anchor off Mindanao until 9:00 a. m., when got underway for Malabang. Had fire, collision and abandon ship drills.

FEBRUARY 2nd.

At sea until 4:09 when anchored off Malabang. Had bag inspection and general quarters.

FEBRUARY 3rd.

At anchor, Malabang until 6:00 a. m. when got underway and at 8:15 anchored off the mouth of Rio Grande River just below the city of Cotabota. The weekly log of the New Orleans was posted on the bulletin board in order to verify statement that they are a cheap bunch of sports. Got underway at 7:00 p. m.

FEBRUARY 4th.

At sea, enroute from Cotabota to Jolo until 12:30 when we anchored off Jolo. Liberty party went ashore to attend smoker given by "Sky Pilot" the Chaplain of this post. All report a fine time and three cheers for the Chaplain.

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Jolo, P. I

February 5, 1911. Anchored off Jolo, P. I. A large party of men went ashore and ate dinner with Soldiers of this Post.

- Feb. 6. Underway at 7:00 a. m. Took range-finder readings. Anchored off Zamboanga at 3:35 p. m., a distance of 85 miles, to be present at the Moro Province Fair. New York fired a salute of 11 guns. Sent liberty party ashore
- Feb. 7. At 6:00 a. m., a company of Infantry left the ship for parade in Zamboanga. Full dressed ship. At 8:00 a. m., Moro Fair was formally opened. Displayed searchlights in the evening and the New York illuminated ship.
- Feb. 8. At 11:00 a. m., U. S. S. Quiros fired a salute of 13 guns to Rear Admiral Hubbard. Bryan, the black gang's 1st. Luff, this day attained two years service and was promoted to Flag Lieutenant on Pete Ford's staff. Found a snake in the powder division hammock netting, which was vigorously attacked by our brave sentry with a bayonet.
- Feb. 9. Ensign McGnire was detached from duty on this ship and Midshipman Greigg reported on board for duty. Ensign McGuire will be greatly missed.
- Feb. 10. Making passage to Manila in a choppy sea. F. F. Law, (W. T.) fell down a hatch, fracturing a rib. Joe Mann, our crack ball player, was rated Chief Yeoman. The enlisted elements will miss Joe from the ranks.
- Feb. 11. Came to anchor off Manila at 1:37 p. m. Distance made good on Southern cruise, 1733 miles. Well, of all the cheap sports, the New Orleans is the limit. They are crying over the 700 pesos they lost on our boat race and now the true yellow comes out when they can only back their own boat with 25 pesos. Oh, the nerve.

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Manila, P. I.

February 12, 1911. Field day. All hands engaged in cleaning ship for Admiral's Inspection which will be held on Wednesday. Admiral Kimball, after inspecting the ship and crew in Nicaragua last year, called all hands aft and rewarded us for our work by saying:— "This is the cleanest ship I have ever boarded." We are working with zeal to-day so that Admiral Hubbard cannot leave the ship with any other impression.

- Feb. 13. Sent three men and received one man from the Canacao Hospital. Had quarters for muster.
- Feb. 14. At 5:15 a. m. steamer Ruby stood in and at 6:40 Transport Dix stood in. Midshispman S. O. Greig, U. S. N. was detached and reported on board the New Orleans for duty. V. D. Bayers, (M.A.A. 3cl.) reported on board for duty from the Rambow.
- Feb. 15. The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Asiatic Fleet, and inspecting officers came aboard at 9:00 a. m. for official inspection of this ship. The crew were drilled and inspected as follows; Inspection at quarters; bag and hammock inspection; fire, collision, and abandon ship; general quarters. Landing force was equipped during the noon hour, and at 1:00 p. m. had general quarters with landing force away. The following drills were not forgotten:- Infantry, Artillery, signals, and man overboard, fire and rescue party, away all boats under oars and sail. Cmd'r-in Chief and party left ship at 3:55 p. m. Thirteen years ago this date at 9:45 p. m. the Maine, one of the best battleships of the time, was blown up in Santiago Harbor.
- Feb. 16. At 10:05 a.m. fired one gun and broke the Jack at Fore; G. C. M. met. The Monterey stood in and fired 13 gun salute which was returned by New York with 7 guns. Two coal lighters came alongside.
- Feb. 17. Breakfast at 5:30 a.m. Commenced coaling at 6:00 and at 10:15 finished having taken on board 350 tons.
- Feb. 18. J. Dahlin, (Cox.) and J. H. Scruggs, (O. S.) were received from Canacao Hospital. N. J. Pauly, (G. M. 3cl.) was transferred to the Chauncey. L. R. Burton, (Yeo. Icl.) was received aboard from the Hospital Ship Relief. We are all glad to see our efficient and accomadating Ship's Writer return.

