

SUBMARINES FOR THE PACIFIC



THE OCTOPUS

THE submarine fleet of the United States navy has recently acquired new interest and importance owing to the tests which have begun of vessels of this type with the view of sending them on a cruise to the Pacific. If the tests show that such a plan is feasible, the navy department intends sending several of the submarine torpedo boats under tow clear across the Pacific to the Philippines to further strengthen the defenses of our possessions in the far east. It is well known that Japan is making good use in her naval defenses of vessels of the submarine type. It is the policy of the American government, while not inviting war with any foreign power, to be prepared for any emergency by keeping abreast of others, at least in equipment and effectiveness. The importance of utilizing submarine vessels in warfare, especially in torpedo service, is now recognized by all the powers of the world, and the United States has been well at the front from the outset in the development of vessels practicable for undersea travel. Early in September submarine torpedo boat maneuvers were begun in Buzzards bay. It was there that the Octopus, in command of Lieutenant Charles E. Courtney, U. S. N., underwent successfully a remarkable test. Its performance constituted the longest period of submergence of a submarine under the conditions and maneuvers of actual war that up to that time had been executed by a vessel of the American navy. The actual time of submergence was five hours and forty-eight minutes. The greatest depth was 107 feet and the average depth for the entire time under the Atlantic ocean was eighty feet.

Somewhat later a twenty-four hour submergence test was begun under the direction of the board of inspection of the navy, with Rear Admiral Thomas C. McLean as president, the scene of action including Narragansett bay and the waters of Long Island sound.

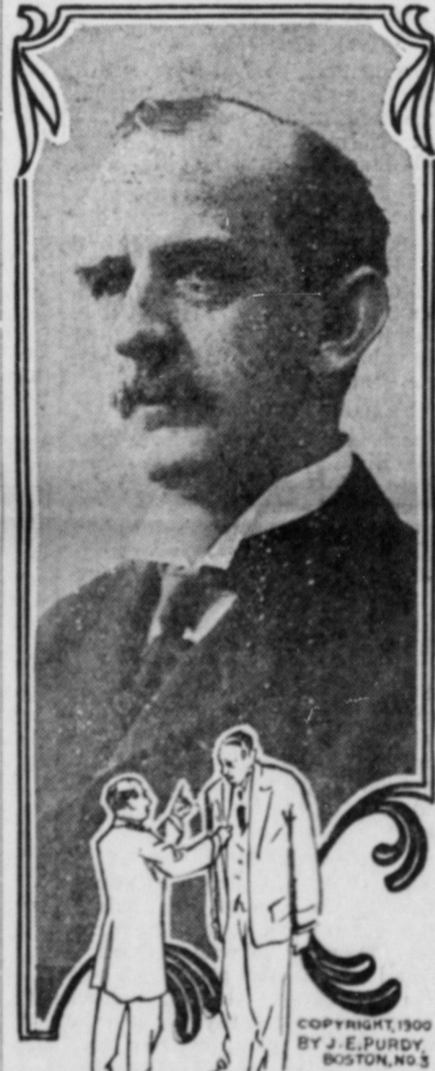
The experiment of towing the submarines across the Pacific will depend largely on the outcome of these tests. The submarines now in the far east were conveyed there on the deck of a vessel. If the boats are sent under tow, they will be sealed up, which will make them unsinkable, and attached to long towlines. Powerful dynamos for the charging of storage batteries and powerful air compressors will be installed on the vessel to be used as a tender, which will make it unnecessary for the submarines to store current and air with their own engines.

The tests for the submarines include a long race at sea beneath the surface and a sham battle. The battle is the most severe test the submarines have ever been put to, as it compels them to be self supporting for many hours. Immediately after the battle the submarines start on a race for Philadelphia, to take part in the observance of founder's day. The distance is 330 miles, and on this the submarines have to support themselves again. It is said to be the first race between submarine boats. From the city of Phila-

Lieutenant F. H. Sadler, and the Thornton, Lieutenant Charles A. Blakeley, Admiral McLean, under whose general direction as head of the board of inspection the tests are being conducted, is an officer of much reputation for his knowledge of naval science. He entered the navy from New York state in 1864. His service includes several years spent in giving instruction at the Naval War college at Newport. Some years ago he was assigned to the command of a squadron in Caribbean waters and exhibited much discretion and diplomacy in the manner in which he exercised his powers. Several times he was called upon to land bluejackets in Central or South American countries or to mix in with the disputes of contending states or factions in order to protect the interests of Americans. Under his command at this time were the Cincinnati, Topeka, Marietta and Machias. He also took part in a relief expedition to the island of Martinique.

HITCHCOCK'S ADVISER.

Senator Crane of Massachusetts and His Reputation For Wisdom. Senator Winthrop Murray Crane, who is taking a very active part in the Taft campaign, is the leading member of the recently appointed advisory committee. It was reported at one time that Senator Crane would vir-



WINTHROP MURRAY CRANE

tually supplant Chairman Hitchcock of the national committee in the management of the campaign, but Judge Taft made specific denial of this. The Massachusetts senator is credited with exceptional political acumen and is one of the most influential members of the Republican majority in the upper branch of congress. Although he does not often indulge in speechmaking there are few members whose opinions and advice have more weight. He is an excellent "mixer" and often brings about through his friendships with colleagues more than eloquence and reasoning could effect. He has been lieutenant governor and governor of the Old Bay State and was appointed to the seat in the senate left vacant on the death of that statesman of the old school, George Frisbie Hoar. That was in 1904. The following year he was chosen by the legislature to fill the unexpired term and was re-elected to the senate on the expiration of Senator Hoar's term. He is fifty-five years old and is a man of considerable fortune, being a manufacturer.

