

SAN FRANCISCO

(Thru the Windows of the Streetcars)

A few of the important points of interest to visit while in San Francisco are listed below.

There are many stories told and no doubt many interesting ones that never have been published about San Francisco, from the time gold was discovered until the present day.

The points of interest should by all means be visited, they are of Historical importance to all, an education in themselves.

First we have the DEYOUNG MUSEUM - this is in Golden Gate Park, Gallery of Engraving and Etchings, the Jewel Hall, Coin and Medal Gallery. This can be reached by street cars numbered 4, 5 7, 17, 20, 21, 33. There are hundreds of interesting sights in Golden Gate Park which will give you an entire day of real pleasure and enjoyment that will not soon be forgotten. California Le-

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WRESTLING NOTES

With the official Chicago-Houston match just two weeks off, the squad is working for speed and final conditioning, with lots of Iron Man points as their ultimate goal.

As no line on the Chicago has been gained a preliminary comparison cannot be given.

It will be the first match of the season for both teams.

The Houston wrestlers did not compete last year and consequently collected no Iron Man Points.

In order to collect Iron Man points the team has to finish among the first

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S. S. STORE WILL FILL XMAS ORDERS

This year our Ship's Service has prepared for the Xmas season much earlier than in former years.

Now you may find a very fine selection of practicable gifts and pleasing items on hand.

Although it is felt the majority of the crew know of the savings afforded through purchases in the Ship's Service Store it does not seem amiss to bring this fact before our new shipmates who may be planning on giving practicable gifts this year.

If the store does not have exactly what you wish the operator is prepared to do his best to obtain just what you desire.

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LEATHER PUSHERS START SEASON

Last Thursday night the San Francisco played host to the Houston at a smoker during which the boxing team got away to an unofficial start. Most of the ship's company were present to form a high powered cheering section.

In the first bout Hastings (B Div) met Morrison of the S. F. This was a lively affair with both lads evenly matched, the judges calling it a draw. In the next bout, Hill (Warrant Officer's Mess) met Perry of the S. F. This match was one-sided from the beginning and the hard-hitting Houston boy scored a knock-out in the second round. The next fight, from the spectators' viewpoint, was without a dull moment. Adams (1st. Div.)

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HOUSTON ENTERS RIFLE MATCH

On Thursday, 5 November, a rifle match was fired by the Houston against the San Francisco, Tuscaloosa, and Chicago at the Mare Island Rifle Range. The course fired was the Navy Expert course. Winners were San Francisco, 1st., Tuscaloosa, 2nd., Chicago, 3rd. This was the first time that the Houston has had a rifle team since her return from the Orient and the Gunnery Officer and team captain Lt. Dahl, U.S.N., were highly elated with the results even though we finished last.

Lt. Dahl expects to start a small arms school of the rifle and pistol to be held in the hangars at least twice a week and anyone interested should see him or Chief Gunner Condit or turn his name in at the Gunnery Office.

Individual Scores

	SF	RF	SF	RF	RF	Tot.
	500	500	200	200	200	
Lieut. Dahl	44	42	46	90	48	270
Gibson, AMM2c.	40	6	37	59	26	168
Head, S1c.	40	25	39	42	28	174
Dainwood, S1c.	46	17	36	46	34	179
Maze, S1c.	43	36	34	41	39	193
Arminger, Cpl.	42	27	43	71	48	231
Oliver, Pvt.	48	47	40	83	46	264

BASEBALL

During our stay in San Francisco the Cruiser Fall Series shall most likely be completed.

At present the Houston has two games scheduled, the first with the Pensacola, the second with the Portland nine.

The Pensacola game is scheduled to be played at Father Crowley field.

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—: THE BLUE BONNET :—

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WHAT ARE YOU STANDING FOR?

Every individual stands for something. In fact most of us represent a number of things. We were born on a certain street in a certain village or city. Or, was it on the wide acres of some farm? We attended a certain school in a certain city or at some country crossroads. We are reasonably certain about the school because in these days a man cannot get into the Navy or Marine Corps without having had considerable schooling. Therefore, there must have been a school. Then as time passed many of us became members of certain fraternal, patriotic, and religious organizations. Then we entered the service. As a result of this line of circumstances all of us have come to represent in a very definite way all of these: the home into which we were born; the school which we attended; the organization which we joined; and finally, the Service in which it is our honor to serve.

