

MODERN WARSHIPS

Changes Half a Century Has Made In Naval Methods.

A NEW TYPE OF SAILORMAN.

The Old Time Yarn Spinning Tar Has Been Supplanted by a Younger, Better Educated and More Capable Man. His Chances In Uncle Sam's Navy.

A naval officer would have been considered as a fit subject for an insane asylum who in 1860, the year of my entry into the service, had prophesied the creation in less than half a century of a United States fleet of great seagoing battleships of more than 30,000 tons displacement, each with several turrets, any one of which could throw against an enemy at one discharge a greater weight of metal, of incomparably greater destructive power and range, than was possible from the full broadside of one of Nelson's largest ships of the line. We may gain some idea of the tremendous increase in the power of fighting ships when we realize that in a short time and without danger to itself one modern dreadnaught could destroy the combined fleets that fought at Trafalgar in 1805.

In the wildest stretch of the imagination our prophet could not have foreseen the addition to the fleet of torpedo boat destroyers of a thousand tons displacement, a speed of thirty or thirty-five knots and torpedoes of great accuracy, high speed and an effective range of 10,000 yards. A "bag of powder on the end of a spar" was our conception of an offensive torpedo in those days. Good work could be done even with that crude equipment, as Cushing proved when he torpedoed the Albemarle.

I think our prophet would surely have had a padded cell provided for him had he attempted to describe the modern submarines, which are capable of keeping the sea for many days, which have a radius of action of 4,000 miles or more and which are able under favorable conditions to creep unseen upon the most powerful vessel and at one discharge destroy it. He would have found few indeed to listen to him if he had asserted the possibility that scouting or bomb throwing aircraft would act in conjunction with the fleets or foretell the influence of electricity and the wireless upon operations of the fleet both in peace and in war.

All those wonderful changes and advances in naval design, construction and equipment have taken place within my period of service. In sea power, in military efficiency, in comforts and conveniences, we have greatly gained, but I think that those of us who started our careers when the great naval advance of the last generation was still to come, who made their early cruises in sailing ships or ships with auxiliary steam power only, look back with tender memory upon the old and less mechanical environment.

The romance of the sea conveyed by Marryat and others in their stories has not really gone; the conditions only have changed. The sea and its effect upon those who follow it never change, and there is as great a field in the navy today for the adventurous youngster as ever, perhaps a greater. Certainly he can have as many heart thrills on board a submarine or destroyer or flying craft as he could have had on board a brig or schooner cruising for pirates in the olden days.

The changes in the material of the navy have produced corresponding changes in its organization and personnel. You no longer see the gray bearded boatswain's mate, quartermaster or quarter gunner about the decks of our ships. They were brave and loyal to the core, and their yarns of experiences on all seas and in all weathers, interspersed occasionally with a little good advice to the young officer, factually given, whiled away many an hour of quiet night watches in port.

The old type of sailorman understood his duties as thoroughly and performed them as faithfully as any one could desire, but machinery has banished him. His place has been taken by the younger, better educated man, who in a general way is more capable, but who does not as a rule follow the sea for a lifetime unless he wins early promotion.

It is now a rare thing to see in the lower ratings an enlisted man who is more than thirty years old. The great majority are much younger. The life is too strenuous and its conditions too abnormal, as measured by modern conditions on shore, to hold men to it. And yet I believe that no other occupation open to American youth offers them so many chances to succeed and to acquire a provision for old age. It is in the power of any young man of fair elementary education, industry and good moral character to enlist in the navy, say, at the age of twenty and to retire at the age of fifty with a life compensation of from \$50 to \$100 a month. That class does not include the considerable number of those who obtain warrants or commissions, which bring much greater emoluments.—Admiral Charles J. Badger in Youth's Companion.

How It Was.
"She wanted to marry him for his money."
"Did she fail?"
"No; he failed, and she married some one else."—Topeka Journal.

A fool always wants to shorten space and time; a wise man wants to lengthen both.—Ruskin.

JERRY

By L. Glenn

Little Jerry Smith clerked for Mr. Foster. A most obliging guy. He never smoked and swore. He was 'most too good to

A little chap and you wouldn't think. He had a nerve of a mouse; Why the poor little codger would wink and blink. At any noise 'round the house.

His cousin Bill was a stalwart gent, A shining light in the town, He put on a front, and money he lent,— If you put security down.

Now war broke out, as all wars will, And the call went forth for men, And Jerry Smith dared his cousin Bill To join with him there and then.

But Bill, he fairly shouted "NO", A thousand reasons he had, "What, shoulder a gun all day and so.

Where the weather was fearfully bad?" Not he, why he had a cold right now, Then think of the summer's heat.

But Jerry Smith just made a bow, And murmured, "Cold in the feet."

So Jerry put in his time at the front, Doing his little bit, Till one day a shell tried a funny stunt

And Jerry was out of it. They sent the word to cousin Bill, Just how it all occurred; And the news got through the town as it will

And the village preacher heard. And Bill is trying to figure out What the pious preacher meant In that part of the sermon he mentioned about

The tidings that had been sent. For the preacher chap with conviction had said, Though he owed big Bill a five,— "Now poor little Jerry's a better man dead,

Than some stalwart guys alive.

MISS MATILDA PENNOCK

Another gloom was cast over Elgin recently when it was learned that Miss Matilda Pennock, aged 73 had passed suddenly to the Great Unknown, following a spell of heart failure. Deceased was a daughter of the late Samuel Pennock and had always resided in that township. She owned a fine dairy farm a mile from Elgin which she worked and kept in neat and exemplary condition. Quiet unobtrusive and friendly, she had won many warm friends who will deeply regret her death. A niece Miss Petranella Mustard has resided with her for many years. The funeral was held on Friday to the Methodist church and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. Stilwell.

The body was interred in the family plot.

CANADA HAS SENT 312,503 MEN

The total number of officers and men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who had sailed for England up to May 1 last was 312,503, according to information furnished by Hon. J. D. Reid, on behalf of the Minister of Militia to Hon. Frank Oliver in the Commons.

The total number who were on duty in Canada on May 1 was 25,475. Mr. Oliver was told there was no record of the number of officers and men sent back from England as unfit for service at the front.

SEEKING TO DISPOSE

BISHOP R. C. HORNER

Ottawa, May 31.—Members of the Holiness Movement Church of Canada have entered action in the Ontario supreme court for the purpose of forcing the abdication of R.C. Horner as bishop of the church. An injunction is being asked to "restrain him from acting as such." G. L. Monaghan, of Cobden, Ont., secretary-treasurer of the church is cited as co-defendant, and the court will be asked to stop him collecting or disbursing funds belonging to the church.

The Holiness Movement Church was organized by Horner years ago and it has quite a large membership to-day. From its origin he administered its affairs. It seems he did not do so to the satisfaction of a majority of the members and at a conference held last winter they called upon him and the secretary-treasurer to resign. Both ignored the edict of the conference and the action is taken to force them from their positions. The conference appointed Rev. A. T. Warren as bishop and Rev. E. G. Schmidt and Rev. J. W. Campbell as assistants, but it is claimed the defendants did not recognize these appointments.

LOCAL ITEMS

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