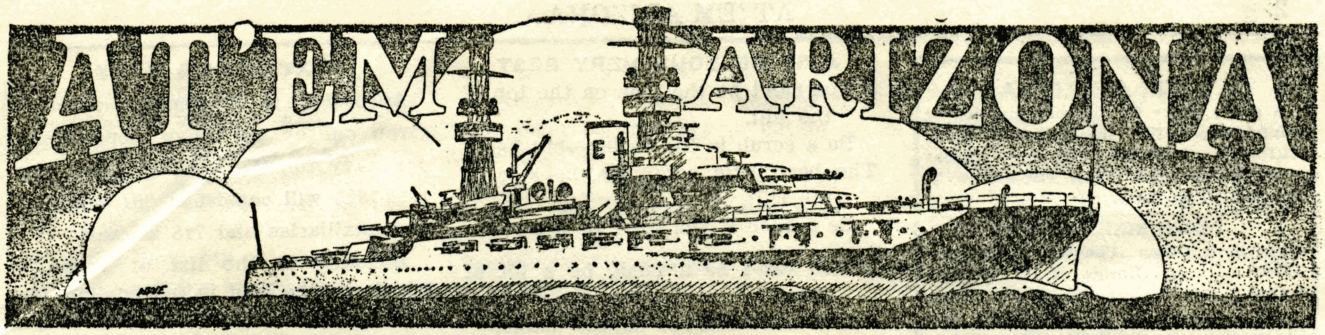

"ONCE ARIZONA, ALWAYS ARIZONA"

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FRISCO AGAIN

Here we are again troops! How does this cosmopolitan city, the New York of the West Coast, strike the eye? Looks pretty good, you say. Thats about a 4.0 answer.

We all have memories of the good times spent—also the good money—in its many places of amusement. Anticipation makes our feet itch to pound the pavement of Market. Powell, and other streets; makes our fingers itch to blow some of that money thats burning holes in our pockets.

And girls! What fair ones they have in this town! Tell me, is it true that the Frisco sweethearts are sweeter at heart than those of other ports? What causes that?

Don't forget the laughs you can have on the civillians. Remember they have to pay street car fare and we may not have to. We have to like Frisco for that. If you are broke you don't have to walk back to the dock.

But something else to remember, don't forget to come back every time your liberty or leave is up. Don't go A.W.O.L. or be A.O.L. its a good port and all that, but no place is good enough to stay A.O.L. for. So when the sweetie begs and pleads to stay just a little bit longer, turn a deaf ear.

There should be something worth while in your schedule, however, besides all fun. The city affords many chances for improvement of historical knowledge, there being many spots worth seeing. Here are a few of them and the cars to take.

Frisco Sights

California Place, Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park. Dedicated to the men who died in the World War, and contains rare pictures by famous artists. Take cars Nos. 1 and 2.

City Hall. Take cars Nos. 5, 19,

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POST CRUISE MANEUVERS

All clouds have been scattered; the haze has been blown away. At last the correct dope regarding early maneuvers for 1929 is out—made clear when the hearings on the 1928 Naval Bill were made known. The rumors of the fleet rounding the Horn are only scuttlebutt.

The United States Fleet will concentrate during January 1929 off Panama, engage in war games, gunnery, and tactical exercises until the latter part of February, when, it appears, units of the Fleet will make short visits to South American ports.

The proposed employment formed the basis of the fuel estimates submitted to Congress for Fleet operations covering the fiscal year July, 1928 to June, 1929.

After the Hawaiian cruise the Battle Fleet returns to San Pedro, staying there until the units separate for trips to Fourth of July ports. Following that, the Battle Fleet and Train Squadron Two will operate in Puget Sound—Columbia River area, off San Francisco, and in the San Pedro—San Diego area, carrying out Fleet exercises, gunnery training, and engineering exercises.

The Battle Fleet and Train Squadron Two are scheduled to leave San Pedro for Panama on 15 January, 1929.

MODERNIZING THE ARIZONA

The recent bill for repairs and alterations to the ARIZONA states that the cost of the work should not exceed $7,310,000. and that the work is to be commenced when those ships now undergoing alterations come out of the Navy Yards.

