



THE CRUISE

According to the information at hand the HOUSTON will arrive at Valparaiso, Chile on 28 May, and we are due to leave that port on 2 June. Therefore, we shall be in port for a period of six days. In order that we may gain most from the cruise, it will be quite necessary that plans be made in the very near future for sight-seeing in Valparaiso and environs. We hope to make every minute count.

A representative of Thomas Cook and Son was on the HOUSTON last Sunday morning for the purpose of suggesting possible sight-seeing trips which may be made in and near Valparaiso.

The following schedule for sight-seeing parties has been suggested by Thomas Cook & Son:

- 28 MAY— Arrive Valparaiso
- 29 MAY— Half-day sight-seeing excursion will be offered around Valparaiso, visiting the handsome residential districts, the Stadium, the fortifications of the city, etc.
- 30 MAY— A similiar tour to that made on 29 May in order that the men who had the watch the day before may be able to make the tour.
- 31 MAY— Special Train at 8:30 a.m. from Valparaiso to Santiago. This train will arrive at Santiago at 1200. The entire afternoon will be available for sight-seeing in motor cars. The train will leave Santiago at 7:00 p.m., for Valparaiso, arriving at 10:30 .m.
- 1 JUNE— Special Train to Santiago (the same schedule as for 31 May), for all hands who were unable to make the trip on 31 May.

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CEREMONY OF CHANGE OF COMMAND

Vice Admiral William D. Leahy, U. S. Navy, will relieve Admiral Harris Laning, U. S. Navy, as Commander Battle Force at 1030, Monday, 30 March 1936, on board the U.S.S. CALIFORNIA at San Pedro, Calif. All Flag and Commanding Officers of the Battle Force present in the San Pedro Area will attend. Other Flag and Commanding Officers are invited to attend.

Vice Admiral Leahy has requested Commander Battle Force to announce that official calls by officers attending the ceremony will be considered as having been made and returned and that all gun salutes will be considered fired and returned.

BILL AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PAY

A Representative from the State of California has recently introduced a bill in the House, which, if enacted into Law, will provide additional pay for Petty Officers and Chief Petty Officers of the Navy.

The Bill provides that rated men having a wife or dependent mother receive \$15 a month additional pay; \$10 a month additional pay for the first child; \$7.50 a month additional pay for the second child; and \$5 a month additional pay for each child in excess of two.

DIESEL ENGINE SCHOOL

The Navy's Diesel Engine School at the Submarine Base, New London, Conn., is now in operation, and requests are desired by the Bureau from eligible candidates.

DEATH OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

NAVY DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON

From: Secretary of the Navy.
 To : All ships and Stations.
 SUBJECT: Death of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy - Letter from Mrs. Eleanor M. Roosevelt.

1. The following letter received from Mrs. Eleanor M. Roosevelt, widow of the late Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Henry L. Roosevelt, is quoted for information, viz:

Dear Admiral Andrews:

I wish to thank you for the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended to me and my family ot the time of my husband's death. His funeral was a wonderful tribute in every way.

I want you to know that the last three years were the happiest years of Harry's life, serving with the Navy, and he often said that he could not help but do a good job when he had such efficient and loyal support as he was always given.

His pride in the naval service, and his affection for it, were richly repaid by the courtesy and consideration you showed when he died.

I would be glad if you could convey to the officers and bureaus concerned my deep appreciation.

Very sincerely yours,
 Eleanor M. Roosevelt.
 ADOLPHUS ANDREWS
 March 4th 1936 Acting.