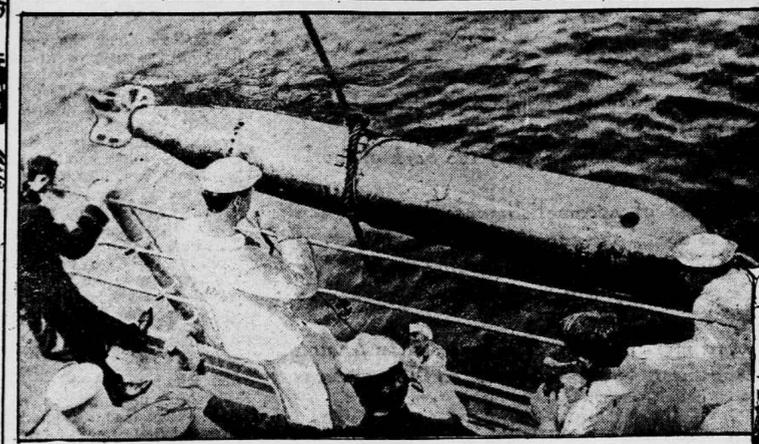


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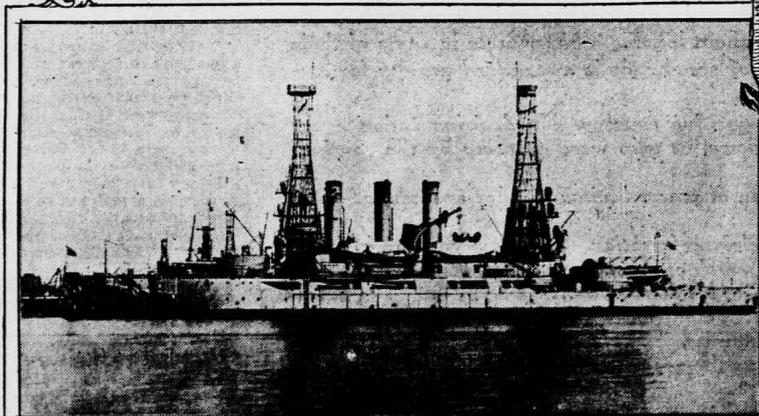
Navy Department to Inaugurate First "Naval Training Cruise for Civilians" on August 15—Three Thousand Civilians Will Be Drilled on Nine Battleships of the Reserve Fleet. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt Originated the Plan. Ships to Sail From Boston, Philadelphia, Narragansett Bay, New York, Norfolk and Either Charleston, S. C., or New Orleans. Each Ship to Carry Nucleus Naval Crew of Three Hundred Regular Sailors, a Suitable Quota of Officers and Three Hundred Volunteers—Four Weeks of Training—Basis of a Naval Reserve—Qualifications for Volunteers.

NOT satisfied with training his men to be soldiers at Plattsburg, N. Y., and other military training camps, Uncle Sam is now preparing to instruct the citizens of the United States in the art of fighting at sea.

To this end the Navy Department will inaugurate on August 15 the first "naval training cruise for civilians" ever held



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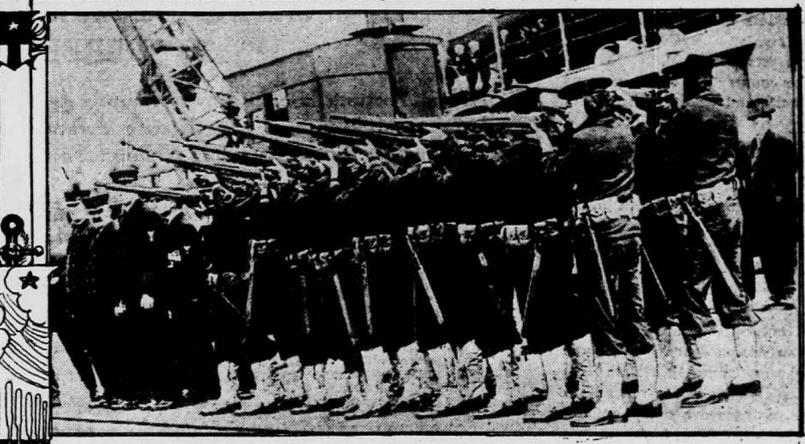
BATTLESHIP OHIO, ONE OF THE BIG SHIPS WHICH WILL CARRY CIVILIAN SAILORS

In this or any other country. In which 3,000 "civilians" will be drilled on nine battleships of the reserve fleet in all the duties of warfare at sea.