By way of illustrating the confidence which exists between Senator Crane and his fellow legislators the story is told of how two years ago when Senator Lodge had charge of the Philippines bill in the senate the latter was worried over the attitude of various senators.

"I wish I knew how Nixon of Nevada stands," he said one day to Crane. "That's easy," responded his junior colleague. "Wait a minute."

In a few minutes he was sitting beside Nixon. After a brief conversation he arose and beckoned Lodge to come to the cloakroom. When the two had reached a quiet corner he described Nixon's position. "Well, you are a wonder!" exclaimed Lodge. "How in the world did you do it?"

"Easily enough," was Crane's response. "I just went over to Nixon and said to him confidentially: 'Look here, Nixon, tell me how you stand on the Philippine tariff bill. Lodge wants to know, and I promised to find out for him.' Then he told me."

JOHN D. ARCHBOLD.

Active Head of Standard Oil, Who Figures in the Foraker Incident.

John Dustin Archbold is now looked upon as the active head of the Standard Oil company, and he figures in one of the leading incidents of the presidential campaign through the publication of letters he wrote some years ago to Senator Joseph Benson Foraker. Since Mr. Archbold assumed active direction of Standard affairs he has taken the public into his confidence regarding the operations of the corporation and its policy to a much greater extent than used to be done when Mr. Rockefeller was directing its business. Mr. Archbold's connection with the Standard dates back to 1875. He is



JOHN DUSTIN ARCHBOLD.

sixty years of age and is widely known for his generosity to educational institutions, Syracuse university having been the special recipient of his bounty.

A. HEATON ROBERTSON.

His Nomination For Governor of Connecticut and a Convention Episode.

"I'd rather be a happy dad than a successful governor." This remark, made by ex-Governor Tom Waller of Connecticut, explains why he staved off the stamper in his favor in the Democratic state convention. He refused the nomination that he might not embarrass his son, Charles, who is a Republican and a candidate for appointment by Republicans to office. "I had to do it for my boy," the ex-governor said privately to his friends.

When his boom first became prominent Mr. Waller sought to kill it by public announcements that he had twice bolted Bryan. When this failed he reiterated again and again that he would not take the nomination. Nevertheless when he entered the convention hall men on the floor and in the galleries leaped to their feet in a tumult of applause. Four times the ex-governor tried to lead cheers for Bryan, but he was overwhelmed by shouts of "Waller, Waller!" He saved himself only by a most eloquent plea for exemption, concluding by placing Judge A. Heaton Robertson of New Haven in nomination.

Charles Waller, the son, is a former state senator from New London. He is at present a judge of the court of common pleas and will come up for reappointment under the next governor. As a Democrat Mr. Waller, if elected, would be forced to appoint a Democrat and thus block the progress of his Republican son, in whose career he takes great pride.

Judge Robertson, who received the nomination for governor on being named for the place by ex-Governor Waller, was the nominee four years ago. Although he was beaten by over



A HEATON ROBERTSON.

25,000 votes, he still ran ahead of the rest of the Democratic ticket by about 5,000 votes and more than 6,000 ahead of Judge Parker, the Democratic candidate for president. The Democrats of Connecticut have hopes this year of electing their state ticket and carrying the state for Bryan on account of divisions among Republicans.

His Engagements.

"But," said the fair maid, "you seem rather young to be wearing the title of colonel."

"Anyway," replied the beardless youth, "I've participated in seventeen summer engagements." — Cleveland News.

THE WEST POINT HAZERS.

Cadets Rossell and Weaver, Who Led in the Abusive Practices.

The penalty meted out to the West Point hazers shows that the authorities responsible for discipline at the United States Military academy are determined to maintain it at all hazards. The order issued by Secretary Wright of the war department and approved by President Roosevelt dismisses from the academy entirely the two first class men under suspension, William T. Rossell, Jr., and Harry G. Weaver. A lighter penalty is fixed for the six members of the third class implicated in hazing. They are George Washington Chase of New York, James Gillespie of Pennsylvania, Byron Quimby Jones of New York, William Nalle of Virginia, William Wellington Prude of Alabama and Isaac



HARRY G. WEAVER AND WILLIAM T. ROSSSELL, JR.

Spalding of Oklahoma. They are suspended without pay and allowances for one year.

Cadet Rossell is a son of Colonel William T. Rossell of the engineer corps of the army. Weaver is from Illinois. They were considered leaders in the hazing and were punished more than the rest because of their being older men and in a sense responsible for the reprehensible practices that had grown up at the academy.

Her Objections.

Benham—Why do you object to my wearing a beard?

Mrs. Benham—It isn't the beard itself that I object to. It would be all right if you would only raise one which would harmonize in color with some of my dresses.—Bohemian.

A Good One.

What is the longest and yet the shortest thing in the world, the swiftest and yet the slowest, the most divisible and the most extended, the least valued and the most regretted, without which nothing can be done? Answer.—Time.

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REAR ADMIRAL McLEAN AND THE VIPER

delphia the submarines and the torpedo boat flotilla will go to Chesapeake bay and later to Charleston, S. C. The submarine flotilla consists of the Octopus, flagship of Lieutenant Charles E. Courtney; the Plunger, Lieutenant Prentiss P. Bassett; the Viper, Lieutenant Donald C. Bingham; the Tarantula, Lieutenant Joseph F. Daniels, and the Cuttlefish, Lieutenant Edward J. Marquart. The third torpedo boat flotilla consists of the Stringham, flagship of Lieutenant Willis G. Hiltchell; the Barney, Ensign George C. Pegram; the Tingey, Lieutenant James O. Richardson; the De Long,