One of the most significant facts of life is a man's representative capacity.

A psychologist said recently that a man's body separated into the elements of which it is composed and sold at the current market price would bring about ninety-seven cents. So much, therefore, for the purely physical man. But a man is not measured by the amount of iron, etc., in his body but by his loyalties—the things for which he stands. By force of character as expressed through his loyalties he wields an influence for good or evil.

But in this modern day a man's individual efforts are soon dissipated if he attempts to go his way alone. He, therefore, finds his greatest opportunity for service and his greatest chance for happiness in identifying himself with organizations and in-

stitutions through which he may render the most efficient service and secure for himself the greatest satisfaction.

Do you remember the feeling that came over you the first time you wore the uniform? From one of the millions of Americans you suddenly became a representative of something very important, and it made you feel important. You came to represent something big - the United States Navy, an organization of more than eighty thousand patriotic men. Yes, we are indeed representatives.

When our attention is attracted to a person we at once size him up in terms of what he stands for. Lincoln represents the freed slaves. Florence Nightingale represents nursing. John Dillinger represents banditry.

One of the greatest privileges a man has is to represent something bigger than himself. And even the smallest person may represent the biggest and the best things of life. We cannot avoid the responsibility of representing things. But we can choose the things we wish to represent. Then having made our choice we should represent them to the best of our ability. How well and to what purpose are you utilizing this capacity?

WRESTLING NOTES

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three.

The squad worked with the San Francisco and Tuscaloosa while at the Navy Yard and gained some valuable experience and a general idea of the kind of competition they'll have in the official matches.

Only a few members have experience in official competition, but all of them will be ready to give the Chicago plenty of competition on 21 November.

They can prove they are a better team by chalking up a victory.

See them in action against the Chicago on Saturday, 21 November, Trona Field Gymnasium at 1930.

Plenty of seats for everyone.

Sun Editor—Did you cut down that farm story to a thousand words?

Compet—Yes sir; even the cow gives condensed milk in it.

The folks at home will enjoy reading the Blue Bonnet. Mail it!

OSCAR'S OPUS NO. 5

(For Long and Williams)

MARRIED LIFE

Dar ban gude guy named Yimmy Case
He har got mustache on his face
Dar ban ideas in his head
He skol vant gurl tu bake his bread
Tu cook his grub and vash da dish
Vile he goes out tu hunt and fish.

He ban yust a normal guy
Whu ban in luv and don't know vhy
He tink da sun skol rise and set
On liddle Yulia's head, Ay bet
He tink dar ain't no odder gurl
Skol look so gude as Yimmy's pearl.

Sune he skol yoin da Benedicts
And start tu dodging plates and
bricks
And biscuit skol be hard like rock
Ven dey bounce offa Yimmy's block
He skol eat lots of funny fude
And smack his lips and say "It's
Gude".

Ven he comes home from working hard
His wife still ban out playing card
And Yimmy say "Vell, Holy Yee!
Vhy ain't she waiting har for me?"
He den sit down tu smoke his pipe
And storm and fret and fume and
grige.

Aldough at times it seems qvite tuff
Dis married life it ban gude stuff
And Yimmy say "Ven all ban done
Ve really having lots of wun;
Although at times tings don't go val
Ay like dis life in spite of hal.

He finds out ven he's getting old
His wife ban worth much more dan
gold

For she skol make for him a home
Far from da Ocean's spray and
foam,

He finds out dat dis liddle gal
Skol always be his vun gude pal.

—OSCAR

Little Boy—What was the name of
that last station we passed,
mother?

Mother—I don't know. Don't bother
me while I'm reading..

Little Boy—It's too bad you don't
know 'cause little brother got
off there.

Have you written home this week?



**NOSEY
NEWS
'BOUT
EV'BODY**

We may all remember this past week as one of the busiest and most active on board in recent months - some of our shipmates may also remember said week as one of their most active shore side too.

It was considered a certainty our salty Houstonites would melt under 'Frisco's charm, but when the boys made most every liberty in Vallejo we feel our advance dopesters were wrong once again.