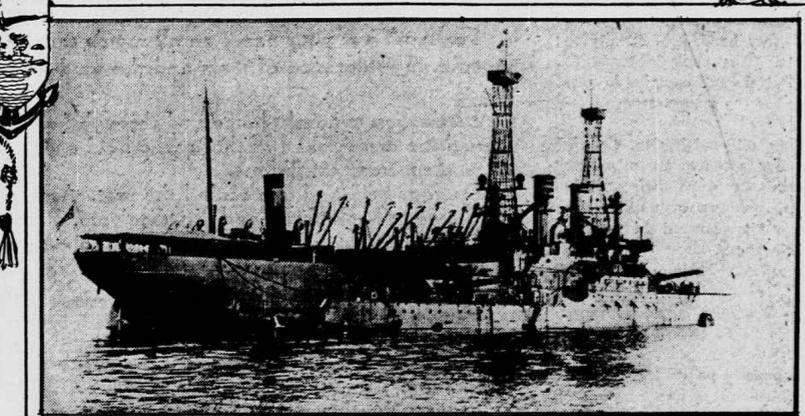
The handling of small guns under fire, the manipulation of dispatch boats, the technique of landing squads, wigwagging and other forms of signaling—in short, all the duties which the nation will expect its landmen to perform in the event of naval warfare will be taught; and it is the hope and expectation of the department officials that the men who enroll for this cruise will pick up at least the rudiments of seamanship and naval practice.

The idea of the "Naval Plattsburg" for this, in a phrase, what the training cruise will amount to—was born of the success which attended the army's experiments along similar lines. "If the army could train civilians to be soldiers, why can't we train them to be sailors?" was the query which occurred to navy officials, and with the idea once planted, the only thing remaining was its logical fulfillment.

To Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt belongs the credit for the basic idea and the not inconsiderable amount of detail incident to its development. Under his direction nine battleships of the reserve fleet have been detailed for the cruise, and Au-



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to their home ports and the final week of the cruise will be devoted to working out, with the assistance of the Coast Artillery Corps and the various motor boat organizations which the Navy Department has recently built up, problems concerning local defense. This final week is being forward by navy officials as being the most important of the entire trip, not only because the men will by that time be at least partially seasoned to their work and will understand how to obey orders intelligently, but also because in time of war the men who take the cruise will be stationed along the coast in approximately the same positions as they will occupy during the last week of the cruise.

Indeed, this is the basic idea of the entire cruise. The Navy Department does not expect to turn out 3,000 trained sailors after a single month of training. Such an expectation would be absurd. In these days of complicated fighting machinery and the immense number of technical details which surround sea warfare. But the men behind the cruise do expect to form the basis of a naval reserve of a large number of men—experts say we ought to have 100,000 reserves—who know something partially trained in the performance of them.

If the navy finds that it can handle 3,000 men effectively this summer, the number may be increased next year and the sphere of activities increased so as to include the great lakes, the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific coast.

It is in order to secure the highest class of men for this work that the Navy Department has framed certain qualifications for the members of the

trained at the conclusion of the four weeks' training.

In other words, Uncle Sam is making it possible for any able-bodied American citizen, between the ages of nineteen and forty-five, to take a four-week cruise in a battleship, which will benefit to him and to his country at a total cost of about \$6 a week.

While the life of a sailor at sea will not be unduly arduous—the regular sailors attending to the majority of laborious details, connected with the running of a modern fighting ship—it will not be an existence of ease and luxury. Each man must obey the rules and regulations in the navy and the department provides that "for grave or repeated infractions of the rules and instructions" the commanding officer will have the right to land the delinquent at the nearest American port.

However, the officials connected with the cruise anticipate little trouble on this score, as the men who enroll on the trip will realize fully what they are doing and will undertake the cruise with the intention of getting as much as they can out of it. It is this receptive state of mind which navy officers expect to yield such great profits upon the money which the government is investing in the cruise.

In order that no applicant for the cruise should be a "fish" who does not know what he was getting in for, the Navy Department has prepared a schedule of first-class modern ships which will be given to every man who wishes to take the course at the time he makes his application to the recruiting officer.

This schedule of hours states that the man will turn out early—usually in the morning; that they will then be expected to attend to their clothing, scrub decks, etc., from 8 o'clock on, when they will get into their mess. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 o'clock—hot coffee having been made up around the men first arise—and the ship will be made ready for inspection at 8 o'clock.

An hour later will come the call to quarters for muster and inspection, when physical drill and other drills as prescribed. This will occupy the greater portion of the morning and dinner will be served at 1 o'clock.

The afternoon will be taken up with practical instruction in the handling of guns and small boats, the formation and drill of landing parties, rifle and the other accomplishments which go to make up a first-class modern sailor.

After supper, at 6 o'clock, a number of lectures will be delivered by naval experts in the technique of war, and the men will retire to their hammocks.