The alterations proposed include additional defense against submarines and their attacks by the installation

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NATIONAL DEFENSE vs PACIFISM

These last few months have found a great amount of anti-arms propaganda floating around in political circles in our country. Representative Maas of Minnesota proposes an investigation of the activities of all organizations protesting against military defense programs. It is his belief that certain associations engaged in sending out propaganda hostile to the naval building bill are dominated, financed, and inspired by domestic and foreign interests. He claims that members of Congress have been bombarded with letters against the naval building bill, one member having received as many as 2,500 of such communications.

Representative Maas's proposed investigation would be alright, but no government investigation yet attempted has, to our knowledge met adequately its purpose in establishing all of the facts in the case. It is our belief that so long as the people of the United States realize the importance of national defense that no amount of propaganda can do great deal of damage to our present and proposed military system.

No nation can long neglect its national defense and remain prosperous. History fails to show a single people who have been able to rise to maintain prosperity without the forethought and capacity for national defense.

We believe that in this stage of our history, the great majority of sensible people are convinced that national defense pays, that the old flag is worth working and fighting for, that patriotism is better than pacifism. So long as these ideas remain instilled in our minds we need not feer the results of propaganda for pacifism.

AT 'EM ARIZONA

A ship's paper for the dissemination of helpful information aboard the U. S. S. ARIZONA. Published with the consent of the Commanding Officer. Captain W. T. Tarrant, U. S. Navy.

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FOOT STEPS

Have you ever, during a stroll on some sandy beach, noticed footprints, some distinct, some nearly obliterated, worn by washings of the constant tides and filled by the shifting sands, carried by the breeze of the sea shore? Did they cause you to wonder who made them, what might have been the occupation of the originator, where those alternate visible and indistinct prints were leading him? Its interesting thinking and wondering about those footsteps; but did you ever try to follow them? Where did they lead you? Nowhere.

Every day we cross the trail of innumerable footprints, some firm and distinct, apparently leading someplace; others almost invisible—a maze of aimless wonderings, such, that by following them we would get no place, except perhaps in trouble.

It is a good idea to pick out some one of good charactor and habits, **with a purpose** and an ideal in life **making progress** towards his goal. **His footsteps** follow his nose in the direction to his aim in life, toward which his heart and conscience guide him. We cannot go far wrong if we chose the proper kind of footsteps to follow.

But thats the only kind to follow. If we try to journey along the trail of some one who has no definite purpose, whose footsteps are just aimless wonderings, let us be on the lookout for the consequences. The old addage, "A rolling stone gathers no moss," holds a wealth of truth.

So look around, chose your man—the kind whose footprints are firm, distinct, going some place, then follow closely without deviation your chosen path. You will soon be surprised how much fuller your life will feel; and you will find your heart singing a song of gladness instead of crying the blues of injustice and depression.

JUST BE YOUR VERY BEST

If you can't be the pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley—but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush, be a bit of grass,
And some highway happier make.
If you can't be a "muskie," then just be a bass,
But the livliest bass in the lake.

We can't all be captain's, some have to be crew,
Theres something for all of us here;
Theres work to be done, and we've all got to do
Our part in a way that's sincere.

If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail;
If you can't be the sun, be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail;
Be the best of whatever you are.

ISN'T IT TRUE?

I don't walk with a seagoing roll.
I never had a girl in every port.
I haven't got a ship tatooed on my chest.
I can't tie a knot.
I have never been in the brig.
I never hitch up my trousers.
I don't swear.
I am not tanned and browned by tropical suns.
I ain't a sailor.
I am a yeoman.

OUR CLOSED PORTS

The term "Closed Ports" does not mean much to many of the boots and quite a few of the old timers of the Arizona so here is the dope.

Seven ports: Tortugas, Fla; Great Harbor, Culebra; Guantanamo Naval Station, Cuba; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Subig Bay, Philippine Island; and Kiska, Aleutian Island; have been set aside for the use of U. S. Naval vessels. Foreign men-of-war or private vessels must have special authority of the Navy Department before they can enter these ports.

