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## Sea-Power and National Characteristics <br> By A. M. POOLEY, MA. <br> (1)

THE extent to which a country can develop ser-power is dependent very largely upon ceratim national characteristics. These are -Geographical position; Physical conformation; Extent of territory; Population; Churster of prople; Characte: of the Government. With cach of these characteristics I will deal briefly :-

Geographical position is a prime facer in the dewelopment of setpower. The nution which, like Britain, has noland fromiters and is drpendent upon the sea for its communications with the worid, must naturally have the greates; incentive to the creation of maritime inserest, mercanile and naval But this intereft will be largely pro portionale to the distance of the grett producing centres from the sea-board. In the United Kingdom, the nearest sea is never moxe than a couple of hundred miles distant from the most remote part. In Ausiralia, which is also and equally deptendent on the set, the distance is many times more, and those who live most remols from the const have at beat oniy an academic intereat in maritime *fliss. In America this is strikingly exemplified by the ponitive antipathy of the people of the Middry West, which is ahmoat entirely dependent on shipping for its economit life, to the creation of an American mercantile marine. A nation which has land at well as seal fromiers musa divide it erergien betweer the Iwo, devoting the greater share to lind or wet as may be mofl
important for the stisfaction of its eronomic and polstical requirements. In France the division of maritime interests between amo seal, the Mediter ranenn and the Alantic, whilpt it his necessitated heavy expconditures on naval armaments, hal contributed n renl mealiness of French tet-power, which in any case had to be subordinated to land requirementy. The same condition prevailed in the cates of Germary and the Unied Sintel previout to the construction of the Kiel and Panama Camals. A simila project for the union of the Mediterranean with the Atlantic by a Canal having its terminaly at Marseitles and Bordeauk has long been urged in France, and wo far back as tgo6 I went ower the proposed route, but nothing has been done it in worth noting that the deciaion to construct the Kiel and Fanama Canalim baunched both Germany and America on important Imperialiasic policies. Indeed is is doubsful if any nation can become a sen-power without a! the same time being Imperiabizuic. This can be zesdily weers frow the failurs of Spain and Portugat to retain the Empires theit explorers obtained for them and from the modern historien of Germany, the U.SA. and Japen, ns also of the British Empire. The U.S. buila the Promm Canal originally for rewons of naval strategy but once the had it she wis obiniged to largely expend her nisv, which in turn netessicated the equisition of natal bates in the Pacific and the Carribean, in

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order to have that local militiary preponderance essential for the safety of the Canal. At the present time there is a recolution before the Americun Congress to purchuse from Frisce and Brinain the mole of theit West Indian possessions.
The isiand kingdom has a distinct advuntage for the purposes of sea-power, and these are the greater if situanted close to the enemy or possible enemy. On the conleary distance from the enemy considerably diminishes the force of sel-power, unkess that distance can be overcome by the acquistion of strong busea within striking distance or the enemy and cowcing the trade routes. It mas to olvain these that Britain acquired Malts and holds on to Egyph, Aden and Hongtosig. It was for the same reason that the United States hought the Virgin Istunds from Idesmark, acquired Hawsti, the Phillipisises and Guam, and that Japan took Formosa from China. Every sugge of the influence of sen-power on history can be studied in the Mediterranealt, where owre of the history of the morid has" been plinyed then in any other sheet of witer. The control of the Mediterancan meens the conitiol of the Ensterm wade routes. The real secret it the bottom of the near Eastern troubte of to-day is the control of the Mediternmean?
Physical conditions play an importam part, both potentially and actually in the problem of sea. power. The depth of mater round the coasts, the adequacy of ports, the suitability of rivers for inlind water teaffe, the necessity of defending river mouths, the character of the sea bed in adjecenl maters, " matier of no small importance tinee the, arrival of the submazine, are ell actual conditions. Climate and soin also can be of great influence. The elimate of Briain thas done much to drive people to the sea owing to ita harshness, expecially in the North. In Holland the povery of the soil mus hadd the same effect, for fotit who could not drag a living from the land have dramen it from the waters. It wat the secret of curing Gsh which made Holland a maritime nation, and, for a while, the sea curriess of the morld. In Normey, too, simsilas conditions tave and sill peemil. The bactibone of Norwegien ahipping the most imporimat industry in the councry, has butn fishing. Some physical conditions may prove distinet drambecks to matitime developments. In Greal Britim the egricuthural decline, which makes
the country dependent un fireign impurts fur food supplies, has been doe to over celiance on sea powes. Holland lecame so gretil at sea that industry \#ts neglected, and is of only comparaively modern gromith. A coast line which is too long is a weationss. Italy las a cross line out of proportion to the national defensive relourcer, and many limes in history this has sesulted in hostile raida which have severed the jugular vein of inland commentication. The U.S. A, posiesses a simitur reakeness oming to the Flondan cuast, though the nequisition of a naval hase at Guantanamo in Cuba has to some extent gaved the situation. The division of a kingdom by Sunits is a latal weakness, unless there is a mercantile marine to unite the severed postions and a sarong navy to protect them, or both parts are defensively and economica!ly self contained. Sl. George's Chanuel, separating I reland from Briazin, is accase in point. The Straits of Alessina and of Tsushinia are others that come to mind. Equally dangerous is the division of a kinudem or empire by mater or land. The fall or Spain was due to the possession of Naples and the Netherlands by the Symnish Crown, wable to defend ilvem and too proud to bet then go. Should a war ever occur betwren Japan and the Unied States a simsilar position would lye created in regard to the Phillipione Istands :
The extent of a nation's territory has to be consideced from the two aspects of populition and resources. Some tuvolites, 25 Norwty, the Conrederate States of Anverich, Austrulian particulasly and Ialy in pant have a coast line out of all proportion to population, and in the event of $\mathbf{m a}$ are linble to invasion which they would not or could mot possibly resist. Such a coast line is an eminent wource of weaketes, untess there is adequately mobilie and effective naval derence, and ulso the necessary internal communications int land defencea to be concentraled at the thrtalened apol. Agnin, exient of territory is important in relation to the productive capacity of the popula. tion, the ability to feed itself, to defend itself, both with men and eumamena, and to raise the netessary revenue withoul overstraining to provide for sw/s cient delence in addition to the ordinary adminis. trative services of the country.
With population and governanent I will denl in the coneluding artiele of this series.


## Where Should Australasia's Naval Base be?

$S^{s}$
Q ECOND anly in importance to the decistion that there must be a British Naval Base in the Southern Pacifice is the selection of the right place to establish that base.

At the oulbreak of the Great War England's Naval beses were at Piymouth, Porsmoulh and Chathace Rosyth base, in the Firth of Forth, was uncompleted, and the necessity for tending ships from the north of Scotland to the south of England for refis and docking seriousty hampered the refting programises, besides depriving the Fleet for many possibly vital deys of the services of very necessary ships, while the batter werd on the long trip from the Orkneys round the west of Ireland to Plymoulh or Portsmouth. In other words England found therself at the leginning of the war widhoul an east coast naval base. 'The work at Rosyth was, therefore, accelerated. A large floal. ing dock was sent to Invergordon in Cromitty Firth, and eventually the problem was solved, but now belore, I think, every important unit of the Girand Fleet thad been lerced to make at least one drip to the south of Englard, during which she was anything from eight to tem days absent from the Fleet on passage ondy.

An ideal place for feet headquarters was found in Scapa Flow in the Orkrey Islands, and had there been docking and repairing lacilities there a properly equipped Nawil loockyad in lact - the place would have been ideally perfect in tevery respect, As it was, howeyer, the Grand Fleet, assisted by an incoxsprehensible (German inaclivity, did a good deal more than just mudde through, and I have ealy touched on the problem more or less briefy in order to luing out the very great importance of Australasia making a correct selection of the position for her Naval Dockyard. And if tustralasia can combine a Fleel base for war purposes with a Naval liockyard all the betiter.
In my last article I endezvoured to show that New Zealand's harbours could not fill the bill really efficiently, that Rabul, Ihough situated indeally from the geographical point of vicw, was
unsuitable on account of earthquakes, even if the Lergue of Nations permitted a basc being established in Mandated Terisery, and thas, therefort, the cosst of Australia must be examined for the most suitalile hathour.

I do not pretend that this subject has not been discussed before, and I propose to take the most recent suggestions on the matler that have come to nuy notice, namely, in evidence given helore the Cockatoo bock Comesission. At that time Admiral Clarkson mentioned Pont Lincoln, Hobart lervis Bay and Gladstene. Port Lincoln would be an idiotic plice for the primary naval lase. Why should ships damaged in action somewhere up by the Equator-the most likely lecality be obliged to go righ amay down to Sourh Ausiralia for repair, thereby ruming the risk of submatine attack for hundreds of unnecestary miles?