Ample opportunities will be provided in the course of the day's routine for specialization in certain branches of naval work, each man being assigned to the subject for which he appears to be the best fitted. There will be instruction in signaling, radio work, navigation, steam and electrical engineering, etc.; boat drills will be held and landings made, and recruits will be instructed in the manual of arms and military formations.

The work with the Coast Artillery Corps and the motor boat organizations, which will form the final week of the course, will round out the entire four weeks, and will, it is thought, thoroughly fit the civilian sailors to serve their country when their country need them.

To this end, each man will be asked at the end of the cruise if he desires to join the naval reserve—that body of men who, while having no official connection with the navy, still stand ready to be called upon in the event of national need.

Enrollment in the reserves will not be made until the end of the cruise, and the department officials that nearly all who go on the training cruise will be willing to accept the offer, and be ready for their country's defense.

A certificate will be given to each man who completes the course, and this will show exactly what he has done and how well he has done it. It will also indicate the work for which he is best qualified if called into service.

A card index of these certificates, to be maintained by the department, will render it easy for the government to lay its hand upon proficient men in case of a national emergency.

In addition to providing a pleasant summer cruise and vacation, the "Naval Plattsburg" will also serve to fill the less important places on the second line of defense.

There are many other positions which could be suitably filled by men who work hard during the training cruise, and the department officials expect to have the four weeks this summer, and in the years to come, will bring to light many more of these men who would have otherwise been undiscovered.

A Trip to Federal Penitentiary With Prisoners Convicted in Washington

PERSONALLY conducted excursions with unwilling travelers as guests, who are not to return for state penalties, or in some cases not at all, are the trips made at the expense of the United States government from Washington to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., by men sentenced from the criminal courts of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Such a trip, both from the point of prisoner and as a guard, is one never to be forgotten. It is not such a gloomy trip as one might suppose, and from the entertainment provided it would be hard to suspect that able-bodied men were being taken to a prison to serve terms ranging from one year to life imprisonment.

From the time the train leaves the Union station with its special car bearing the prisoners and their relatives until it reaches the Mississippi river there is a continuous entertainment afforded by prisoners in the form of singing, playing musical instruments or telling jokes.

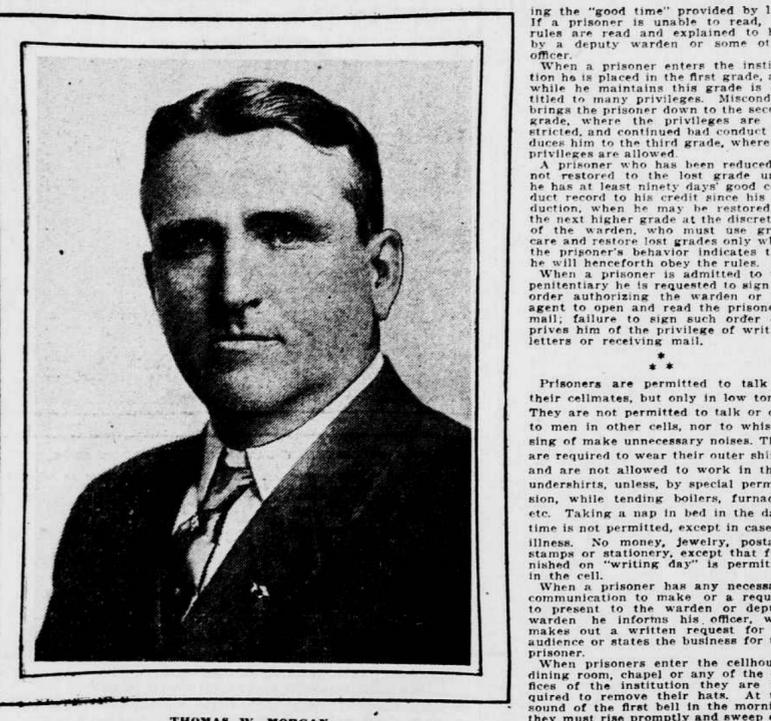
The trip is really started at the jail, where Dr. Louis Zinkhan, the superintendent, or one of his assistants, heads the guards who are to accompany the thirty or more prisoners to the Kansas institution. The prisoners are conveyed to the station in the jail vans and pulled together. Friends and relatives in many instances are at the railroad station to bid them good-bye.

Boarding the car, two prisoners are assigned to two seats between them; that they may rest more comfortably on the long journey. They are kept handcuffed until after the train passes Alexandria, Va. Then the prisoners are placed on an aisle of each. They are still kept in pairs.

The first stop is made at Charlottesville, Va., where the spectators gather about the train and talk with the prisoners. A number of colored natives in conversation with the prisoners were convicted by the latter that they (the prisoners) were base ball players on their way south to engage in a number of games. The small towns along the route where the train makes stops, pies, cakes and other delicacies were purchased by the prisoners.