NEXT YEAR'S NAVY

According to information recently given out by the Navy Department, our navy for the coming fiscal year 1928-1929 will consist of 304 warships and auxiliaries and 718 aircraft.

Included in the list of warships which will be kept in full commission during the year will be 15 battleships, 16 cruisers, 103 destroyers, 74 submarines, two aircraft carriers, eight minelayers, 12 submarine and destroyer tenders, 12 patrol vessels, three fleet submarines, one fleet submarine minelayer, two aircraft tenders, two repair ships, two supply ships, five cargo carriers and transports, one collier, nine oil tankers, 24 mine sweepers and a number of navy hospital ships, tugs, oil barges and miscellanious crafts.

An effort will also be made to increase the enlisted personnel to 83,250 men, in order that all of the above craft may be manned to full peace time strength.

NAVAL ACADEMY

On 1 September, 1928, enlisted men who desire to enter the Naval Academy will be given a preliminary examination.

Those who will not be over twenty years of age on 1 April, 1929, and whose mental, moral, and physical qualifications warrant it, will be accepted.

Those accepted will be sent to either Hampton Roads or San Diego for a preparatory course.

Here is your chance to go to the top. Don't fail to do your best to get in the class.

MODERNIZING THE ARIZONA

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of blisters, heavier armor is to be placed on the second deck, there will be new boilers, and improvements in the oil burning equipment and the main propelling machinery.

The bill also proposes increase in turret gun elevation; new type tripod masts in place of the present cage masts; modernization of the fire control system; airplane handling and the replacement of the 3" anti-aircraft battery by 5" guns.

These improvements and alterations should make the ARIZONA on a par with our newest battleships.

ODE TO FRISCO

In the city known as Frisco, close
besides the Western Sea.
There's an unknown maid awaiting—
and I know she waits for me;
And soon I hope to meet her, by the
Ferry Building tall,
(And Sailor Boy will wonder if for
him she's going to fall—)
"But I'll smile my very sweetest, and
some tender things I'll say,
When I meet the little lady up by
San Francisco Bay.

CHORUS

Up by San Francisco Bay,
Where the fog is thick and gray,
Where the parties start at sundown,
And hang on till break o' day.

She was a buxom sophisicated lass, knowing that the moon wasn't made of green cheese, and that applesause went a long way.

He was a slim, different creature, unaware that it wasn't Tuesday, and that crochet needles didn't croak.

She smiled.

He shied.

She seized his hand and exclaimed: "Let's be naughty!"

And they went and threw mud at the City Hall.

—Life.

Andrew's grandmother had been telling him Bible stories, his favorite being that of Daniel in the lion's den. At the age of four he was taken to a circus for the first time. When the lion-tamer put his head into the lion's mouth Andrew's excitement knew no bounds. Jumping up and down he gleefully screamed:

"Gee, that knocks the spots off of Daniel!"

THE BEST STORY OF THE MONTH

The pastor of the Smoke Ridge Babtist church was driving about in his tumble down buggy drawn by a ramshackled mule. He was making pastorial calls among his flock. Bringing his outfit to a stop in front of a cabin of one of his members he observed a small pickaninny playing in the yard.

"Is yo' mammy in de house, sonny?"

"Yessah. Brudder Whiteside."

"Is yo' pappy down in de field plowin'?"

"Nosah, pappy's in de house with mammy."

"Well," replied the Parson, thoughtfully, "tell 'em ah said howdy."

—Pearl Harbor Weekly.

PIGDIN

Waitress— "Hawaii, gentlemen. Youse must be Hungary to eat in a dump like this."

Diner—"Yes Siam, and we can't Rumania long either. Venice lunch ready?"

Waitress—"I Russia to a table. Will you Havana?"

Diner—"Nome, you can wait on us."

Waitress—"Good. Japan the menu yet? The Turkey is Nice."

Diner—"Anything at all. But can't Jamaica little speed?"

Waitress—"I don't think we can Fiji that fast, but Alaska."

Diner—"never mind asking anyone. Just put a Cuba sugar in our Java."

Waitress—"Sweden it yourself. I'm only here to Servia."