Much the same applies to Hobart.
Jervis Ray is better aitwated strategically, but it is, is Sir Willian Clarkson inferred, litle more then in open roadsucad, and a huge breakwater would have to be buil before ships could lie there or take in coal or oil during an easuerly or southeriy blow. As an instance, it may be menfioned that the 34,000-ton "Renown" rolled several degrets each way whilit unchored in Jervis Bay alter only a moderate blow wis ower ; and it would have been impossible for a collier of oid tanker to have lain alongside with adery.
Giladstone is still beuef sixuated from the stratagetic yiempoint; but it is in the tropics where the white man would break down if called upon to do any ercessive zmount of hard worksuch as a dock yard is required to do in Far time. and where even the ordimary manual mork of a dockyand under peace conditions would be dele. lerious. In time of war in mould probably be exceedingly useful to have a big foating dock al Cladstone for emergency use, but Rabaul or-Port Moresby mould be better for this purpose.
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Coctioum Sound which tas also been mentioned is on the wrong side of Australia.
Admiazl Clarkson's statement that Australiz wants both an exst coasi and west coist base maty be true, though [ (ail to see tiny urgency bout the western one. Bul, inferring that we cannot have both, the idea of "spliting the difference," as it were, and makiog the base in South Austratiz is pasticularly foolizh. If the scene of the next payal war is to be west of Aus. ralia, then, other thems being in its fzvour, Cockburn Sound mould do splendidly. Sut if that war-shoold in come-is to take place east of Ausilrelia, which any sensible person will admit. heil Ausicalia's base must be on the east coasi. When Australiz is expectiong an attack from the innabilands or the Artsretie Contirent - pengums and seals preswulably-then fort Limcoin can come into its own. Aeantime, for heaven's sake, Ift us shed the light of a little commen sense on the question
The man in the street mity say: "Why not Sydney $7^{n}$ The reagons are many - and most of them are of miner impertence. but when added rogether become formidable. Firstly-Sydney is a big city, and one of the grend advantages of Scapa Flow in the Great War was that the conveniences and temptations of civilization were out of reach. Therefore, being unattainable they were lurgely out or mind, with the result that both Officers and men were thrown back, willy-nilly, on the necessify of training and perfecting thempelves and others in the ants of war, and keeping paee with developmends, if for no other reason, their al least for the satie of having something to do. I venture to sity thet when lord Beathy moved the Fleet to the Firth of Forth after he succeeded lond Jellicoe as Commander-in-Chici, the effici ency of every Officer, man, and boy suffered severtiy by reason of the ansfrations provided by Rosylh, Dumerlinc, Edinburgh, golf links, wives and a hundred and one olher lactort commected wilh civilisption. Thank berven, there was no more fixbting to speak of ather the change of base wis made.

Again, Sydney is a Commercial Port, and the Fleet in baged there would be under the eyes or goodness knows how many foreign agems who might be able to report its movements.

Also, it is open to doubt if Sydney Harbour could really qceommodate the Fleet that should be based on Australia. It certainly could mot hold a small friction of whed constitured the Grand Flee during the war.
In the opinien of the writer only one place fills the bill-Port Sephens. And in miny respects I would compare it favourably with Scapa Flow = the ideal. The actual area to teigh water mation is aboul wice that of Scapa, but the shores of the latter were steep to all round, while Pory Stephens conains large areas of sand banks and shoal water In spite of this, however, the Ausiralian harbour postesses very large are of deepwater anchorage, with plenty of room for ships to manceuvre. Being also divided into two approximately equal halves the ese is a decided advantage at Ponl Stephens, in that the big seas that used to get upin Scapa Flow and cut of intership communication are impos. sible. The writer was in 222,500 - 10 n battleshing -the "Collingwood"-at anchor at Scapa Flow when such it ing sea wis running that not only could no boats be hoisted out, 10 the detriment on Hect commumientions, but the sews were actually whating in through the main dect ports. The place was too big. thus tenabling the prevailing strong winds of the Orkney's nine menth winter to get up a big sea and hamper operations, lieside endangering the ships themselves, owing to the frefuent dragging of anchors. This could not happen at Porl Stephens

But Scapa's principal asset as a Naval base was the natural protection afforded to it by the strong -very strong-lides of the Mentiond Firth, which sweep past the entrances and render the place almost impossible of atiact by enemy submarines.

Port Stephens has only one entrance with a bartow deep watar channtel and anti-submarine protection in spite of the difference betwern Pent land Firth alld Port Suephens tider, would be a mater of simplicity.

Anther very grext adwantage or Scapa Flow wis that the harice'r was so big that exdensive gennery practices could be cerried out inside the harbour thus reduring the necessily of tiking the fiets or individual ships curside the anti-submarime defences excegr for practice with the heaviest guns.
The 54,000 ton battle-cruiser RENOWN mentioned in

Port Stephens is not to ldeal in this respect but a very good lighl gun range cowld be laid out and "sub-calibre" practices could be handled to a certain exten.
Another immente advaniage of Port Stephens is In proximity to coal and the Newcastle Steel Workb-these are quile pateni adugntages and need no elaboration
Jond lellicue reported very favourably on Port Stephens, and no Naval man will, I think, deny that this magnificent harbour is fit co rank winh Scapa 2s * base for a big fleel Who trows how soon Australia and the Empire may wand uuch a base?
W'hy then has the area al Salamander Bay, Pora Stephens, which wist earmarlied for Naval purpotes been abardoned as such? Because in my opinion politics, and more paticularly the wested interests of Sydney and Newcasile, have set their laces againsl the development of the most magnificen harbour on the east coast of New South Wales Many people are afraid that if a Naval base is established ai Port Suephens, commercial development will follow, the New England farmers will save scores of thousands of pounds yeariy in railway freight on his produce by shipping from Port Stephens instead of Sydney, and Sydney interests will aufer in consequence; ships will be diverted from Newcastle when there are railways and wharves at Porl Stephens, and Newcastle will suffer. No oller reason for the absolute neglect of Port Stephens can be seen, and if the people of Australiz are going io allow vested interems and commercial advaniages to interfere with the necessinits of Naval Defence, then Heaven help Australis.

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E earthquate in Chile brough that councry into world-wide prominence unasted, un. sought, by its citioem

Nearly eight thousand mailes away from the cemite of the great disaster, yet it was recorded in Sydney, and its violence gauged

When such an appalling calastrophe overwhelios lhousande of momen, children and men, lageliter with bird and animal life, and propeny totalling ist value immenst sums of mosiey, it strikes thoughty into our being that stir our monder a 4 people that, afler each upheaval, rebuild and settle again in the danger wone.
$\mathrm{Newz}_{\text {al }}$ an earthquake or a flood always recalls to the writer's mind a tribe of ants locsted in their skilfully sunneliced mopnds on a patch of red earth,
in a long dried up bed of a shallom creek in north west Australia. One day when the myriads of ants were engaged at their drily iasks, a severe stotn let loose has pent up fury; and the maters rushed down that old creek comptetely destroying several of the mounds and drowning thousands of the unfortunale trinits A fer days latex the walercourse was perfectly dry again and the surwivors racaled the mounds which had mithstoon the fury of the swigeng tarrent and sought higher ground about fifly yardu disiani, and there the remmants, still numerirally slroug. were indus triously employed for many weeks building nev homes well out of reach of any further matery onslaughts by way of the creek.

The human survivors of the great eambshock on the other side of the Pacifich have eet to work to remove the debris and Fill build agatil, (00. But they unlike the ants, will erect their dwellings over the


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scarcely healed scars of the very places where they. so recently, mete smillen. However, as the whole of Chile is mure or less subject to periodic tarthshapla of varying degretes of infensily mad danger. it would seem that foresight in the inhabilants mould be of little avail against the unheralded ravages of such a terrifying and uncertain visitan!

This South Americay land, this Repubtic of Chile, in an extrautalinary country. Stretehing 2s if does, from the southern boundrey of Peru, in or about is degrees South latidude to the storm lashed waters of the greal grey Soulkern Pacifice Ocean, mhere the rock shealhed peint of the far lamed Hosm pierces is fauple under cover of dripping, rolling mista; this tiblow of leritory, this Chile, kinows a wide range of climales. It twelters in the north under the rats of a bonid sun Which glares day afler day and monilin after month from a cloudless heavem; while in the South central usiands a climase equal to any onf earth, a climate that is al once delicale, sulethe, clusive as some rate periunte, fills the selises with an over. fowing gatistaction and ap indeforable peace; and in the extreme South, lugs and frosta and

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dripping diny make gloomien the gloomy earth. It is olightly smaller in sixe than New South Wales Its interior is almone wholly given up to agricelture, and mining for eopper ore and nitrite of sode. The nituste fieids are very exiensive and of incalculable value, immensequantitiet being eransported to the const for export to meny paris of the world for fertilising purposea end for the menulucture of explotives
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At ('oupuimesw, Caldera and Taltal, then onward again io Calera Coloss and Morene Bay where Antofagasin, ouce the port of Bolivia. states to earth-shucks, and sleeps and wakes under a mask of dust, there is 5 sameness and deadly monolony which knock Australia's bush towns right out af the rumming.