Outstanding among those who made a short but furious liberty in Vallejo were Rimmer and McCormick. Even if it was election day these vets of "The saw-dust deck and brass-rail emporiums" did manage to find enough to keep themselves warm. It is pretty cool up here at that.

Another pair of our former Georgia Street Gigilos were observed looking over the old haunts in Vallejo. Dainwood insisted he had business while Maze went along to see that he attended to it.

We can't imagine why Slough was so anxious to get ashore in Vallejo. We understand his big moment resides elsewhere. ??

Kimball of the "R" proved he had no liking for these parts when he attempted to bring his girl friend up North from Long Beach. The lad should realize this war craft does not carry passengers though.

Although Hallow'een is a week old now it is noted many of the boys still carry remembrances, especially in way of colors. Since black is one of the predominating colors on this day we can hardly see why Zainfield, Churchman, Simms, Ivy, and Sheffield

should have persisted until they had a lasting reminder of the day.

Johnson, (Ginsberg for short) can't remember whether he celebrated Hallow'een or whether it celebrated him. They say the powers of Haig & Haig are that way.

Henry Nickle made good use of the evening too. He says he made the acquaintance of several members of the LB police Department.

It is a marvelous thing what a leave period will do to some. Not long ago Farquhar was seldom heard from, but since his visit to Texas he now tells sea-stories so convincingly he has taken the lead in the sea-story derby in the galley.

Palmer of the print shop must have "IT" in big portions. Or maybe the lad is what the landlubbers call a Gigilo. Reports say he did receive some money from a certain party in Los Angeles.

Beckwith recently discovered much to his chagrin he was a Daddy. Latest reports on the story says he disclaims all knowledge.

Since his change of address from Turret 2 to Turret 3, Charlie Barker has slowly but surely softened. At least the way he growls about the weather here one would believe so. There was a time when we thought he was thinking of becoming a nudist.



Our "Can-Do" photographer was up bright and early Wednesday morning to get this striking likeness of Borghetti, our local "Bet-a-Million-Butch". ?? ?

That stirring Sax solo rendered to the boys in No. 2 Fireroom last Friday afternoon should have helped the toiling valve twisters no little. We feel certain Sax tooter did not try any of his passage-way tootling. If you have never heard them stay clear.

For latest information on the new style shows in 'Frisco see either Felix or Fordemwalt.

Last but in no way the least, we wonder how long it takes the "GF" to read those fourteen page books our "Boatsie-Obie" has taken to writing.

BASEBALL

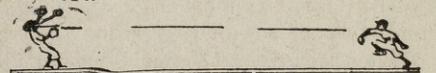
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tomorrow, Sunday. This game may be postponed till Monday depending upon whether the field is available tomorrow.

Our game with the Portland will be played at Crowley field, Tuesday afternoon.

Our postponed game with the Louisville may be played in San Francisco too.

Winning these games will put the Houston nine in the running for Iron Man points so you baseball fans be on hand and give the team your support.



NO IMAGINATION

The teacher suggested that the children should draw on a piece of paper what each one of them should like to be when they grew up. At the end of the period little Gargantua, age nine, handed in a blank sheet of paper. "Why Gargy, isn't there something you'd like to be when you grow up?" asked the teacher.

"Yes teacher, I'd like to be married, but I don't know how to draw it," was the astute answer.

He (absently)—You're a dear, sweet girl, Anna.

She (quickly)—But my name is Sue.

He (recovering)—I say you're a dear, sweet girl anna love you with all me heart.

Then again there was the drunk who spent the whole evening in a grandfather's clock trying to telephone his girl.

THE NAVY'S STRANGE PEOPLE

To discuss this particular type of Navy person, it is necessary to tell a little story. Once upon a time there was a young fellow who lived with a very finicky old maiden aunt. This old maid was always making his life miserable for him by demanding, aye insisting, in fact screaming that he put everything in just a certain so-so place. You know the type. She wouldn't let him smoke in the parlor, she wouldn't let him leave his hat on the table, and he had to walk on his tiptoes when tansgressing on the sacred premises of her polished waxed floors.

Egbert finally got so tired of Auntie's jitter-producing proclivity that he decided to do something desperate—he would join the Navy!

