

# AND WHEN IT'S FROLIC

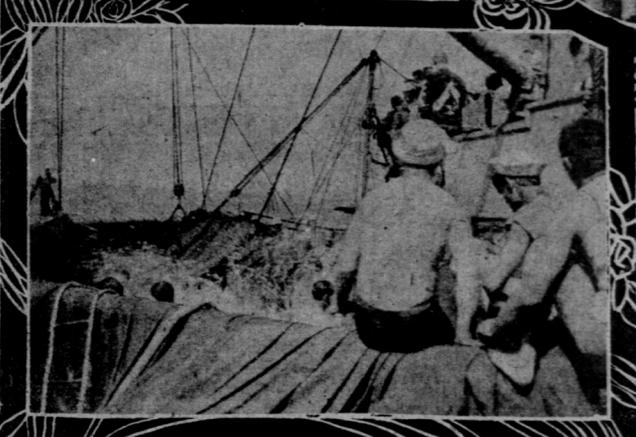
## SHIPS OF UNCLE SAM



MET AT THE EQUATOR NEPTUNE AND HIS WIFE AMERICA AND HER SERVANT



RAPID FIRE GUN AT TARGET PRACTICE



BOROUGH EVEN HEROES HAVE THEIR LIGHTER MOMENTS

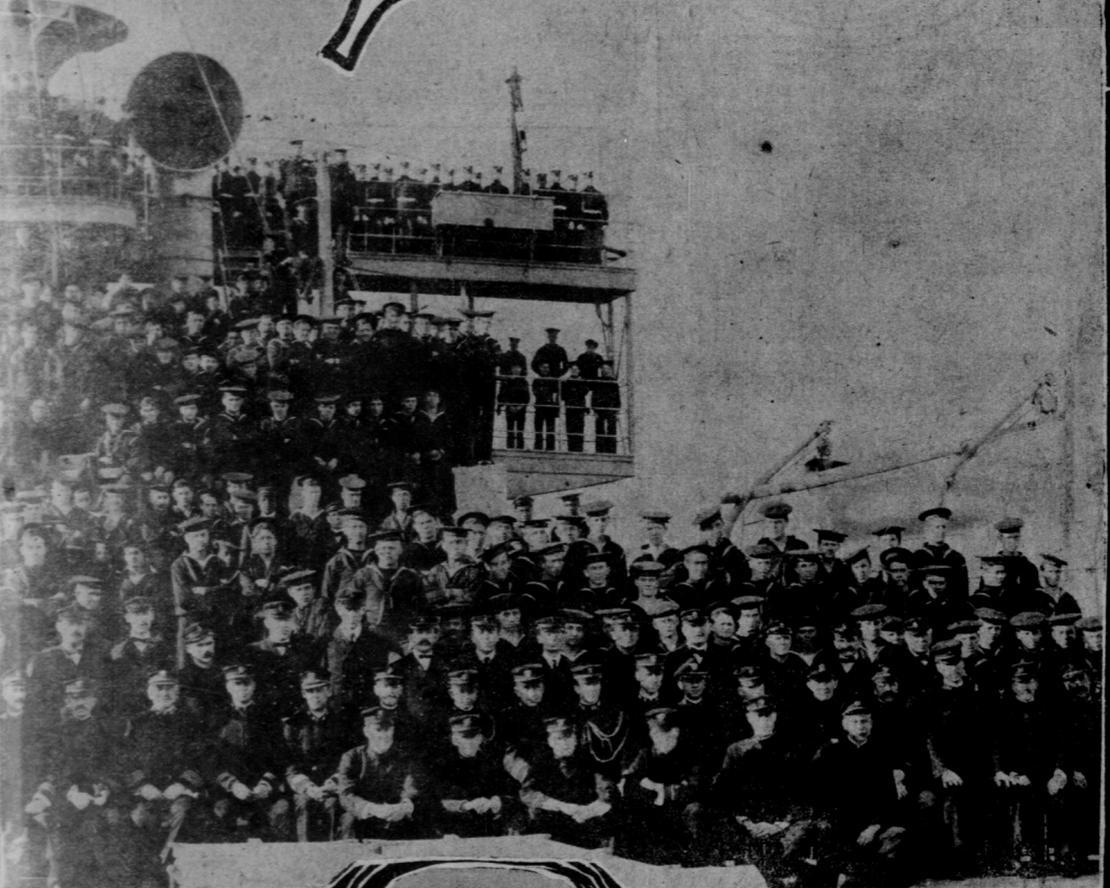
the United States service. The college man is not a stranger in the navy, nor is the professional man found absent from the ranks.

