



FOUR ADMIRALS TO RETIRE

Admiral Joseph M. Reeves, CinC, U. S. Fleet; Rear Admiral Yates Sterling, Commandant 3rd Naval District; Rear Admiral William H. Standley, Chief of Naval Operations; and Rear Admiral Edward H. Campbell, Commandant of the 12th Naval District, will reach retirement age this year. Admiral Reeves and Admiral Standley will reach retirement age in December, while it is reported Admiral Sterling will retire in April and Admiral Campbell in May.

CREDENTIALS

Credentials of all "shell-backs" are now being examined by the committee. It does not seem to be the attitude of the "examining board" to accept verbal testimony. Such testimony must be amply supported by documentary evidence. It might be well for all those who are facing the necessary initiation to consider very heavy life insurance policies before leaving for the southern hemisphere. The HOUSTON does not have the reputation of half-way doing things. Charges are now being drawn up against a number of men who are known to be "polly-wogs". A defense, however strong, will avail nothing. No person has ever been acquitted at the equator.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY INCREASE

Legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to make 20 appointments to the Naval Academy from among members of the Naval ROTC and from honor graduates of "honor schools" became law February 27th.

FLASH! FLASH!

The following despatch from Commander Scouting Force, upon completion of exercises, is quoted: "FROM COMCRUSCOFOR TO HOUSTON 'WELL DONE'".

CLEAR RECORD

With pleasure we announce that Shanks, W. V., MM1c, U. S. N., received a Good-Conduct Pin this morning at quarters for muster. The presentation was made by the Commanding Officer.

DECORATION OF GRAVES

The Chaplains at Fort Meyer, Virginia and the Presidio of San Francisco, California, have tendered their services, without remuneration, to the personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard, to decorate the graves of such of their deceased relatives and friends as are interred, respectively, in Arlington National Cemetery, for Memorial Day, May 30, 1936.

It is believed that undoubtedly many officers and enlisted men, and their families, who cannot personally attend to it, will desire to avail themselves of this opportunity to have the graves of their loved ones cared for on ahis ocaasion.

The plan is to provide a standard floral emblem in the form of a wreath twenty-two inches (22") in diameter carrying a large bunch of flowers for the sum of \$2.00. To faciliatate the handling of funds and the ordering of floral pieces, it is desired that the standard emblem be used so far as it will be acceptable. However, if some

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THE CRUISE

A conference was held last Sunday afternoon with Mr. Robert F. Kerr of Thomas Cook & Son in regard to certain proposed sight-seeing trips in Chile.

A half-day sight-seeing trip in the city of Valparaiso will be offered on Thursday, 28 May. The excursion will be made by motor cars with guides, passing through the business and residential sections, to the stadium, fortifications, to Ville Del Mar, fashionable bathing resort, to the Casino and Nuramar Beach, etc. The cost for the trip is \$5.00. It is possible that the price may be reduced by fifty or seventy-five cents in case a large number of men desire to make the trip. At any rate, one may consider that the expenses will be \$5.00.

IMPORTANT

We must determine on or about 20 April the number of men who desire to make the trip to Santiago. The railroad company can handle great mass movements much better if they are informed early. Quite likely all men will be asked on 20 April to indicate whether or not they desire to make the Santiago trip.

A like trip on 30 May to Santiago will be offered to accomodate men who had the duty on 29 May.

It is important that we determine how many men wish to make the trip. We must have 150 men in order to get the reduced rate.

TO SANTIAGO

Special train will leave Valparaiso on Friday, 29 May, for Santiago, the Capitol of Chile and fourth largest city in South America. All hands will have luncheon at a leading hotel in

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