On the trip the prisoners are fed twice a day. They are given sandwiches, ham or sausage, and several cups of coffee. It takes five gallons of coffee to satisfy about thirty prisoners at each meal. Fresh coffee is secured at various stops on route.

A noticeable change in the temperament of the prisoners occurs as they are on the last lap of the journey. As the train pulls across a long bridge spanning the Mississippi river, invariably some one is heard to remark, "This is the Mississippi river, the river that is worth the fun of the trip is over. Hymns are sometimes sung, but for



THOMAS W. MORGAN, Warden of Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

ing the "good time" provided by law. If a prisoner is unable to read, the rules are read and explained to him by the deputy warden or some other officer.

When a prisoner enters the institution he is placed in the first grade, and while he maintains this grade is entitled to many privileges. Misconduct in the prison does not lower his grade, where the privileges are restricted, and continued bad conduct results in his being placed in a lower grade, where no privileges are allowed.

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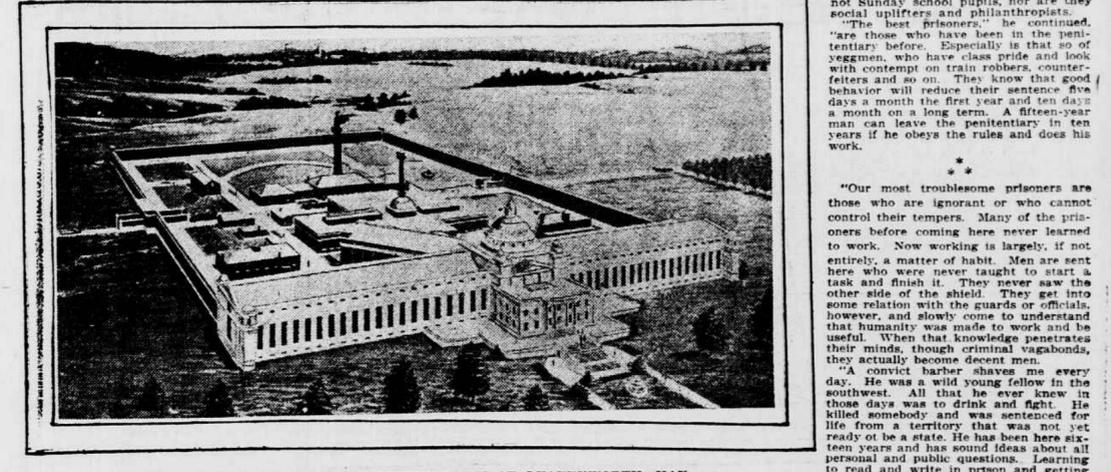
Prisoners are permitted to talk to their cellmates, but only in low tones. They are not permitted to talk or call to men in other cells, nor to whistle, sing or make unnecessary noises. They are required to wear their outer shirts, and are not allowed to work in their undershirts, unless, by special permission, while tending boilers, furnaces, etc. Taking a nap in bed in the daytime is not permitted, except in case of illness. No money, jewelry, postage stamps or stationery, except that furnished on "writing day" is permitted in the cell.

A prisoner has any necessary communication to make or a request to present to the warden or deputy warden, he informs his officer, who makes out a written request for an audience or states the business for the prisoner to the dining room.

When prisoners enter the cellhouse, dining room, chapel or any of the other buildings, they are required to stand at attention and wait the call for breakfast. At the sound of the bell they must rise promptly and sweep out the cell, then wash their faces and hands, and in formation march to the dining room.

A signal is sounded at 9 o'clock p. m., and the prisoner is required to retire promptly. He is instructed to read and study these rules carefully, because only by strict and cheerful obedience to them can a prisoner remain in the first grade, earn the privileges attached thereto and shorten his term by earning the "good time" provided by law.

There is a band and orchestra at the



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

institution, and daily, except Sundays, from 8 to 10:30 a. m. a school of instruction is held for a class of beginners. From this class are drawn the players. During the spring and summer months a band is maintained; in the fall and winter, an orchestra.

New Era is the title of a weekly paper printed in the penitentiary under the direction of the warden. This paper is edited by the prisoners for the encouragement and educational advancement of prisoners. It is published every week, and is one of the most desirable classes of society. That elemental fact should be remembered by all who jump at conclusions concerning the management of prisons. There are penalties here as well as outside. Corporal punishment, however, is not permitted at Leavenworth. No man is tied up by his thumbs. Minor offenses are mildly dealt with. A man for a time may be deprived of his tobacco or letter-writing privileges, or he may stay in his cell while the other prisoners are seeing a picture show or making an argument. But, by and by, his hammer gets busy and his eating proceeds as formerly.

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