There is one thing for which the sailor does not have a fondness, and that is staying by the ship when a half dozen companies of naval militia-men are being taken on a two weeks' cruise. The coast states send their militia companies on a cruise once a year. The ship is manned by them with the exception of about 100 regulars. The regulars and the reserves, or "preserves," as they are called, often clash and there is much hazing. The regulars are compelled to do extra work, especially the duty that the inexperienced are not quite capable of, and this is one reason why the full fledged webfoot is not happy when his volunteer, or "play sailor," as he calls him, comes on board.

An amusing incident or two which came to the notice of the writer occurred aboard the cruiser Brooklyn. One naval reserve, who had just been relieved from duty, and was all tired out, was lying on the fore-castle of the ship, trying to get some sleep. An order was given to man the falls on a starboard davit. The stripe on his right shoulder showed him to be of the starboard watch. He did not get up to assist in the work and an officer coming along and seeing him said: "Come! lay to there." The seasick reserve, who was rudely awakened by the boot of the officer, replied:



A TAR HELD BY THE ENEMY



REAR ADMIRAL ROBLEY D EVANS

be defeated. When the Marylanders wrested the laurels from the United States steamship Illinois, a little more than a year ago, there was great interest aboard the ships of the navy, and the Maryland crew has been busy since then defending its championship title.

Over \$50,000 changed hands in the race between the Illinois and the Maryland, so the landsmen may have an idea of what kind of sports the sailors are. The spirit of the sport is felt by the officers, and while they do not bet on the outcome as ostentatiously as do the crews, they nevertheless wager large sums among themselves.

Many a clever prize fighter has been turned out by the navy. If a man thinks he can box he is encouraged and is given an opportunity to manifest his powers. Fighting togs and training machines are secured for him and he is backed against men of other ships. Sailor Burke, Reddy Hoskins, Tom Sharkey, Young Griffo and many others received their initial training in the navy.

The sailor loves a fight, and if one "gob" has it in for another and wishes

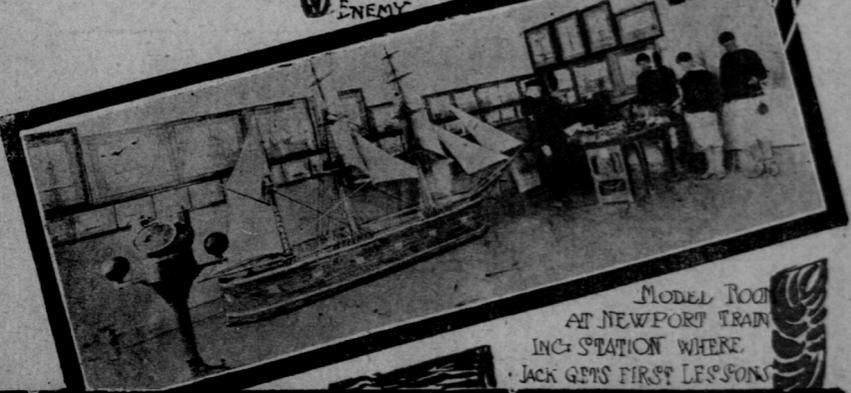
COMMANDER IN CHIEF BATTLESHIP FLEET

to get revenge, he invites the person who is the object of his scorn to don the mitts. This is the only way in which fighting is permitted on ship, and then the ill feeling must only be hinted at.

No ordinary person has the opportunity of seeing the world with so little cost to himself as has the sailor. In the winter his ship visits southern ports and in the summer months the fighting vessel cruises north. No more interesting traveler can be found than the Jack Tar. In relating some of the incidents of his journeyings and when telling of the cities he has visited, the sailor may embellish his story, but his talk is sure to be interesting.

Discipline is a good thing for every man, and any one who has seen service is sure to make a good workman and often a fine executive. The navy teaches men to obey, and they thus become respecters of law and order.

There is a large library on shipboard, and when off duty the sailor has the privilege of borrowing these books. Educational writings of every description may be found in the ship's library, and if a man is a diligent student he may learn a great deal. An excellent opportunity is offered to young men in



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