

THE CONNECTICUT AT THE OCEANIC WHARF.

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## THE EMORY SQUADRON AND ITS LAHAINA CALL

LAHAINA, July 18.—Thursday morning the third squadron, consisting of the battleships Louisiana (flagship), Ohio, Missouri and Virginia, under the command of Admiral Emory, dropped anchor at Lahaina and immediately prepared to coal.

The reception committee called upon the Admiral upon arrival and received him and his men, announcing the preparations that were made.

The men were given shore leave at 4 p. m., and brought two bear mascots, which are entertaining a great number of people, especially the children, on the streets.

There was a dance given to the officers last night, and tonight the sailors will also trip the light fantastic.

The fleet as seen by the excursionists that took the steamer Mikahala from Lahaina Wednesday night for Molokai was the grandest sight ever witnessed in these islands.

At sunrise the fleet, sixteen abreast, was off Kalaupapa. They advanced to within about one mile of the settlement, then formed into four divisions and started north past the settlement. They then formed in single file, the third division turning to Lahaina and the others proceeding to Honolulu.

There were hundreds of unfortunate lepers on the beach waving flags and cheering—a most touching scene.

The steamer Mikahala, with the excursionists, sailed out to meet the fleet, which saluted, and were responded to by the Mikahala. The fleet remained in

sight of the settlement until 8:30 o'clock. The squadron is scheduled to sail from Lahaina to Honolulu Sunday morning.—Maui News.

### With the Men Who Handle the Guns

“Then down, deep down, in the mighty ship,

Unseen by the midday suns, You'll find the chaps who are giving The raps—the men behind the guns!”

The most satisfactory feature of the greatest cruise ever attempted in the history of the world's navies has been the magnificent showing made by the American gunners of Admiral Evans' fleet in target practise held recently at Magdalena Bay. During this practice records were smashed right and left, and even the most sanguine hopes of the officers and men were realized. That the work of the jack tars was such as to call for special praise, may be gathered from the words of Captain R. K. Ingersoll:

“When the results of the target practice at Magdalena are worked out they will show better shooting than our

navy has ever done before, and better, I believe, than any of the records made by the navies of the world.”

The excellent performances with the big guns appear to be all the more remarkable when it is taken into consideration that the ships steamed out on the range immediately following their arrival at Magdalena, and at a time when the men were weary from the long voyage. They had been well trained for the task that confronted them, however, and with the first days of firing showed their superiority over all other gunners. The averages for this practice have not been compiled as yet, but the officers of the fleet promise a number of surprises when the results are finally made public. One of the most gratifying things of the practice was the fine showing and team work of the gunners on “Fighting Bob's” flagship Connecticut, with the seven-inch batteries. The marksmanship of the Admiral's own men came as a revelation when they scored 5.87 hits per gun per minute.

The gun crews of the Minnesota, from all accounts, appear, however, to have carried off the first honors among the men of the big ships. Out of 120 shots from the seven-inch guns 116 went through the target at a distance of 1,600 yards, extraordinary shooting, to say the least. While special attention may be called to the record practice of the gunners of the battleship squadron from the East, the work of the men behind the guns on the ships in the Pacific fleet must not be overlooked. While the battleships were still many miles from Magdalena making their way leisurely along the West Coast the vessels of Rear Admiral Dayton's command were steaming up and down before the ranges in the South discharging broadside after broadside at the targets.

In this practice the gunners of the cruiser Maryland broke the world's record with a six-inch gun by the score of 18.65 hits per minute, while their ship was traveling at a speed of ten knots. In describing the night practice held by this ship, one of the Maryland's officers spoke as follows:

“With the searchlights from the cruiser playing upon the targets and the great guns belching fire and smoke the sight furnished by the Maryland was most thrilling. Depending entirely upon the searchlights the crew made one fine record with the three-inch guns—attaining an average result of 11.76 hits per gun per minute. America should be proud of her men for such excellent shooting.”

The praises of the gunners on the little cruiser Albany have already been sung, as this ship carried off the navy trophy in her class at the practice this year for the second time. Two world's records were broken, one with the five inch gun, when six hits out of six shots were made and another with the three-pounder, with ten hits out of ten shots in 22 seconds. The sailors had been vaccinated only a few days before they took up the work of smashing targets, but this far from hindering them in their work, seemed only to add further to their determination to show the world that the American gunner is in a class by himself.

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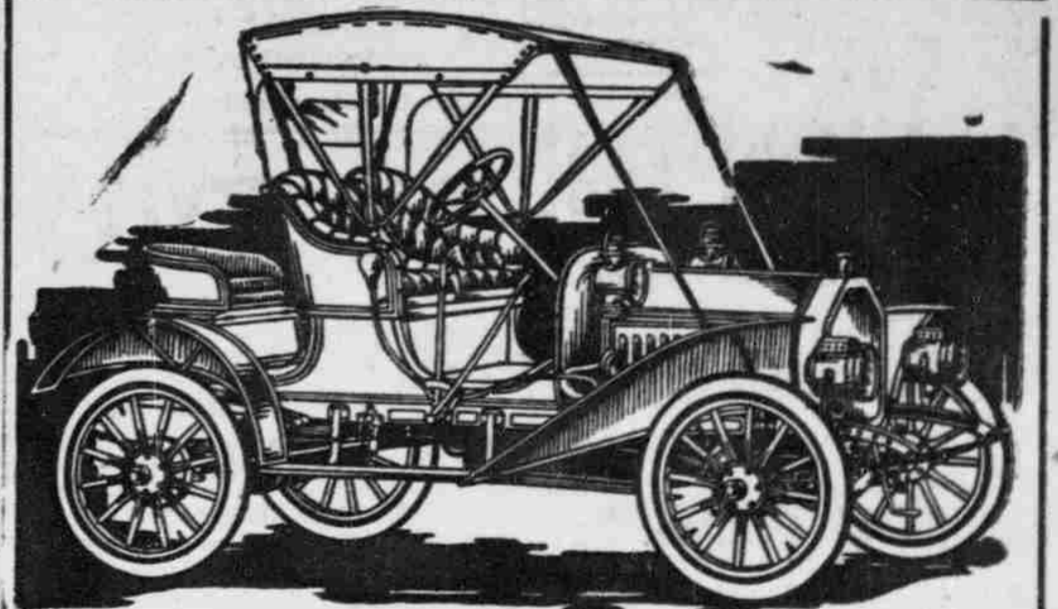
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