In Morem llay when the suif is not booming dangerously, the loud mouthed lancheros man they niflate laden lighters. of swarm ajon the struggling tow-boal as it puints ins nose towards a ship at anchor in the liay turngrily waities for its nitrate cargo, and straining as its anchnrs as chough anrious to get awiy from the unimiting place
Inland from Andofagasta, on the lime to La Paz. the capital of Bolivia, trains of pack mules with tinkling beils, and swarthy medeters to urge thent on with the mighty oath ered the stirng of a lash, are sights common enough. While in the agricultural disi ricts leams of oxen tike untravelled Britishers' thoughts bact to medizval times.

Leaving the great white cross in the hills aloove Antolagasta on the starboard quarter and mathing wide sweep round the hendand which connects mith Mount Motema, the ship hexds montt and passing itte small ugly towit ar Mejillones and the great mitrate pert of Iquique, comes to Arica formedy belonging to Peru, but now Chile's norttern seaport.
In our or other Chilimen port, may be seen the market stemer loaded with all hinds of vegetables from Valparaiso or Tricahuamo, for vegetahles are a luxury in the ypper ports of Chile, and when the market stemmer lowers its gangways it is stormed from the clustering. 5 waying surf.bonts by prospective purchasers eager to select from the vendors the cream frona the fioating vegetahle markel
For an excellent reasion, the prevalence or easth quakes, buildings in the citites and towns of Chile are not designed to vie with the skyscripers of Chicago or New York. "Fley arcinvariably lightly constructed of wood, or meere shells of laihs and plasier, of laths and mud over a mooden frame-


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work. A severe rainstorm (whete it doer raim) usually plays havoc with the outer walls.

Iach of space has precluded a comprebensive survey of the country ind its prople, but belore concluding we would mention three things which thll minn ure not giveth to see:-ilhe islant of Juan Fernandeh, wooded mud hilly, less than to square miles in extent and about 300 miles west from Valparaiso, celetanted by Defoe as the tome of the casteway "Robiluton Crusoe."
Secondly. the fine stalue of a mastly figure representing Christ the Redeemer standing on its pedesal on a lonvely height of the solemn Andes. There the scriless and pharises and usurers of our waunted civilizalion tre not. And there with the holy tilence of the preat mountains crowding upon him, the awed waplarer will atlume his toul to the Wholesome 5 wetivest of the imspiring breath of the Infinite, ts Moses on Mount Sinai may have dome ages ago, and fortify thes faith in God.
Tastly, as seen from the Pacific, the mighyy done of Mound Aconcagtal the culminating pail of the Audes, perd swathed and capped With silver-a jewel of rite earihly beguty sel in the unpillared arch of flawless blue immensity merie than a zooce feet above ocean level, silhouedted seamard by the rayt of the rising suanthis august isolation of Ameriea's highest grandeur sits thromed in a manle of eternal saom, while in its rock ribbed loins slumbering fires lie.

## ACROSS SOUTH AMERICA.

Years ago the writer journered by train from the wery excellem seaport tom of Valparaiso, the Vale of Paradise of the early Spanish settiers, to Suntingo de Chile the capital of the Republic, distam about too miles to the east-south-e2st and probably to miles inland from the Pacific const as the crow fies, and from there with a friend footed in to Roshio pra Meindorid finishing the jounliey to Buenes Ayres on the Atlantic side by train. It took tho monthe so accomplish the whole joumey of about t 000 miles.

In a subsequent issue of the journal the story of how poo miles was covered on "shanks" pony; how work was obthined on the getit haciendos or ratuches of the rolling pampas of the Avgentime, and hom death overtool: a thief in our camp, wifl be told.

## IN RECESS.

The Balmailu, Drutamoyne, Richmond and North Sydney Unils have been in recess for the Xinas Holidays. 'To every Unit we mish a happy and prospercus New Year.

Messrs. Harry Sitelley and A. G, Milson are wery kiadly prosentinty a lein guinea set of crictetimg putent as the prize for guinea set of crictenang Nay lenge Sel Cadela' cutter mee on Anniver sary Ibay.

Iraining for the yedr 1923 arranged. We huve ewery thope that the new year will be a prosperou one.

The formaion of a Parents and Supporiers Committee mill be of greal assistance to the O.C.
Sailing is proving popular with cadeas and officerts the aflemoons of Wednesdiys and gaving the boys fustruction in the hardling of a giving the bas trips down the Harbour as is Clifton Gardens and Shark lsland have bee tiken.

THE LADS IN BLUE.


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Sails and matal for the tecond cutter are now ready much to the delight of codets who were thatie to get into No t crew.
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Mr. A. C. Wood, M. MI , has votunteered portion of his services to this Unil as Phetical Iraining [natructor. Mr. Wood gerved with the A.I.F. With the tank of Sergeant He holds exceilem P.'T. I cenifirates, huring qualifed ai Aldershot Camp in 1916.

Arringementa are being made !o form a squad of 14 cudets for the purpose of giving a display of Swedinh excreises at the next ppotis meeting.

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The Lizzie webber was under the command of Captain S. Rowraree, and umived in Sydrey from
 pasmge of eleven days, duc to delay st Wetern port, There whe sough shelter from the hety pellither riging apori the cosk. Presern day pumpuousty fited searme of toco ton and sumplubusty bited stelmert of 10,000 tona and uppirds.

## Naval Notes.

Commodore H. M. Edwards, R.N. who los the last thre years bas been the Commodere Superiniendent of H.3L.A. Npial Establishmente at ourden island, expects so
on his return to England.

Caplain Craufurd, R.N., has been selected to take Dver from Commodore Edwards.

The wisit to Sydney of the French cruisers, Jules Micheles and Vietor Hugo, under the command of Admiral Gilly, created itremendous men were paost enthusisstically welcomed by men were most enthusissically welcomed by admirers of frimes.

All the Commissioned ships of the Royal Aus Iralian Navy are at present in porl at Sydney.

Commander Alick Stokes. R N., has been lent to the R AN as I Iivector of Naval Ordnance, to the R A N. as Dive
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## NEW DISTRICT NAVAL OFFICER.

Commander H. F. Quick, R.A.N., recemly suceeded Commander bracegindle, 10. S. O. R.A.N., as Vistrict Naval Officer of New South Wales.
To meet Conmander Quick is to meet a
 of canfidence.

Formerly an officer in the world-fameus $P . \$ 0$. Company, and holding a commission in the Royal Navil Resterve, Commander Quict was appointed to the Acsuralian Navy in February, ler 3. He served as ansistant gumnery licutenatet on H. M. A.S. Australia on the arrival of the first Ausiatian Geet in Ausualia, Upon the outbreat of war he continued to serve on the Ragship in the New Guinca and Pacife operitions, and afterwards when that vesict was Aagship of the Second Batule Cruiser Squadron, in the North Sea, ontil Austust, 1916. From November, 1916, to Sepleniber, 1919 he served as irst leutenant of the boys craining ship rankiri, on the Encounter, the seigoing training shif. From September, 19t0, to April, 1931, he stup From Sepsember, $19 \not 10$, to April, 1931 he acted at naval representaive on the Central war
Gratuity Board in Meibourne, and was thers apprainted chief stafiofficer for naval reserves at naval herdquarters.
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The Boy Scout-What am I Going to Be?


With the close of the old year many boys have left school and are now looking for vemanerative work.
This is always an importang time in the life of a lad, and in many cases his future stoccess and thappiness depends on the step that he taken Curiously enough, it bet always the boy who ouss man, for the qualitites required in the one cane re not necessatily those required for the other

A boy seidom knows much about itrade or profession which the proposes to adopk, and unless ine really has a likeng for it the charecs are againgh him being a success. II a hoy hur made op his wind what he really wishes to be the is fortonatefor he has a goat to timm an, and can direct his sudites accordingly.
As a mule, a boy has no distinct liking for any particular wocation owing to want of knowledge of the requirements of thas yocation. He may think he hats a taste for his father's trade, because he thers in the shed in the home, end mete more about that parificular calling, and that it is the one noove all others; the may also think that throush inturence the mar oblain some advantige over others not wo mell placed is himself. it a a father has worked up a busincss of his own, he would naturally life his won to tate his pitace later on, but if the son has no taste in that direction it f far better for the father to ewenturlly.pell out his interest, and sel his son top in wome businets for which ire has a iking - For, efter all, the son has to ern his living eventually.