Diner—"Denmark our bill and call the Bosphorus.

He'll probably Kenya. I don't Bolivia know who I am."

Waitress—"No, and I don't Carridbean. Youse guys sure Armenia."

Boss—"Samoa your wisecracks, is it. What got India? You think that arguing Alps business?"

Diner—"Canada racket! Spain in the neck."

—Training Station News.

"Lean on your own bread and butter" said one chorus girl when the other one leaned on her knee.

An O.O.D. was heard to remark, "that he considered a man that wears bell-bottom trousers, the same as a Mexican greaser or a half-witted movie star.

Young Doctor—"My dear, you must really get rid of those ducks. They insult me every time I enter or leave the house.

"It's no disgrace to die poor."

Maybe not, but it's sure a dirty trick to play on the relatives."

Father: "I'm sorry to have to whip you, my son,, for as I've told you before, it hurts me more than it does you."

Jimmy: "I know that papa, and it's only because I know it hurts you that I cry."

Jane: "Did you have a good time last night?"

June: "Naw, I got too much will power."

LOCAL AD

WANTED; a salesgirl, must be respectable, until after Christmas.

Division Officer: "You are very late again, O' Brady. How do you account for your continual tardiness?"

O' Brady: "You see sir, me father was the late Patrick O' Brady."

Hubby: "I found fifty cents on your bed last night."

Wife: "Oh think nothing of that. They are my sleeping quarters."

It's just as well to with-hold mean thoughts until tomorrow, but kind thoughts had better be expressed today.

Even at its worst, life is amusing—if you have a sense of humor and a good sound body.

As long as she can fascinate the men, no woman really worries about her age.

No man looks twice at the woman who is sensibly dressed.

Many a gay party has been shot at sunrise.

She: "Did I ever show you where I was tatooed?"

He: "Oh no."

She: "Well we can drive around that way."

They say that the flapper is passing,
That soon she will be no more,
It's certainly time, she's passing all
right,
One passed me six times last night.

Mary: "Mother, baby was sent down from Heaven, was'nt she?"

Mother: "Yes, dear."

Mary: "They must like it quiet up there, don't they?"

—Line magazine.

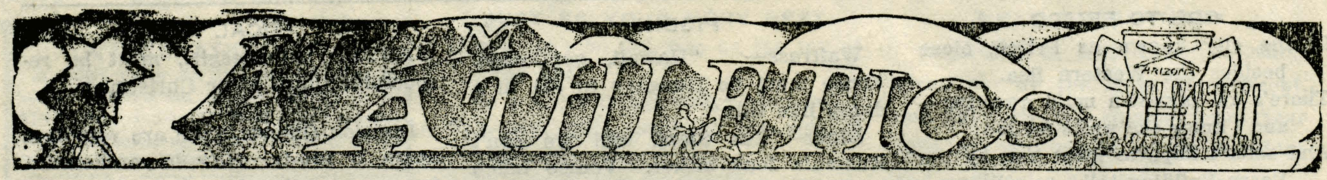
One: "Why are your socks on wrong side out?"

Two: "My feet got hot, so I turned the hose on them."

"Pardon me, but you look like Helen Black."

Is that so, well I look worse in white."

Toll the bell for shipmate Spencer,
He ran a bum test on the condenser.



THE C-IN-C'S TROPHY

That standing, showing the ARIZONA next to the bottom, doesn't look so good, but it isn't as bad as it appears to be. Its true that just at the present time, we haven't much of a raceboat crew, but we have hopes. There are men on this ship that are as good crew men as other ships have. Back in the old days, and not so far either, say about 1924, we had crews in every type of boat that couldn't be defeated. We had difficulty in getting ships to race us. Men used to pay ARIZONITES for transfers—do most anything to get on a ship with such wonderful crews.

That hasn't been the case in the last couple of years, but watch out other ships. That old fight and spirit is coming back like it should. But it requires the backing of every man and officer on the ship—not only your word but your money. When those athletic teams and crews find out that we are back of them to a man, watch our smoke.

Lieut. Commander R. C. Alexander head Pacific Battlefleet athletic officer, announces how the raceboat crews of the fleet stood at the close of the regetta last week at San Pedro.