When they accepted him for the service, he was so glad to escape Auntie and her 'figety jibbity' insistence upon the neatness of her household, that he hardly knew what to do. At last he would be out on the sea, the free and open sea, where men are men and women are taboo! Oh, what fun it would be not to have to worry about Auntie's old house, or her polished floors, and never again to hear her nagging mezzo-soprano.

Then what happened? A h h h—ah, and two more ahs! Egbert walked down through a compartment and what should greet his shell-like ears but this barrage: "Hey, get off de deck. Can't you see it ain't dried down yet?"—"Take your mitts off da t brightwork, you lug!"—"Look out—watchit—da paint work, da paint work"—"Here I go an' work all mornin' workin' my fingers to da elbow, an' den you come along with your bare face hanging out and mess up my compartment—no wonder I got a sour disposition."

But time passed on. Soon he discovered that he was to be a compartment cleaner—and then he was to learn that bitter knowledge that has been the heritage of every compartment cleaner from the days of John Paul Jones. Egbert was to learn that no deck is more inviting to walk upon than a wet one, no ladder is so necessary as the one that is triced up, that paint goes on bulkheads and is wiped off with sailors' blues, and no brightwork is worth handling except that

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gion of Honor palace. In Lincoln Park, (reached by cars 1 and 2) this beautiful building has been dedicated to the California boys who made the supreme sacrifice in the great war. This building contains many rare art treasures.

There are many beautiful parks in San Francisco, you will find the zoo very interesting too. This is an opportune time to see these parks when they are at their best.

A fleet information booth has been established and will be maintained during the visit of the fleet. This booth will be located on the South end of the main entrance to the ferry building.

Just a word of warning when you are ashore, remember it is San Francisco to you.

LEATHER-PUSHERS
START SEASON

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and Howard of the S. F. stood toe to toe and blazed away with the heavy artillery. Howard had the edge on Adams, being in better condition, but the game Houston lad with never say die spirit had his colors flying high at the end. Howard took the well earned decision. The final bout between Carter (W. R. Mess) and Baca of the San F. had all the earmarks of being something well worth seeing, but the match was stopped early in the first round when Carter sustained a cut above the eye.

On the whole it was all first rate entertainment and we are indebted to the S. F. for their gracious hospitality. The outlook for the team is good but we are in need of Candidates for the 118 lb., 126 lb., and heavy-weight classes. Anyone interested should see Lieut. Davis. The first official meet will be with the Chicago on the 21st. of November, so get your ringside seats early.

which has recently been shined!

In short, Egbert became just like Aunt Minnie back in Slewfoot, Idaho. Egbert became an A-1 All Navy Compartment Cleaner!

—Nevada Cheer-Up.

"S" DIVISION NOTES

Steve bought a new radio (new to him) and now all the nuts and bolts in the main GSK want to go on leave on account of the 'Mountain William' music.

Rosenslough wishes to announce the arrival of the latest in fall styles, which can now be obtained at his exclusive mens shop in "Dark Alley". Fast running colors guaranteed.

Got-a-chit Mack, master stock dispenser of A 403 A, in requesting special liberty over the recent weekend duty, wins a special audience with Steve for giving a most quaint and unusual reason for his request. Sez he, "I wish to take my wife to the Circus".

We wonder what ticket our GSK Johnnie was running on, never mind Johnnie, you will be Mayor of Vallejo yet, even though the HOUSTON was there on election day.

Ran across an old shipmate who told me a story about our Cavalry Storekeeper - - - I don't know how true this is, I only heard! ? ? ?

S. S. STORE WILL FILL YOUR
XMAS ORDERS NOW

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Another big advantage in the store is that you do not have to battle the usual holiday crowds, and we all know what that means. The average man-of-wars-man does not enjoy the prospect of spending two or three hours trying to fill his Xmas list only to find he was fortunate if he managed to make one suitable purchase.

Among a wide variety of excellent gifts available now you may have an ultra-modern "Mix-Master" (they say it is a fine cocktail mixer too), assorted sizes and types of waffle plates, irons, toasters, percolators, silex's and automatic cooker, table lamps, toilet sets, bath robes, radios, ties socks, handkerchiefs and many other items.

It is not too early to start filling your list, and you can't go wrong right here on board ship.

The Ship's Service is for your convenience and is a great help on the old bank roll these days.

Mail the "Blue Bonnet" home!