The great pitralt aboy has to aroid galling into is taking up some meana of livelithood that has no lulure prospects for him. When once you get into a groove, it is not engy to get out of it. At certain age one doen not like to commence at the bottom rung of the ladder, Which is alwiys over cromded, where you have to compere with thoue moch younger than yourself, and are looked on ay more or lesi of an interloper.

There ire many capes where a boy hats to aceept any position he can get in order to trelp the family Gnances; but ceven thed need noe debar hith from Evencually taking up wome mens of gaining a live hood for which he has ebility and preference

Though a boy may not have destilled knowledge of any particular woction, he may have a decided tuste for some group - such as metal worker, which includes such trades as mechanic, fiker. White mith, blacksmith, ete-; or mood-worker-uleh ts is not surc what branch he prefers, it might be advigable for him to shift bout from one to cnother until he collects sufficient dene, in spite of the old proverb about i rolling stone gathering no \#o4s, for at this stage he is gathering information with the objest of selecting = vocation.

At first, boy with no experience of whin the is called on to do, is worth wery litile to his employer He akkes up the lime of atl experienced man to teach him, and often spoils look and material emptoyers do not care tor apprentices- for as soon as en apprentice feels he can tern man"s masi in eny pariticular branch, he laver to take up pork eloe here at himher wage ; the contequence is he
 has exceptional bility he will helip to swell the gowd of incompelent men.

Thers is always roem it the top of the trete. because to get there one has to mork hard and be captbie ; whe thigher places are not to be retched and mainlained ty infurnce pure and simple many of our ascessaful men have reached thei present positions in spite of adverse conditions.
When yoo conider that about \& quarter of your life is oceupied by working for your liring, it murn be clear that it is worth while selecesing a rocation on Which you are inkererted, and ne likely to do

THE BOY SCOUT-
cokjimple.
certain lines-tempersmend, laste, and hack or ability may keep you from others. Then one has to hook to the future: Is the calling you propose to follow likely to lasa your lifetime? Many trades of old hate died ous or become so modified iss to be precticaly new indes-sish ss the armoprer. taling the place of cabmen and in many cases concrete is now used for building purposes inatead of brick:

If you apply for a position personally a great deal depends on your manner as to whether you get it or not. Almya be chetriul, no mater hom many retolff you have received during the earliver Pat of bee day. An emphoyer does not man a so quetions, look your interrogation in the face, topeat diasincily, and say whili you have to say clearly, concisely, and to the point - and go armed cith reference: from prople ensily reached.

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7'his was 100 nuch fur the old ship - she jibbed. and was badly huled by the iec, and sank is her moorings in the Olio River
Even then she did noit escape the job of pla* cating Mammonn. She was resurrected, and is now on show. The history of her career has lost nowhing in the telling, and dowbiless the tellers have gained materially at the expense of their souls.

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Definitions of Sea Terms, taken from Doane's Book on "Seamanship."
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SLIP-Tafet gion colle with i lumy and nnt wait la mint

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SO-Thin opder means " nuuth, uop,"
SOUND-To get the depht of water ie the hold.
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SPILL-To slinkt wind out of a neil ty lufine.
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ING- 1 lawer mad to thect y yasl, lewling from to to "spring " = mum ; alwo to leak, it "t paine"

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## Sea-Power, Population and Governments.

sy A. M. POOLEY, M.A.

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THE two last national infucters on satapower which we have to chnsider are population and govermment.

Poprufatin is oi great importance not only as to its size but as to its character. It is nathrally matter of grear importance that a country which aims at sea-power sheutel have an astequate proporaion of its population following the sea as an occupation, either as fishermen or in the mercantile marime. Cireat Rritain. France. Japan. Xomay: Holland and Gempany all are advantaged in this dircetion. lun in is worthy of note that until the cra of iron and stecel shiys Germath proficssional or occupational imerest in the sta was only slight. before that tine the principal Cuct. man centre of shipping was ont the Raltic. lunt with the entry of iron the centre of interest shifted to the west. That was because the wood used to build ships canw from the castern provinces. whilst the iron cank from Westophalia.

But it is not sulficierut that there should be a suafaring poptianion. There must be allied indusirial interests. now only thene directly
assoriated. as shipbuiding. engineering. tte. but a general imdustrial reliance on shipping In this revisect prubably only Great Driuain and lapan qualify. Norwaty ought to qualify. because shipping sinares are by Гar the fargest and most widely spread intustment in the country, lut there is not in torway the industrial dependence on shipping that exists in Iritain and Japan, In Germany intereat in shipping was largely confines to the perts. whatever interest there was inland being poliaigal. In France there is no marithue interest at all. In America athere is a pesitive distaste for shipping. In Hollarud, on the other hand. interest is general. paraly lecanse Holland has so great a coastline proportionalcly. aned party leceanse it is entirelv dependent for prosperity on cither ceean or inland navigation.
This joppulation question is important too. because of the necessity of having a reserve of personnel for the Naxy. The experience of the war proved how widespread was inter(st in shipping in Britain. for the R.N.V.R was largely made up of men who had no imuedate connection with the sea. but nevertheless had a hankering after it. Population, the

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right population for a sea power, provides the orgafised naval reserve. the unorganised reserve of seafaring populatios, the mechanical resorve to tnerease the ouput of ships and crgines and to cffectively and quickly carry" out repairs, and frally that reserve of wealth which is so necessary in wartime. On the other hand, however adequate the papulation may be to provide these reserves. it will be useless unless the initial force is sufficient to eulure long cmongh for the reserves to be brought inte play. Hollandl, for this reason, fell from ther prowl estate.

The duty of preparing those recorves is that of the government. A government which recognises the importance of marifinte contmeree and naval forec to the existence of the country will sto everything to promote the development and protection of that comnerce even to regarding with an extreme jealousy the maritine expansion of any other mation likely to compete with its own. This has been. since the days of the Commonwealth. the policy of the British Govermment. and accommst for its athitude in recent years towards Germany and towards Japan. The formet country directly competed with Britain, the latter tid not. In the same way, during the Napoleonic wars, it made a mistake int allowing Firance a breathing space to restore her navy. the destruction of which had to be done all over again after the breach which followed the Peace of Amierts. The sagke notive inspired the shipping clauses of the Treaty of V'ersailles in 1919, but are proving ineffective so lar as mercanitle shipping is concerned.

A goverament, whatever its party, should have a continuous policy in matters maritime. and as a general rule this has been so in Britain and Japan, which country in shippung matters has largely modelled itself on Britain. France has always suffered considerably from the vacillations of policy in regard to shipping, mercantile and maval. It appears probable that America will be if the same case, for shipping matters are a subject of bilter dilspule, not only as between party and party. but even betweet sections of the same party.

As a general rule, history shows that arispocratic governments have been most friendly towarils the development of naval power and democratic governments to the development of the mercantile marine, Aristocratic governments are generally credited with a higher regary for national prestige, which nisually nesans a higher expenditure on armaments. On the other hamel, aristocratic governments are dissinctiy more prone to making war, which may be because, as it has been written. the lmainess of an aristocracy is "to prepare for war, to kead and to die if war." Democratic governments, on the other hand, are often erellitell with being more the victims of party politics, which are ncarly always internal potitics, whilst sea power is generally considicred to be an attribute of Jorcign politics; also they are more likely to give weight to cranks and iftellectuals.

Howsver, modern history has provilled uss whth very littice material on which to julge the records of elenoeratic gnecrnments in this matter.

## CUTTER RACE.

The Inter-wnit Cutter Rect Fas contested under the auspices of the A naiversary Regalit Committer over a half mile course on Janumry 26, and was Fon by Belmain, milh Dmmmoyne No. 2 culter second. North Sydincy and Irummene No. a also competed. The coxsmains and erews of alt the loats shaped splendidiy, and deserve great credit for their able handling of the cutters in the face of a strong breeze and choppy sea.
The first prixe, ten guinet set of enckel material, wery gencerously donated by Messrs. A. G. Milson and H. M. Shelley, membert of the Executive Committec of the Navy I eague, will he presented to the winniidy crew by the Lord Mayor of Sydney at an early date.

At the Lane Cove Swimming Cernival, held on 10th February, Drummoyne CadeL4 चere suceessful in winning the prizes presented by Mr. Harry Shelley.


## VISIT OF FRENCH WARSHIPS. $\chi$

## A RETROSPECT.



T
HE arrival in Australian maters and the entry indo Port Jackson of two Firenclu marthips recenty lakes the mind back to those lar ofl days when thure was no such place as Sydney and when the "Jarbour beautiful "had not been risited by anyuling larger than o ship's boat.