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Manila, P. I.

February 19, 1911. The name of the U. S. S. New York, (Flagship of the Asiatic Fleet.) was changed to the U. S. S. Saratoga. D. Ahern, (W. T.) reported on board for duty. The U. S. Destoryers, Bainbridge, Dale, and Decatur stood in and came to anchor in side the breakwater.

- Feb. 20. Sent Battalion ashore at 8:00 a. m. P. A. Astoria (C. M. M.) reported on board for duty. Sent liberty party ashore. Received mail from the States, (God's Country.)
- Feb. 21. U. S. S. Chauncey stood in and anchored off Manila. T. J. Winans, (El2cl) was transferred to the U. S. S. Saratoga. At 5:15 p. m., Mars, with a Baldwin aeroplane, the first in the Philipines, made a fight of 15 minutes duration. Starboard watch went on 48 hours liberty. At 8 p. m. the Philipine Carnival was opened. Search lights were displayed by the Fleet.
- Feb. 22. Full dressed ship. Sent landing force ashore to take part in the Patriotic Parade. At noon the Fleet fired the national salute of 21 guns.
- Feb. 23. Had quarters for muster and setting up exercises and general quarters. Transferred two men to the U. S. S. Dale. Port watch went on 48 hour liberty. O. J. Sowman (F1cl.), the crack catcher of the Torpedo Flotilla, reported on board for duty. A photographic outfit has been added to the wireless office. Get your pictures by wireless.
- Feb. 25. "Mutt" Wieland, Coxswain of the whaleboat and the following named men won the silver cup for champion whaleboat racing in the Orient: A. Trent, stroke; J. E. Gustafson, No. 2; C. Sacky, No. 3; R. G. Glover, No. 4; F. H. Suberg, No. 5 and H. M. Kreiger, bow. This crew won four successive races which were held Nov. 24, 1910, Jan. 16, Feb. 8 and 25, 1911. Three cheers for "Mutt" and his hat. A fire in Manila destroyed 28 blocks in the Filipino residence district.

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Edited by Daniels & Varnado.

Manila, P. I.

Feb. 26, 1911. Won the ball game from the torpedo flotilla, score 9 - 2. They say that they can beat us to-morrow if the grounds are dry. New Orleans 2nd team won from Slatt's White Sox, 8 - 7.

Feb. 27. Fine weather for flotilla team; we won the game by a score of 23 to 0. Slatt's white Sox won from the New Orleans 2nd team, score 10 - 7.

Feb. 28. Ensign Pashley was detached and reported on the New Orleans for duty. Congratulations to the boys on that ship who are lucky enough to be in his division. Midshipman Parsons reported on board for duty from the Saratoga. Transferred three men to the Rainbow, one of them being "Blackie" Holloway, the Jonah of this ship. J. Mullen, (Bkr. 2cl.) reported on board for duty from the Monterey. Slatt's White Sox put it over Baxter's Cadets, score 12 - 0. All hands manned the rail while Mars made his last flight from the Fair Grounds by circling over the Fleet in Manila Bay.

March I. Had quarters for muster and setting up exercises. Torpedo flotilla got underway at 9:00 a. m., and stood out to sea. "Box Car" Smith is experimenting with a miniature aeroplane of his own invention. A public exhibition will be given in the near future.

