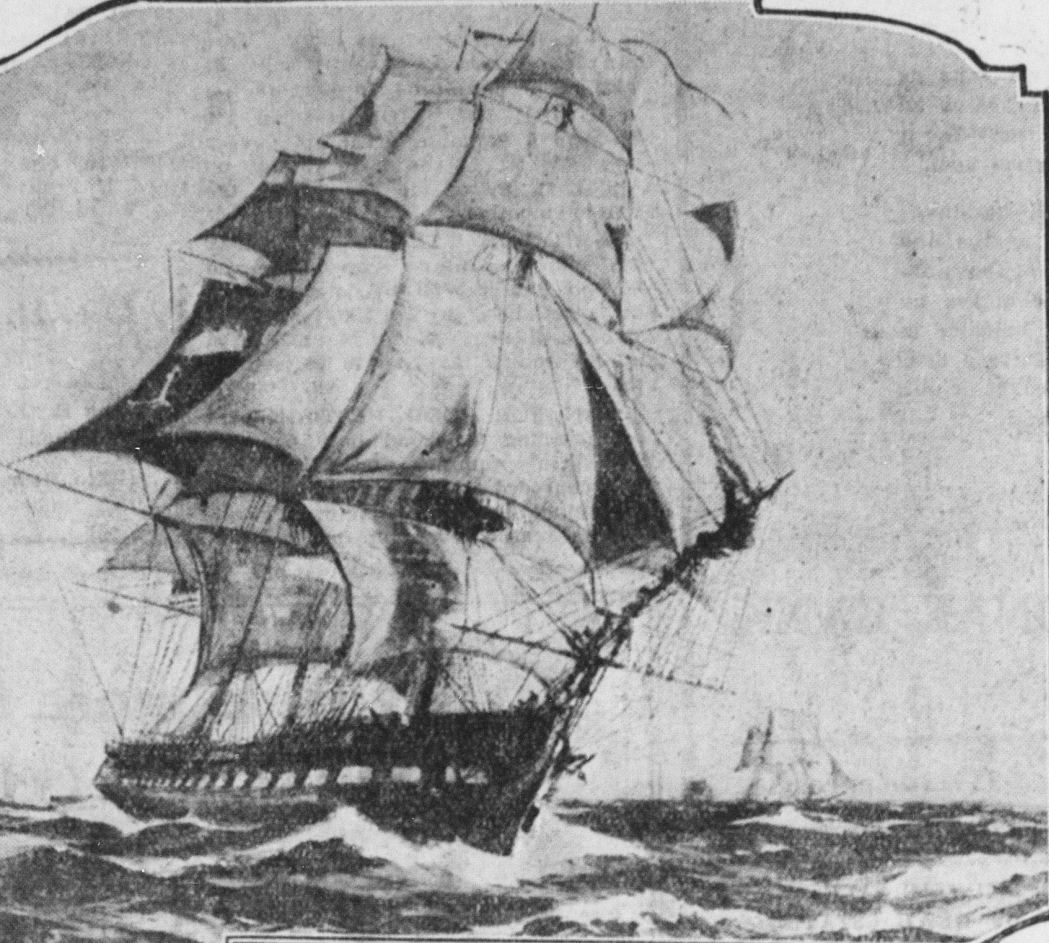


Saving "Old Ironsides"



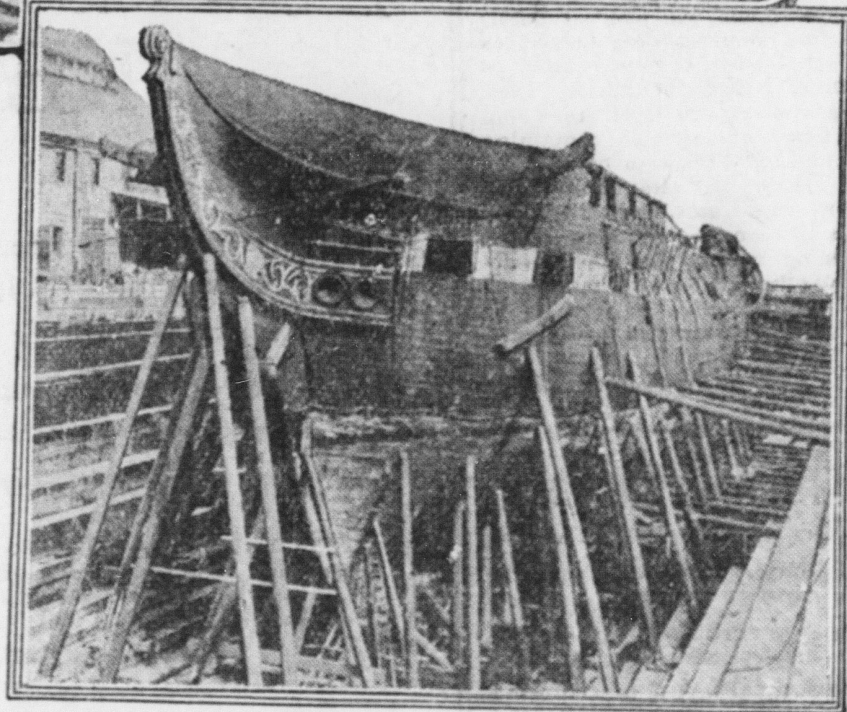
U. S. S. "CONSTITUTION"
(Painting by Gordon Grant)

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1830, there appeared in the Boston Advertiser a news item stating that the secretary of the navy had recommended to the board of navy commissioners that the old frigate officially designated U. S. S. Constitution, but popularly and affectionately known as Old Ironsides, be disposed of. Whereupon Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote a poem which instantly became a sort of a national battle-cry and instead of being sold Old Ironsides was rebuilt.