On two occasions, in jears not far from each other, in 1788 and in 1 go2 had two ships fiying Fireneh colcows visited this coast, dhe first two under the command of Jean.francois Galaup Comte De laperouse, which ca me to an anchorage in Holany Say on Jonuary $26 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{9} 8$ : and the second iwo commanded by Commodore Nicholas Baudill in usoz, the corvelte le Naturaliste on April $z_{5}$ th, Emanuel Hamelin in command, and the corvilte lie geograptes with Gaudin in command on June and. The visil of these vessels is full of interest to the Australian reader, and if events in Europe had a difierent resole of that brought aloum by England's nawal operstions the names on the cosci lime of Australia would not be now what they are.
Tlie first ining that strikes the student of history is the difference betwen the two batle cruisers Jules Aichelet and Victor Hugo when compared with the Houssole and the Astrolate of 1783 , secing dhat in would take 35 wessels of the latter's tonnpge to eypal one of the eruisers. Of the ofticers and meo there probably is no change. the sa me love of country and devotion to dury aminates Admiral Gilly, his officers and crews, as in did M. De Ia perouse and his officers and crews.

When the first expedition sailed on its voyage of discovery dusarlia was monown to the world except the liule thal was learti from Cook's voyage, and liaperouse's inslnuctions, like Cook's did not mention Australia (or New Holland as i then was). Hut like Cook. who came on to dhis coast by exercising a discredionary power girem him, he lortunately reached and ancliored in the saine port, bolany bay, as the greal mavigator had done 18 years previously.

On thol 281 h day of Janvarti 1788, as the Boussole and Astrolabe sailed into the Bay they passed the Sirius, with her convoy of 9 transports and store ships, comping out on their way to Port Jackson, where (xplain Arthur Phillip had preceded them the day belore in the Supply.

Ihe commanders exchanged courlesies, Hunter sending afficers 10 offer assistance if required, Laperouse redurning the compliment and his dhanks.
laperouse had heard ad a port of call that the British were founding a setlement as Bolany, and he thought possibly that it had been done, and that he would be able to refin his ships and refresh his crews.

How differend the adverd of the present expedition. Let the Commandant, Admiral Gilly, lell the object of his mission, he says
"I am charged by the Firench Government to convey the thanks and the gratiude of France to Austalia for the help that she gave
us in the war to delend athe cause of justice and civilisation."
Fancy, a counlry unborm in ijge was able is years later to send an army of nearly 400,000 nien to assist a greal mation, two of whose ships had saught in Australias prinhabited lands to recuperate the shallered health of theis crews.

The story of Laptrouse is one of the tragedies of discovery which will for ever remair: untold.
His ships had leen unlontunale before arriving here, having lost in the Samoan group Captain Let Langle, of the Astrolabe, and twelve men by an allack on a watering party by the natives, stweral also being wounded, including a pries! Përe tee Receveur, whose graye and tombstonc al taptrouse will be familizr to many. On arrival in Botany Bay, ${ }^{2}$ pitce of ground was selected on the north side, on which the tents were pitched and reaced in, two small guns being placed in posidion to defend it in case of an aluack by the


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alives The sick were fill sent ashore, the carpenters were set to work to put together two new boats. which were brought oul in the frame to mext just such zn emergency, $\mathbf{z}$ garden was late out and vegetables grown 2 s an antiscorbutic Aass knew of this garden, for in his journal of "The Voyage in the Whaleboat," under date Sunday, 25 th Februry, 1798 , when of Bolany Gay on the return woyage irom Westem Port, he wrote "The people setming inclined to push for home rayber than go up to the Frenchman's Garden we got upoll the ofrs bod rowed up to Port Jackson,"
While at Botany Bay the most friendly relations were carried on between the French and the British officers, visits were exchanged. Caplain David Collins, the Judge Advacate, with Governor Phillip. and the earliest writer of our history tiys, "Yye had, during their stay in this country, a very friendly and plewsunt intercourse with their oficers mong who we observed men of abilities, whose observations, and exertions in search after know edge, will most amply illustrate the history of their royage."

But they fent the country with a very differen opinion of if to that expressed by our late vistions for "'in their whole voysige they no where' found so poor a country, noi such wretehed miserable people." The peopte alluded to were, of course. the aborigines.

Admiral Gilly, in an address to the members of the Chamber of Manulacturers, said that " France looked to Ausiraliz to supply them with whig wonl and leather." At another function he said "they had been overwhelmed by the splendid and sponianeous receptions everywhere
the longer we remained in Australia the more we felt at liome."

Our early visitors, while at Hotany Gay, had rouble with the natives, for Collins tells us that Laperowse had been compelled to fire upon the natives, who irequently annoyed his people who were working on shore

At lenglh, having finished their boals, and their sick baving recovered hedith, With the exception of the priest who died of his wounds received at 'Tutuila, the expedition took its depanure on Monday, March eoth, haring been 44 dyys in port.

The record of their departure say; "bound, as they anid, to the northward," and is they sailed owl of port, so they did ovi of hempn ken, to become for 40 yerrs one of those mygrenes remain unexplained, for nothing was heard o Laperouse or the ships Boussole or Astrolabe unti 1898, when a few remains of the ships were found of the island of Vanikoro, but no surviver was ever heprd of

The next expedition to visit Australiz was the ane under commond of Nicholss Baudin. This consisted of two ships, Le Geographe and Le Naturaliste, the former commanded by Baudin and the laller by Emamonel Hamelin. The osteasible object, according to the instruction given to Gaodite by Napoleon's olficizls, was "the perfecting of scientific knowledge," but doubis have been thrown on the bond fatis of the expedi tion by some wrilers, principally bectuse some of its members were of too inquisitive a nature. So far as the officers in authority wers concemed ther is no cause for doubt.
The expedition, fited oun at acost of half a million francs, left France on October 191 h , 1800 Napoleon Ronaparte being at the time First Consu of the Repualic; as Captasn Cook's expedinion originaled with the Royal Sociely of London, sp the Baudin expedition emanated from the Institut of France; it was sanctioned by Napoleon, and the instructions for the guidance of Baudin and his officers were diawn up in the office of the Minister of Marine

Alluding again to the expedition of Caplain Cook, which in its iniliatory stage the Roya Sociely wished to have placed under the command of Mr. Alexander Dalrymple, and who, althoug one "having a particular turn for discoyeries, and being an zble n\#wigator and well skilled in obse vation," was not a naval officer, and as the Royd Society had succeeded in inducing the Covernment to supply the ship, it wanted its nominee appointed to hie command. but mis informed that such a appointiment would be "entirely repughant to the regalations of the Navy," and one of the Admiraly is reported as sayung that he would ralber cut of bis right hand than permit any one but a King' Officer to command one of the shitps of His Majesy's Nary

SEA CADETS VISIT TARONGA
PARK. PARK.

N Saurday afeemoon, February 1oth, more than zoa Ser Cadets, and about a 40 gursts tecepted the warm haspilalify of Mr. and Mrs Kelso King at Taronga Pastl. The weather mas perfect, and the astangements made by the Taronga Park authcrites for the comfort of the guests connribueted in no small measure to the enjoyment and suceess of the outing.

 LEAGUQ govs on board a frrry stralye bound for the zoo and a bilightple


Cadets, dramin from Halimain, Drummoyne and Caders, drapin from lianain, Drummoyne and
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oo the Zoo in their fine 30 -ft. cutcer. Mr M. To the Zao in therg hine 30 itt. cutter. Mr M.
Macdomald, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Mellor, took charge of the combined units on artival at the wharl, and assisted by the respective unit officers, formed them up. In a lep words Mr. Kelso King, on behalf of Mra. King and hiraself, wished the cadets a moss enjoyable afiemoon. The rounds of lusty cheert that followed Mr. King's remarls evidenced the bops' whole-hearted appreciation.
moss of a couple of hours and became teputinled With lions, mankeys, elephants, reptile-in haci they sa w representatives of the wild animal and biry liffe of mepresentanives overy country on earth. While the boys were thus employed, thout 140 guesis time boys were thus employed, thout $14^{\circ}$ guesis
accepted Mr. and Mrs. King's invimion to partalee of refreshments.
At the epproach of evening the Cadets, thor oughly tired but hippy, were mustered and marched to the ferry boil and innsported bect to Cireular Quay.
The "outing," which Mr. and Mrs. Kings generosily made possitite, revealed to many of

Headed by their band, and with halla.daxen splendid "gif" flags waving in the breexe, the Cadets mover
A cutrese was set for the refreshment pavilion where delicious talkes in almost endless varitydrinks, ice-creart and hosts of other eatibles dapir in youngsters' hewris and palates ware inaiting there on excellently arranged tables. Between cales, lemonades and ice-creama, checrs for their kind hosts were let loose from mote than soo young throais. Alter the Cadets had finished the wrork of demolition on the tables, they made the
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How differem in Baudin's case, for the was no a naval officer; he had been in the mercantile marine, and thad iravelled in Africa on behall of the Austrian Government collecting specimens for the Musewn in Yienna; and as it is a maty's traioing تhich qualifies hims for his position, the difference in the results of the awo expeditions can be traced io the training its leaders had received.