March 2. Got underway at 7:00 a. m., and came to anchor off Olongapo at 11:55, distance 66 miles. The New Orleans stood in and anchored at 2:55 p. m.

March 3. Commenced preparations for elementary target practice. All who wanted, went over the side and enjoyed a good swim.

March 4. Busy with sub-calibre practice. Pay day for all hands. Machado of this ship knocked out McManus of the New Orleans in the 3rd of a "Would Be" ten round contest at the Olympic Club of Manila. McManus was considered the champion middle weight of the Asiatic Squadron and has had fights on this Staion, which won for him a reputation. This was Machado's first appearance on the Asiatic, and by proving himself the master of McManus, all feel confident that he will be the champion of the Philippines before many days.

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Olongapo, P. I.

March 5, 1911. Making preparations for elemen tary target practice, having sub-calibre on the 5 inch and 3 pounder guns. Some of the boys do not approve of "Sallying" ship and they can be seen playing hide-and-seek with the Jimmy Legs. Half masted colors in respect to the memory of the late Secretary of the Navy, Paul Morton.

March 6. The U. S. S. Saratoga stood in at 2:45 p. m. We expected her to have our mail aboard, but after anchoring she sent a signal that there was nothing for us. Quite a few who were expecting letters from their Lady friends hoisted the distress signal at once.

March 7. Received target practice ammunition aboard. P. S. Wandell, (M.M. 2cl.) was transferred to the Hospital Ship Relief.

. March 8. Shortly after midnight the tug Piscataqua came in to the harbor with the glad tidings that our mail was aboard. Of course we were all "awake" at that hour and rejoiced over the good news. M. Holden, (Elec. 3cl.) reported on board for duty from the Relief where he has been for several months recovering from a "Shock." Transferred two men to the El Cano.

March 9. The Seratoga went outside the harbor early in the morning to make speed trials, returning to her anchorage at 12:15 p. m. The New Orleans is certainly a "Queen," but her wardrobe is undoubtedly the most incomplete of any ship which has been out on this station for some years. She borrows our foot ball suits, whale boats, and gun sights, and would probably get our men with them if there was any possibility. She also has an idea that she will win this target practice, but, just wait and see.

March 10. Shifted anchorage during the morning and in the afternoon put out a kedge anchor on each quarter. U.S.S. Wompatuck entered harbor from Cavite.

March 11. Pay day has come, gone, and been forgotten by both the New Orleans and Albany, so there will be no pool on the practice. The different guns' crews are having a lively time making "Pay Day" promises. An investigation of some peculiar noises on deck, which sounded as if there was a flock of crows on board, proved to be the "Mark Mark" of the bore sighting.

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May 14, 1911. Carpenter, one of our buglers, returned on board in time to blow reveille and get breakfast.

- May 15. A party of 125 men left the ship to attend a garden party given by the Mayor of Yokohama, in honor of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet. Refreshments were served by a number of Yokohama ladies and souvenirs were distributed. All who attended reported a fine time. "Our" gunnery pennant was hauled down and transferred to the New Orleans while we do a little work on the mast head. By the time this is completed, the report of last target practice will be here and we will go get our pennant. They seem to think they are the trophy ship, and probably they are, temporarily.
- May 16. At 2:07 the Saratoga hauled down the flag of Rear Admiral Hubbard and fired 13 guns. At 2:08 she hoisted the flag of Rear Admiral Murdock and fired 13 guns. The Albany and New Orleans each fired 13 guns. The new Commander-in-Chief made an official call on board at 3:45 p. m.
- May 17. Fire drill and bag inspection. The race boat is being placed in first class condition; it will not be long before some of our husky shipmates will be doing the "Stroke" act.
- May 18. Transferred "Tex" Frank, (C. P.) to to the Naval Hospital, Yokohama. General Quarters and Landing Force in forenoon. Away all boats in the afternoon.
- May 19. The German Cruiser Gneiseneu stood in and anchored; she fired 13 guns with U. S. Ensign at fore, which was answered by the flagship with the German Fnsign at fore. A Japanese destroyer stood in. Defeated the C. M. C. ball team by score of 13 2.
- May 20. The crew and ship were inspected by the Commanding Officer. While returning from shore the motor launch lost her propeller. In a double header, our ball team defeated Waseda College, 10 2, and the Nagazi Medical School, 4 2. The attendance at these games is estimated at 3,000.