U. S. S. New Mexico	164
U. S. S. Colorado	151
U. S. S. Pennsylvania	112
U. S. S. Idaho	99
U. S. S. Tennessee	99
U. S. S. Maryland	94
U. S. S. California	51
U. S. S. West Virginia	48
U. S. S. Mississippi	42
U. S. S. Arizona	18
U. S. S. New York	0

Due to the U. S. S. New York not being present during the full regetta year, she can hardly be included and is given last place in the above standing.

The U. S. S. New Mexico, by having the highest average in raceboat crew races during the past regetta was awarded the annual Commander-in-Chief's trophy.

SMALL CLASS WILL GRADUATE AT ANNAPOLIS THIS YEAR

Compared with the 1927 Naval Academy class of 559 members, the 1928 graduating class will be very small, about 176 members.

This reduction in size of the June graduating class will necessitate a reduction in the number to be assigned to duty with the staff corps of the naval establishment. It is estimated that 145 members of the 1928 class will be commissioned.

Of the 1927 Naval Academy class 25 were commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps, 7 ensigns were commissioned in the Supply Corps, 33 resigned upon graduation as physically disqualified. The Secretary of the Navy has assigned 15 members of the 1928 class to be commissioned in the Marine Corps, 4 will be commissioned in the Supply Corps.

There are ten members of the class of 1928 scheduled to report to the Arizona after completion of flight training at the Naval Academy, some of them being very prominent in athletics at the Naval Academy. M. R. Gerin was twice intercollegiate boxing champion in the 145 pound class. W. J. Millican was a star back on the football team, a member of the baseball team, plays basketball, and is a good boxer. P. F. Wakeman was captain of the swimming team. T. A. Ahroon was a necessary member of the soccer team. The tenative list includes N. Nash, C. R. Armburst, J. W. Millican, F. C. Hawk, F. M. Nickols, R. L. Morris, T. A. Ahroon, P. F. Wakeman, W. A. Cockell, and M. R. Gerin.

OUR NEW EDITOR

Ensign H. M. Zemmer has taken over the editorship of the 'At 'Em relieving Ensign, D. W. Alexander, although Mr. Alexander was an excellent and conciencious editor we have hopes for a bigger and better At 'Em.

Mr. Zemmer having previous experience at editing "Bum Wad's" is capable of maintaining the At 'Em's reputation as one of the best papers in the fleet.

MAY PAINT YARD RADIO TOWERS

An experimental project has been established at the Washington, D. C. Navy Yard covering the painting of radio towers for the protection of aircraft in flight during the daylight hours. One 300-foot tower has been painted, with alternate black and white bands, 40 feet broad. It is likely that all of the Navy's shore radio station towers, including Mare Island, ranging in hight from 200 feet to 600 feet, will eventually be marked in this manner if these experiments prove successful.

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21, or 32.

Golden Gate Park, one of the most beautiful in America. One may see here the Academy of Sciences, Steinhart Aquarium, De Young Museum and Art Gallery, Japanese Tea Gardens, etc. Cars Nos. 4, 5, 7, 17, 21, 24, 32, and 33. (For golf, take cars 1 or 2.)

Mission Dolores, oldest building in Frisco, esablished by Father Junipero Serra in 1776. Cars 10, 22, 24, 26 and 33.

Presidio Military Reservation, established in 1776, by Juan Bautista de Rauza, who led an expedition from Mexico. Cars 3, 4, or 24.

Cliff House and Seal Rocks, where seals and sealions may be seen sporting in their native elements. Cars 2, 5, or 7.

Ocean Beach Esplanade, world celebrated recreation place, near Sutro Heights. Cars Nos. 2, 5, or 7.

Chinatown, largest colony of chinese outside of China, about 10,000. Cars 15, 16, or 29.

There is an excellant A&N YMCA at 166 Embarcadero, one block from the ferry building, offering all the advantages and privileges of a modern club to service men.

It is suggested that men take this section of the paper ashore with them in event they wish to visit any of the places mentioned as it will give them the easy directions for visiting these points of interest.