Baudin's vessuls resched the Mauritius in March, s8ol, and remained there lorty days, when he sailed for the Ausiralian const, and on wrival made a northerly course, fivally reaching Timpor in Augusa, here the remained three months doing nothing. texwing Timor the vessels sailed south, rounding fien biemer's [And, at this time there was no setalenient there, and during a severe storm the two vessels separated, Le Naturaliste passung througin Bass's Strait and coming 0 anchor in Western Port, which was surveyted, discovering the high land behind. Phillip Istand mas also an island, it bears to this day the name of French 1gland. The Naturaliste then carre on to Sydney . where she atrived on April a gith, 180a, having been out fromb Havre eighteen monihs and seven days. Here Capeain Hamelin landed his sick. six in number, wha were sent to the militsry haspita], only two of these suffered from scurvy. In the meancime Baudin, with le Géographe, had passed through Bass's Strait from east to west, without discovering Por Phillip, and on April roth had reached as lar mest is Emcounler 句y, South Aus. tralia, when a ship came in sight, which proved to be H.M.S. Inveatigator, Caplain Matitew Flinders in command. After the exchange of signals the Envestigator was brought to the wind and Flinders went on hoard the Fresichman, where he found a shocking state of affairs. Scuryy had played havoc anone the erew, and grest numbers of them were unfit for duly, whilst the ship's meat was putrid and uneatable.

The two commanders compared notes and discussed the work they were englged in. The two ships lay close together during the night, and Flinders igain risited Baudim on the following morning. Professor Ernest Scott, to whose "Lile of Mathew Flinders" I am indebted for this information, says "the intervicw was thoroughly cordial, and the two ctplting parted with mulual expressions of good ill."

Alter pursuing her work on the southern coigt for amother month be Geogrthphe made for Sydney, where she arrived on June zoth, 19os. The firs thing Baudim did on arrival was to write to Governor King asking permission to land wenty three members of his crew who were suffering from scurvy. It is in this more than anything else that the difference is between Cook and Baudin, in that he was able to say when he reached Bataria, after being ower two yemrs on his voyage, that the had not lost one man from sictrness, and on arriwal in England that there had only been five cases of scurvy during the whole woynge.
The Firench officers of both ships met with mort cordial receplion, and opportunities were florded them of seeing all there was to show in those days Monsieur Peron, the maturalist on the Greogriphe, after that tessel arrived at the lle de France, lurmished Genertil Decaen with a reporn on the colony when he was there, minch shows that no attempt was made to hide anything from the vistiors. Peron also tolls in his "Voyage de decouvertes aux "Terts Auscrales" of a visin he
paid to his countryman at Casile Hill, netir Parra mathe the Chevaliere Vernicourt de Clambe, who he found had "a beautiful plantation of colton plants, yielding cotton of varipus shades, and eppecially that peculiar to the fine nankeen of Ching, a fust colour hitherto nes obtaimed, whether by dind of cullure or dyeing." This is very interesting in wiew of the tection being tutiten al present with regatd 10 cotton growing

The Chevalier was enthusiastic in 1802 about the prospects of cotton, and who can say bes that he might huve been to the colton indusary what John Mecarthur whs to the wool, bua it mes hot to be, for as one of the guesas an the Kings Birtiday ball in March, [804, ot (hovernment House, whils "Boing down the room in a dance" the was seived with apoplexy and fell dead
Whilgt the two French ships were in Port Jackson Baudin mas tllowed to purchase amall colonia buifi ressel named Casuarinit to be used as a tender on the const.
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The gift submarines Jd, J3, J3. $\mathrm{J}_{4}, \mathrm{I}_{5}$ and J$)$ have not been of much pricicas wilue to our hussiatia has aistrered with ias submarines and no small cosi to the nation. These stibnarine are now considered obsolete, thed it is titely that they will be disposed of in the eeter future

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Mr. F. N. Berytmi, lale-Wireless Imitructor lo this unit, thas joined the Commonwealith Wireless Corgas and has been appointed to a prsition a Point Cook. We wiah him every staccess. Tiedt. W. H. Ray has now talen over the Wireless Class.

Our thanks to Mr. Fidden, Host. Secy. Balmait Corph, for having our fay moumed on a mex saff Corpm, for having our hag,

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Recently Caplain Hatey and friends of the Corps gave our boys an afiernoon's outing in the larbour steamer "Yelrah." The company erre procended to For Detrison there they mere met proceedied to Fort Denison, where they mere meit by Mr. Briggs, Caretaker, Who took the boys on a tour of inspection and explinined the uses of the
different insuruments. An inspection of the Fori different instruments. An inspection of the Fori proved highly interesting and was much enjoyed
by the whole company. Alier a wery picasant by the whole congany it watiser decided to procery to Shicasand for whernoon tea. As is usual on such occasions ample justice was done the good things. About 6 pm . it was decided to return and Birchgrove whati mas reached moout 7 pm , molter a mosa enjoynble alternoon.

Ouf lads are delighted with their win in the recent Culter Rece, flahough is is ugreued that owing to some misundegstanding two of the crews tenished on the wrong side of the fagship, other. wise the race weuld have beerb more evelly condested. It was splendid to see the good fetling that existed between the different crews. The Trophy (* Cricke1 Seb) presemted by Mlessis. Milstron and Shelley, will be a very acceptable addition to the sporting ostith of the unit.

Mr. P. Macdonald wisited the Aoniversary Regata fiegship and handed to Mr. R. H. Wade. Offer in-Charge of Richmond Unit, Ane-slaf and trident, presented by the Officers of galmain unh. Mr. Wade was profuse in his thanks, and
after having congratulased the crew on its Fin alier having congratulased the crew on its Wint
handed to the $O$. in $C$ a pound note to be used for the purpose of "Splicing the Main Brace."

Mr. P. Macdonald's resignation as Officer-illcharge of ithis Unit has been received and accepord by Hendquarters Mr. Macdonald regrels thas he Was unabie to devote the requisite amount of time to the duties of O.C

## Drummoyne Company.

Ogrer-in-Charge : Mr G. Wallace.
New Entruts-A. Elliott, F. Elioht, A. Nicholson, I Day, R. Townsend.
Discharges-N. Clubb A. Clubb (left distric) J. Evereth, J. Cadto, C. P. O. Fred Cooksey owil request).
Promotions-Cadea A. Nicholson flale Malinain Corps) to Idg. Sea Cadet: Cadets C. Driscoll
Corpsioligg Wailace, J. Paton, J. Nicholizand I. Jack
worked wery hard in the interest of the Corps since Hs inauguration. His raling has been taken by Peup-Officer Cyril Kershaw, who is also a great worker and bids fair to make good.
The Officer-in-Charge, Mr. Wallace, with a party of cadets, visited the American dour-masted barque ${ }^{*}$ Muscoots, ${ }^{\text {P }}$ lying in Snails Bay. The party sailed dowa froms brummoyne in the second cutter and spent a very pleasant aflemoon on the qessel. Thanks to Captain Wilvers for the kind invitaitan down of wilson's Promoniory cocenty low Nar wesim sutamer, sustaining : broken bow-sprid and

BALMAIN CREW AND OUTTER.