Years passed. After withstanding the effects of enemy shot and shell and braving the weather of the seven seas during a fighting career which has never been equaled by any single ship in the history of any navy, Old Ironsides was again on the verge of hauling down her colors to the ravages of time and decay. Dry rot had operated toward her destruction and had taken effect where hostile gunfire had failed. Although there was now no Oliver Wendell Holmes to rally public opinion with a clarion cry to save Old Ironsides from destruction, the needs of the gallant old ship did not go unheeded. In March, 1925, congress authorized the rebuilding of the frigate. No funds were appropriated for that purpose, as it was considered that Old Ironsides would be more valuable as a naval memorial and that Americans would feel a closer interest in her if she were restored through popular subscription.

In the spring of 1925 a national committee was organized to raise sufficient money for the work of restoration. Sponsored by the Elks lodges, a campaign was conducted among the school children of the country, which was a decided success not only in raising funds but also in serving to teach American history and patriotic tradition. More than \$154,000 was raised by the children's contributions. Then the national committee turned its attention toward reaching the grownups. It commissioned a famous painter, Gordon Grant, to paint a picture of the famous ship as she looked in her prime, the original of which is to be presented to President Coolidge to hang in the White House. Reproductions of this painting, as well as souvenirs made from the original timbers and metal work of the ship, are being offered to the public and the proceeds from these sales are being turned into the restoration fund. Although a total of \$500,000 has already been raised, according to Rear Admiral Philip Andrews, chairman of the national committee, more than \$200,000 is still needed to carry on the restoration work which began in the Boston navy yard more than a year ago. For Old Ironsides is to be completely rebuilt from truck to keel, fully equipped from spar deck to hold, as she looked at the height of her glorious career. Veteran wooden shipbuilders, recruited from the coast towns of Maine, whose art has long remained unpracticed with the advent of the ironclad and steel ships, are busily engaged replacing old timber whose condition has long rendered the ship unseaworthy. In about a year and a half all but 15 per cent of her timbers will be re-



OLD IRONSIDES IN BOSTON NAVY YARD DRY DOCK

placed and she will be ready to put to sea once more, this time on a tour of peace, carrying her historic message to the ports of our country. Then the thousands of Americans who have contributed to her building may see a rejuvenated Constitution, and feel a closer interest in this ship because they have helped save her once more.

Over two and a half years were spent in looking up data on the ship before the actual task of rebuilding her was commenced. The archives of the Navy department were searched for original plans designed by Joshua Humphreys; every known bit of information concerning her was checked and recorded; old papers and documents were dug up from the records of the bureau of construction and repair in Washington, and plans and specifications of former reconditionings were studied in order that the best methods and materials might be used in restoring this famous ship. As the work progresses new plans must be formulated to replace lost or unreliable information, in order that the rebuilt Old Ironsides may be an exact duplicate of the original.

The task of assembling materials for the work has been no small one. Just as the best materials obtainable were placed in Old Ironsides by her

original builders, so it is desired that the best possible material be used in her restoration. It happened that in Commodore's pond, Pensacola, Fla., many tons of live oak had been submerged for use in building wooden frigates for the navy. The war that freed the slaves who gathered this wood saw the passing of the wooden fighting ship. So for 72 years this supply of live oak has been stored in Commodore's pond. In the rehabilitation of Old Ironsides a use has been found for it. To date some 1,605 large pieces, aggregating approximately 1,550 tons, have been received at the navy yard from Pensacola. This timber is being used to replace the outboard timbers of the ship. It is just the thing needed and it is anticipated that many more tons will be required before the work is completed.

Appeals are being sent throughout the country and requisitions are being placed for materials suitable to make up the hull of fittings of "Old Ironsides." In addition to the live oak received from the navy's store at Commodore's pond, the following materials have been ordered for the work: White oak from West Virginia for the keel, keelson, ceilings and outside planking; white oak knees, "L" shape timbers cut from the roots and bases of trees in the forests located in the vicinity of Georgetown, Md.; Douglas fir for deck beams and planking received from the West coast by navy transport; copper rods from Massachusetts and New York; composition clinch rings and robin bronze spikes from Boston; locust treenails, galvanized iron spikes, malleable iron clinch rings from Maine, wrought iron for fastenings above the waterline from Pennsylvania; white pine for the bulkheads and general joiner work from the forests of New England; mahogany for furniture and fittings from Honduras; lignum vitae for dead-eyes, sheaves for blocks from Cuba and the West Indies; hemp for manufacturing rigging from Kentucky; oakum for caulking from New Jersey; canvas for the sails from Georgia; preservative oil from Boston; paints, both inside and out from Pennsylvania and New England. As at the time of her original building, so now the resources of the country are being called upon to furnish materials to render the old hulk seaworthy.

