



**THE NAVAL GENIUS OF
GEORGE WASHINGTON**

Washington, to most of us, is the great General, the great organizer, the unselfish true patriot, and the first President. But how many of us have ever thought of him as a great preeminent naval strategist - and yet, that is exactly what he was and what he combined with the soldier and the statesman.

It has been somewhat of a discovery to most of us to appreciate this, but the seige and victory at Yorktown which was the telling blow and final great effort of the colonies for independence didn't happen haphazard. It was the plan and mature judgment of Washington the General and naval strategist, combining land and sea power in a master stroke, that could only have been conceived by a master naval mind.

Washington the Admiral is a new term, yet that is what the Navy's new studies of his long have labelled him. Though he never gained the title there is no doubt as to his right to be considered.

The story of that early struggle is a fascinating one. Only a man of iron could have overcome the almost insurmountable difficulties. One of the first was lack of munitions.

There were no powder factories in the colonies and one of Washington's first problems was how to get necessary munitions and equipment.

Entirely on his own responsibility and initiative he fitted out ships to prey on enemy commerce and to use his own word:-

"Seize all vessels laden with sold-

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NAVAL SCHOOL POPULAR

Interest among the personnel of the Fleet in attending classes of the Long Beach Adult Education Department has been so pronounced that the authorities of the Long Beach Public Schools have opened additional classes.

**Mr. ARNOLD SELECTED FOR
COMMANDER**

Word was received from the Navy Department the last part of the past week that our Gunnery officer, Mr. Arnold has been selected for Commander. He was one of sixty officers selected for this advancement.

Mr. Arnold is a member of the class of 1915. Previous to joining the Houston, this past June, he was attached to the Navy Department of the Naval Academy where he taught many a Midshipmen the mysteries of Navigation. Congratulations Mr. Arnold.

DID YOU KNOW

That the HOUSTON holds the record for the fastest trip between Manila, P.I., and Shanghai, China, having traveled the distance, 1338 statute miles in a little over 48 hours?

"The men who try to do something and fail infinitely are better than those who do nothing and succeed"—Loyde Jones.

"The secret of happiness is not doing what one likes but liking what one does".....James M. Poarrie

**HOUSTON TO FIRE LONG RANGE
BATTLE PRACTICE WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday the Houston is scheduled to fire LRBP. According to the present plans the Houston will get underway about 0900 Monday morning for the drill grounds of San Clemente. Monday will be devoted largely to practice runs. Tuesday we will hold our official rehearsal and Wednesday we'll fire. After firing the Houston is scheduled to observe the Chester in Division Day Practice. This will mean that we won't get back to Long Beach until late Thursday or some time Friday.

ENSIGN BULLOCK DETACHED

Monday February J. E. Bullock Ensign (SC) was detached from the ship to take up the duties as Dispersing officer of Mine Division One at Pearl Harbor. Ensign Bullock will be remembered in his capacity as Dispersing officer on this ship from June of last year until the beginning of 1935. Before taking up his new duties he plans on spending a months leave with his parents in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Bullock graduated from the Naval Academy with the class of 1933. Before coming to the Houston, he was attached to the Supply Department of the U. S. S. California. It is sincere regrets that we see our old "Pay" leave the ship and wish him a pleasant tour of duty in his new assignment.

President Roosevelt has invited Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, to christen the "Yorktown," Aircraft Carrier, which is due to be launched September, 1935.