Vimer of Messrs. H. M. Shelley's any A. G. Milson's Ten-Guimea Trophy:
son 10 Ldg. Sea Cadeds; Peny-Officer C. damaged forecastle head. (See illustration on Kelshaw to Chief Peny-Óficer.
The attendances for the class nights and Sadur day palades, for lue opening of the New Year are very ssisfactory. It is hoped that cadets will en deavorr to ketp the high percentage of attendance up. Parenls mo read these noles should assisi the $O$. in $C$ by making thesr lads attend regularly.
We Regret losing the serwices of C.P.O. Fred Cooksey, who recently passed the leaving Cel fificate Exam. at the Drummoyne High School. Our "Pal," populaty knowit to all as "Cookhara,

## page 25)

Renders will remember the nesty weather on Anniversary ibyy, and alihowgh getting into line. pulling in the race, and getting bacl: to shelter, was a sewere lest on the physical endurance of the Druds, the still greater problert of geting home to brutimoyne before nightiall, had to be solved, culte O.tin-C. Fas not to be ouldonel Our two in the tedh or Island under coars then No. 1 cutder shipped its foremast. No. 2 culder, being withoul masis and

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ails, had to borrow No. i's main-mest and suil. With the poppets thipped, and the ciewn well fl, and " "Soldiens' Wiond" both exttern went meller with the wind right aft all the time
An exeellem mondel of a North Const wersel has been mude by I.dg. Sell Cadet Jack Wallace, and presented to the Corps for class zort Made entirely by hicoself, $t$ web to the anchors cast in head, the mark ia weil wons, and the Senior Officer, Mr. A. Mellos, was much impressed. Qur young ship luribler gels a No. I Seamamitip Manual for his labowrs.
Almough beatem in our lat two cutter races havilyg to be content wilh second pltece on both occasions, We expertit to do much better in the friture. Our No. is cutcer mill be ready for in inng between the Corpa will le theld.
Many thanks to Mr W. Kelsham, of H.M.AS. talemert for his asxisthncr in conatructing the Stamith, for his assigance in conatructing the Navigetion Letgha Model. This "\% splendid asset to the Corps being 2 ive foot mast on a out the wingt, with the fide lights, Port and Star board, on their respective sided in pereened boxes Sir Thoma Herley, KB.E, and Maior W. Vickers, D.S.O., hate sent their good wishes for the New Year, ako a cheque each for fit is. Our thank; for their kindly intereth.

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C.P.O. in Charys: J. Vincrnt.

The Corps mill be losing ite C.P.O. in two ot three months, Mr. l'incent hating decided to lak up a career at sea.
Doring his connection with North Sydney, Mr. Vincent hat worted very hard in the inderesss of the unit, and it is mainly due to his effors the the spierolid 3 offl. culter has been improved and rept in moch praiteworthy condition.

Mr. Murdo MeDonald, acling Officer-in-Charge of Bolmain, has been appointed Officer-in-Charg of North Sydney Corpa, and he will whortly tile up duty with in. Mr. MeDonald's wide experience, hus war acrive, and hig intimate tromededge of hool manngemert, will be a grent anset to the enat.

Opportunity it there taten to thant Mr. W. R. Eiston, Headmaster of Neutral bay junier Tech nical Schoot, Mr. Corey Taylor, Headmater Inter mediate High Sehool, and Mr. Swetman, Head mater Burion Sireet School, for their intereat in the wort of the Nevy league mong the youth of the land.

## Is the White Australia Policy Tenable?



The tollowing appeared in the Sprocy " Evening News," recendy:-
"INDIAS REI'LY TO WHITE AUSTRALIA
" BOYCOT'J AND RE'TALIATION.
" At a special general meeting of the Indian merchants of Hombay a resolution was moved, adpecating retaliatory metsures agnimst those British colonies where Imdians were illureated, to urge the Government that if it failed to oblain equal trealment for Indians in other pars of the Empire, it should adopt aimila restrictions egainst colonisls in India, and that the Indian commereinl community be called upon to carry out all effective policy of boycolt."
.
And even if this rexotution is only looked upon as straw it undoubtedly doen shom whence the wind blows. But the real danger doe inot lie in ap Indian boycou but in the attitude of Japan. The Japarnese set grent thore by their clam to recial equaliny and are almose ceruis to challenge the White Aostratit policy on that ground jusi as they challenged the Uniked Sutes on the Califormien question. The Alliea were willing to secept lapanese sid during the war and thig alone manes their exclusion from equality winh the white races during peace dime rother a piece of inconsimency. This in not a quesion where sentiment must be allowed to have free play. We admitued the lapanese as allies in warlime and it seems that whether we like it or mot we must admit then now 2 equals. itre conselit to play grmes with them-they vety nemriy won the Devis Cup-and it mopld be to thitair to turn

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our backs on them now in other dallers that no independent iribural could possibly decide against them.

Consider the situation now that America has refused to grant equal rights to the Japancse at present in the United States and Japan has been thrown back upon herself nursing a bither hatred for the United Siates and through them, for all the whide races. Ho not imagine that such a people 15 the japanese will lie down meekly undea such a smub. What she is cercain 10 do is to form, with the Chinese, an Asiatic Alliance which, with China's millions of population-who are eminetally capable of being laught and led-and mith Japan's own brains and resource, will be an exiremely formidable and cssenially anti- White combination.

It mighl easily dominate the world; it will be utterly unscrupulous; and its hand and influence mill, by reason of the very cause of its existence, be against many things that we hold sacred. Japan could not be blamed for an instant for briugithg about such. कn alizance - in Asiatic League-bacause the means of preventing it are in our hands. The facts musi be faced and they are as clear as daylight.

Neither must the effect of such a league on India be forgotlen. The most natural and convenient place for the Asiatic League to stir up trowble for the Grilish Empise is in India and it cannot but beacknowledged that the League will seize the first oppotiuning of doing so. Sympathy and belp for the League will be readily forthcoming from. India, especiatly in the present disturbed state of that country. And lndia is also asking for equality of treatment with other members of the Empire; and she too wants an outlet for thes surplus population.

Where do Japan and India look for a place in which their rights of equality can be exercised? Where else but in the enormous and thinly populated continent of Australia? It is the one countiry in the world that is capable of being comparalively densely populated but which yei only carries. mere handiul of people, who have said to the Japanese "we will not have you : the door is shut." Such an attitude must seem to the yellow races and to India the very embodiment of selfishness.

If Europe could ship the necessay white popu. lation to Austratia, of there was any prospect of Australia obtaining, say, ro,000,000 more white people in the next five years, Australia would be justified in shutting the doog to every other immi. gram. But it eannot be done; of, at least, there is no prospect of its being done, and even if il could there would still be vasi tmess of usefut country in the north in which a purely white population cannot work and thrive.
By abandoning the thite Australia policy - not wholly but in part-Ausiralia will be performing all act or common justice to India, and will have taken a very long siep towards heiping the Hoone Covernment to find a solace for the lroubled Indian Empire. And Australiz pill also be armed with an irrefulable argument to justify her relusal to allow the Japonese in.
What I suggest is that Indians should lue allowed to settle in Australia morth of a certain latitude, say, so degrees sowih. The avenge white man will not mork in the tropics, and to ast white women and children of temperate climes to work there wowd be almost criminal. Unless tropical races who can work in Northern Ausiralia are allowed to come and do so that pari of the Continent will remain an unproductive waste, and a constant incertive to such a people as the Japanese to adopt when possible an aggretsive policy whose object would be the ejection of the dog from the manger.
Protiting by the experiences of Fiji and of Trinidad in the West Indies, regulations could lse made and saleguards devised which would obviate anything in the nalure of an Indian dominalion of Ausiralia. Indians could come mainly as native labourers for a cemain number of years; they netd have no rotes, and eyen their pay cond be re witted to the headmen of their villages in India on the complelion of theis contracts. By doing this Ausiralia would also be arming herself with an angument-one which any tribural would be bound to accept - with which to meet any Japa nese or Chinese demand for facikities for settling in the counlry. "Preferenee within the Empire" would be Ausimalia's unabswerable retort: "We are allowing fellow citizens of the British Empire to colonise the northern part of our country, and

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we want the southern pati for ourselves and our children, and for immigants froms Europe.
It must be done. A Whise Austratia is like many other ideals-impossible of realisation, beesuse it is so utterly seifish, and in an ouercrowded world setfishness where expansion is possible cannot be tolerated. If Australia persists in this policy it mill for ever be a rinkling sore permeating and poisoning th her dealings with cher nations-and possibly, tiso, with other Dominions of the British Enupire. Who knows when Australia might wint something from India some concession for trade, for insuance? Is she likely to get it if India is in a position to point to the capricious exclunion of her citizens from their matural sphere of expansion for the sale of an entirely selfish iden!? The cable quoted the beginning of this asticle is a sufficient answer.
Should Indians be admitted it mitt be possible to deal in its infercy with eny trouble that may arise. The power to expel and repatriate can be
retained by Austrelin, and if the Indians are given a fais deal when they come that mill indeed be a powerlul thenes.
Iet Australia thertfore adopl a generous spirit and sacrifice tin ideal wich cannol be reatised betause it lies in the face of all practical considerations.

Practically every other Dominion in the Empire has this problem of colous to solve and Australia should, for the sale of the solidarity of the Empire, be prepared to tale her share of the responsibility, because, if she does nox, the Japanese tre not such fools ats to neglect to inle advantage of Austrulitis selfishoess when the lime for in is ripe.