Old Ironsides was one of the first three naval vessels built by the United States. She was launched in Hart's shipyard, Boston, in 1797.

Old Ironsides

AY, TEAR her tattered ensign down!
Long has it waved on high,
And many an eye has danced to see
That banner in the sky;
Beneath it rung the battle shout,
And burst the cannon's roar—
The meteor of the ocean air
Shall sweep the clouds no more.

Her deck once red with heroes' blood,
Where knelt the vanquished foe,
When winds were hurrying o'er the flood,
And waves were white below,
No more shall feel the victor's tread,
Or know the conquered knee—
The harpies of the shore shall pluck
The eagle of the sea!

Oh better that her shattered hulk
Should sink beneath the wave;
Her thunders shook the mighty deep,
And there should be her grave;
Nail to the mast her holy flag,
Set every threadbare sail,
And give her to the god of storms,
The lightning and the gale!

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Famous Pearls

There have been many pearls of great value. Among them are Cleopatra's pearl from an earring, valued at about \$300,000; the pearl belonging to Charles the Gold, duke of Burgundy, 1433-1477; Mary Stuart's famous pearl; the Hope pearl, which is the largest one in the world, 1,800 grains (it was sold at Christy's in London in 1886 and was valued at \$20,000); the Queen pearl, found at

Notch Brook, near Paterson, N. J., in 1857 (it weighs 93 grains and was sold to Empress Eugenie); the republic of Venice presented a pearl to Soliman, sultan of Turkey, valued at \$80,000; Pope Leo the Tenth purchased a pearl from a Venetian jeweler for about \$70,000; La Pellegrina weighs 111½ grains and is said to be in Moscow, Russia.

Old Age
Old age is like an opium dream. Nothing seems real except what is un-

real. I am sure that the pictures painted by the imagination—the faded frescoes on the walls of memory—come out in clearer and brighter colors than belonged to them many years earlier. Nature has her special favors for her children of every age, and this is one which she reserves for our second childhood.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Two Irishmen came over on the Mayflower—Christopher Martin and William Mullins.

Adrift With Humor

OF COURSE

Now that balanced and matched sets of golf clubs are in general use, we may expect dialogues like the following to occur wherever the game is played:
"Hey, Joe, what did you make it in today?"
"Shot a 96."
"Way off your game, eh?"
"No, I've got to take my clubs to the service station and have them properly tuned."

What McGrab Wanted.
McGrab was interviewing his intended father-in-law.
"I've come to ask you for your daughter's hand," he said.
"All right," said the old gentleman; "that's fixed, then."
"Do her diamond rings go with it?" asked McGrab, anxiously.

WOULD RISK IT



The chaperon has just told the girls she thought those horrid boys were telling risqué jokes.

Distinguished Disturbance.
How often history will proclaim
Some one to peace averse,
Who, when affairs are bad, finds fame
By making matters worse!

Ancient History Revised.
First Patron (in barber shop)—If Delliab of Samson and Delliab fame were to come back she'd make a fortune these days, wouldn't she?
Second Patron—In what respect?
First Patron—Wasn't she the first lady barber?

Bull o' the Woods.
"Here, what's the big idea—chuckin' the bricks down as fast as I bring 'em up?"
"It's all right—the boss keeps passin' underneath."
"Oh, yes, accidents will happen, won't they?"

DON'T MISS THIS



Bo (introducing)—This young lady has just been elected to the lower house of congress.
Zo—Ah, a Miss representative, I see.

Wasted Sentiment.
"I cannot sing the old songs,"
He wailed, The loss is small,
He tries the new—and this proves true—
He cannot sing at all.

Would Do His Share.
"Look her, I shall expect you to pay your own bills," said a father who had been considerably annoyed by his son's extravagant habits.
"Certainly, dad," replied the youth.
"I don't expect you to run about seeing my tailor and so on. Just leave a check on the table for me this morning and I'll see to everything myself!"
—Stray Stories.

Shorter Short Story.
"Unmarried?"
"Yes, twice."

Makes Many Knots.
"Yes, this little boat makes 20 knots an hour!" said the motor-boat owner, as they plowed through the waves.
"Go on!" gasped his pretty companion. "What a lot of rope you must use! But tell me—who unties them all?"

Pa Knew.
"Pa, what is a yes-man?" asked Clarence.
"It's a husband, son, whose snappy comeback to his wife's orders is 'Yes mam,'" replied his dad.

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Millenium Key

About 15 years ago, when the word "efficiency" entered polite society, we thought that the key to the front door of the millenium had suddenly been found.—Woman's Home Companion.

They're About the Worst

Talbearers have done more mischief in this world than the poisoned bowl or the assassin's dagger.—Schiller.

Immortal Work

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