



**DATE OF MARE ISLAND VISIT
STEPPED UP**

It has been recommended and approved that the HOUSTON and CHICAGO leave Long Beach 2 November for Mare Island Navy Yard, arriving there 3 November. Both ships will remain in the Yard for about a week leaving there to arrive in San Francisco by 10 November in order to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Oakland-San Francisco Bridge and Armistice Day program, 11 Nov.

COLUMBUS DAY

The President has designated 12 October of each year as "Columbus Day" and has invited the People of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies in the schools, churches and other suitable places.

Ships in the San Pedro area will observe this day with a searchlight display from 2000 to 2030, 11 October.

On this day last year the HOUSTON passed close abroad to San Salvador Island which is reputed to be the first place Columbus landed on that memorable day in 1492.

**CINCUS INFORMATION
CONCERNING NIGHT SCHOOL**

"By reason of an arrangement with the Department of Adult Education of Long Beach City Schools, we are happy to inform you that at the Navy Y. M. C. A. Building we are preparing to help take care of the needs of the men in your command for night school instruction in many different subjects. The above mentioned De-

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**HOUSTON TO OPERATE FROM
SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND**

Monday morning, 12 October, the HOUSTON in company with Cruisers Scouting Force, will put to sea for a week of Gunnery. During this week the ship will anchor each night in Pyramid Cove. It is expected that the period will be devoted to firing Day Battle Practice by one of the ships and Broadside Spotting by another ship and Long Range Battle Practice procedure drills by all ships. The ship will return to Long Beach some time late Friday afternoon.

**NAVY GRIDDERS
TO PLAY VIRGINIA**

Today the University of Virginia will journey to Annapolis to meet their traditional rivals, the Regiment of Midshipmens' football team.

Both teams have been undefeated this season. The Cavaliers boast of the strongest team in years. Last Saturday in defeating William and Mary, Virginia showed power and polish with a heavy line and versatile backs and a reserve strength that is far above par.

Navy in two starts this season has two wins chalked up to her credit, William and Mary 18-6 and Davidson. In both of these games she has shown flashes of midseason coordination and, outside of a few early season touches of nervousness, she has shown surprisingly a good form and a good game of ball.

**NOTICE—CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD
DECEMBER 21, 1936.**

**SEMI-ANNUAL MILITARY IN-
SPECTION AROUND CORNER**

All hands are reminded that the HOUSTON will have its Semi-Annual Military Inspection 12 December. Before this inspection a good many men will be required to purchase new uniforms. Now is the time to start setting a little money aside for this purpose so that other plans won't be interfered with. It is also a good idea not to forget the forthcoming visit to San Francisco. A few extra dollars in this port always come in handy, just a suggestion.

ADMIRAL SIMS

Few men have had more influence on the development of the Navy during the last generation than William Snowden Sims, who has just died at his Boston home, full of years and honors. Though Admiral Sims barely managed to get into the Naval Academy, his advancement after getting his commission was rapid, despite, or perhaps because of, his habit of being outspoken and criticizing his superiors. It is a dangerous habit, but Sims always made his criticisms stick by proving himself to be right.

Fleet target practice was one Sims innovation which taught the American Navy to shoot. His suggestions for the improvement of ship design proved invaluable. And in his leadership of the Navy during the World War he proved himself one of the great commanders of all time. It was largely due to Sims that the submarine menace was brought under control. His title of Admiral was fully won.

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