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Olongapo, P. I.

March 12, 1911. Sent all boats ashore except the two whale boats, to remain until target practice is finished. The tug Piscataqua got underway and stood out to sea. A little too much wind near the New Orleans caused a banko to capsize; our steamer went over on the double to help the occupants. This should be a lesson to the "Queen of the Seas" to quit blowing.

March 13. At 5:45 a.m. the Saratoga took the target raft in tow and went out on the range and at 6:00 the Albany and New Orleans followed. Started firing starboard battery at 9:40 and at 1:30 finished with the 5 inch, and entered Subig bay, anchoring at 5:05 p.m. U.S.N.A. Abarenda stood in from Guam.

Miarch 14. Lieut. E. A. Brooks, U. S. N., our executive officer, was detached and ordered to report to the Medical Hospital School at Washington, D. C., on account of his hearing. We are sorry to lose Mr. Brooks, especially under the circumstances, and trust that he will fully recover his hearing. Underway at 4:30 p. m. headed for the target range; fired 3 pounders and finished elementary target practice for 1911, much to the relief of all hands

March 15. Came to anchor at 1:34 a, m. and at 7:00 commenced coaling ship; it was slow work on account of there being only one lighter, but we managed to take on 218 tons before noon. Transferred two men to the Hospital Ship Relief. We beat the New Orleans so bad at elementary target practice that we will say nothing about it for there is no honor or reputation to be won when firing against a ship that makes as poor a showing as the "Queen" did. At 5:15 p. m. got underway.

March 16. Steaming alone at speed of 15 knots making our way around the Northern point of Luzon Island. Swung ship for compass deviations.

March 17. The decks abaft the funnels are covered with almost an inch of cinders on account of using forced draft on the boilers. At 10:55 sighted land on the port bow and at 3:05 p. m. came to anchor off the east coast of Luzon, a distance of 630 miles from Olongapo.

March 18. The Steamer Antonio entered harbor and anchored. Sent swimming party ashore in the afternoon.

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March 19, 1911. At anchor on the East Coast of Luzon Island with nothing to do. Lieutenant Robinson and Carpenter McPherson went hunting, bringing back all the birds on the Island and the 'Jew." Swimming party went ashore. Some of the tenderfeet found coral bottom rougher than the deck; poor fellows.

March 20. Quarters and drill. Steamer Antonio stood out with mail. Condemed and threw overboard some commissary stores that had spoiled; too bad the "Queen" wasn't around; she might have had a hand out. Swimming party went ashore under protest, some waiting patiently on the quarter-deck for the party to return. Boat exercise under oars.

March 21. Tested safety valves, wonder if the "Queen" can lift hers? Quarters and drill. Away all boats under oars and pulled ashore to have swimming drill. Becker and Weissend are regular water rats.

March 22. Fire, collision, and abandon ship drills. Bag inspection in the afternoon. Reason says he wasn't caught then, but he might have been a little before.

March 23. J. R. Bennyhoff was rated Chief Yeoman He is a young man of sterling character and we hope he will not stop speaking to us. General quarters in the morning, boat drill under sail in the afternoon.

March 24. Steamer and whaleboat under Ensign Owen left the ship on an exploring expedition. Quarters and divisional drills. Johnson and Underdown did a vaudeville turn with spuds and the "Jimmy" caught them; get out the bright work gear, boys.

March 25. The Commanding Officer inspected the ship and crew. Boat expedition returned. Cook and Spencer met the Captain but their usual smile was missing. This is our first week of real contentment for the "Queen" is not here.