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ENGINEERS STAND FIRST

CHICAGO Second, SALT LAKE CITY Third

This competition year started July 1st, the day we started on the Presidential Cruise. Since then we have made a significant start with a score of 114.94 to date, leading the field with the CHICAGO second by 105.97 and the SALT LAKE CITY third by 100.94. It is a start we should be proud of. And while we are on it, we ran 11,783 miles while the President was on board and did it in 595.6 hours steaming at 18.5 average without missing our schedule in any port. Who said something about rolling stones gathering no moss?

However, there are still ten months to weather. Ten long months of SRBP, Power Runs, LRBP, etc., etc. Everyone can help us keep in first place by observing a few common sense rules. It costs money to make fresh water--about 30 to 50 gallons of oil per hour. Useless lights and fans consume "juice". Leaks lose steam. Use water wisely--it takes a lot of water to freshen up the ocean. Turn out useless lights. Turn off useless fans. Report all steam leaks to the Log Room. Do all this and our Engineers will be leading the class when the books are closed.

The United States had no official National Anthem until March, 1931, when the Star Spangled Banner was adopted as such by Congress.

CONTINUOUS SERVICE

A subject, not generally understood is here quoted from a BuNav letter:

"Upon reenlisting, continuous service men who so request may, without reference to the Bureau, be transferred to the vessel on which they last served in a duty status (as distinct from a ship to which attached for purpose of transfer prior to discharge), provided such vessel will, at the time men report, be within the continental limits of the United States and in the zone to which the output of the recruiting station or receiving ship or station is normally sent. If the vessel is located in a zone other than noted above or is not within the continental limits of the United States, the request will be referred to the Bureau for action."

SECOND DIVISION WINS RIFLE MEET

Saturday afternoon found representatives from the 1st, 2nd