Evendually the White Austrolite policy will lead to wer mith Japan, with en Asiatic League, or even with Americh, who with belose bong wand an onte for some of her turplus negro population, and it moold be far better if Austratiz would bid for a trigher standing in the world's estimate by climbing
down gracefulty now. If it ceme to the question 1- Whit Australie or wer" the other nations of the Empure could net end wonld not support Australia. There moutd be no "Eitle Belgium" to form a sendimental rallying point for the Empire. Austrifin mopild have to give may and the conditions that would be imposed on her then would be fir more irksome than those which she can woluntarily impose upon hersell now-before it is too late.

## COMMITTEE MEETING.

At the manthy meeting of the Nayy League Executive held at Royal Naval House, Sydney, on the iath inst, there were persent: Mr. Kelso Kung (in chair), Commodore Edmads, R.N. Shenu J. P Fienti H M Shethy, C

Fairfay, J. Payne and the Orgeniser, Cppe. Beale Apologies were received from Sir A. W. Meeks Judge Backhouse, and Sis Fiederich Waley.
Commodore Edwards wes thanked for hit kindly interest in ind valumble antistance to the Sen Cade morement. The Commodore was mainly instru mental in providiug the cultert for the Lemgut and also in obtaining the official recoggridion of the Austrilian Navy Board for our Sen Cadet Corpl.
Proposed by Mr. A. C. Milson, and seconded by Mr. F. W. Hixson,-Commander H. L. Quick R.A.N. (D.N.O.). was appointed as an Honorary member of the Execulive.
On the motion of Mr. J. P. Frantip, supported by the whole Commikee, a vote of thants wis accorded to Mr. and M[rs. Kelso King for their generous invitation to over ano Sea Cadets and ibout 140 guests to an afterncon's "outing" a「aronga Paty on the ioth inst
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ONE would olten Jike to be abie to do something he seses another carry out, but the tanl practice with which certain acisare performed by experts is apt to deceive novice as to the difficulitus so be overcome. Of course, no one can be an expers in everymining, for even if life were long enough physical and mental abilities would limiz one's peliwities. A begianer lizte knows the time and troulse it iales to become eficient in anything. and when he finds the call on his energits necessary 10 obtain a certain essult be wonders whelber it is really worth his white.
Tracking is on interesting postime, but it necessiates a leern sense of sight, herning and swell, whe abilizy to abserve and nove a pparently unespeatial poins, and to form correct deductions. A inacker must have a sound knowledge of the habits of what he is lracking; he must le able to concenrate on what he has in viem, and not be entily side tracked. A tracker must mot forget that he is omenimes tracyed, or may be led into an andiosh, so mest use discretion, and be careful not to expose himself unnecessarily such as on the sly $y$ line or by leaving a convenient cover, and when possible should cover up his tracks.
We are told that a scour should leave his Camping pisce in the same condition as the lound it. When a scout is comping by hirsiself, if the has had sufficient experience, whis may be possible, bau not so if there we several scouls together; for, hough they may clen up all rubbish, so that norbing in lefy behind to tell cales, the site of such a enmp is likely to be cleaner than before the dead lenves and nicks were anked up and perhaps burn
off, besides, the ground will be more or lest medden doma. There are also varwous indications to show the size of the camp, and even the leergth of thane the camp was in existence, and the leagit of period since is was struck. It is rally mosi interesting to read lush signs practised in the form of a game by selecting a place practised iw the form on a game by selecting a place where there is sufficient sand or dust. Saart a boy or boys, walring on such matenal i, note the lengl the depth of the impressien, the angle al which the feet are placed celative to the direcrion in which the boy walks, whether outward, skeaight or prgeon-toed, and whelther both leet are angled simulariy-siny peculiariny in the shapt, dimen sions or marimge of the boots worn Then get the same boys to make similar wariks while carcying a heavy weighs such as another boy. Also, let them run without a wigh, and nose the differenee in the length ol stride, depeh of impression, and angle or fool fupersions stould be thien in and thesting longer than the later Also racks im deep and shallow sand. that of a thed horse in deep sand will show the froe of the foo as well as the thoe, whereas in shallow sund only the shoe will be seen; or, in the case of a walliby, all three toes may be seen in dexp gand, while enly the middle and outside toe are to be observed in shallow sand. Atter some simple tracks have been made by shy, $t$ wo boys mo have acted some episode, of hers who have nol betll hooking oll may be galled in to interpret what has happened.
When araching, one does not want to jump to conclusions from one hact; you wam the fac epeated, or atersi sepported by some olher lac it available. It is almays eatier to track against the sun, as then you can see the shadow of a sligh inupe ession otherwise not visible. Also, it must be remembered, that at inack which cannoi be seen a close quarters may be readily seen a short distance 1 way.

Besides footprints, one should be on the look out for other traces of animals-such as their puns, lairs, and even theis droppings. The tatter give much useful informainon. The dung of herbi ronous amimals is genernily becter formed than hat of camivorous; the shmpe may be indicative of the anumal. The maner in which the deposit is ande also helps one to drat conclusions, whike the fresh ness of the deposit, taking the weniher into can sideration, givel an idel what period of time hat

THE SOY SCOUTcontinued.
passed since il was made. The dung of a mombal o: a wallaly is inelined to be cubical, that of a dog or rat cylind rical, while that of a sheep or rabbit tends to be spherical. "The droppings of a sheep and a rabbil are aboul the same size, but that of a sheep mostly has a small point at one end, which is generally to be secn in the direction in which The animal was travelling, for they will dung while walking ; the rablua, on the other hand, uSt
renains in one place while making a deposit.
"lracking is not to be learnt by reading, bu by observation, though books may give useful hints how to set about it, and there is no doubt that the practice in observation adds greally to the interstat in life, and makes one appreciate the wonderful works of Nature betler than he mould oitherwise do.

## SAILORS' HOME. THE YEAKS WORK.

Id was stated in the report of the councillors of the Sydney Sailors' Homer, which was submilted at the Annual Meeting of the institution recently year it the number of seatiaring of during the pas year ity the number of sea-faring men who pronied mino thousands a pais proporion baving bern resident. Slackness in shipping and unforlunate labour unicel had resuled in many deserving seamen being unemployed, and in some inslances destitule. In such cases the Sailors' Home authorities had no altemative but to "ssand by " and assist men, umili) work could be procured for thern. Fortign consuls, it mas stated, had taken full ad vaitage of the well-known resources of the estab lishment, and many distressed seamen had benefied hereby
The financial statement presented by the honor ary (reasurer (Mr. Geofrey E. Fairtax) showed that C756/2/6 had oven expended ton victualling during ite year, and wages and salantes had absorbed t. $935 / 6 /$ The sum of 6350 had been received from the Government, and subscripuions had totalled $653 / 7 / 1$. There was a bath debil of $651 / 4 / 4$.
Mr. C. J. Henty presided at the meeting, and the Report and Bilance Sheet were adopted The refiving councithors, Caplain W. H. Mason and Mr. F. W. Hixsons, were re-elecied

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THE NAVY LEAGUE.

THE year past has seen a begiminhg made with the reconstrucion of the Leagise afte - period of hesidation and passivity- not unnatural is view of the uncertainties of the nawal situation, but, none the less, regretiable
7he reversion to the old mollo, u hepr Watem,' sufficiently indicates the spixis in which this recon strucion his been underaken. While the inomediate menace which prompted the great efforts made by the League belween ugon and ini8, and uttacied io it so large metsure of swppor both in the Monher Coumry and the Dominions, has been removed-the old ruth that we live by the sea, and can only live if the wry of the sea is kep open by ndequate naval power, has lerced irsel once more on public attemion. The Lengue, therefore, musi taike up ance more its old work of educating the general pablic in the meaning and need of Sen Pumer, and or orgunising public opinion to insist that the Navy is not etinted of that provision of men and material which its profossional hicads declare necessiry for carrying out the foreign policy of the Government.

In urder thas the League may fulfil the objects lot whigh it exists, even on the present limized scale, it is necessary to obamin much leager binancip sopporithath has been fortheoming during the las four years. An Eirdooment Fund his, therefore becn apened by means of wheh is is hoped to sbatin 1 som of it lensi $\mathcal{S} 100,000$ wis a capia sum, the income from which, together with the annual subseripions and donntions, would secure the continuance of the Ienpue's activities under il circumstances.
Members of the lengue are isted to do all iher can to promote the success of the Fund, ind, at the seme time, not to lorget lhat, white it is being collected, the mork of the Leagoe must be carried on, and ind currenk income manimined or, prefer mbly, increased.

During the past yent the League has had the huppiness of welcoming many distinguished visitors from the oversel dominions, and will shozly have If its goeft for a period nill too shor, Mr. Sam Harris, President of the Nary League of Canada By means of these visits, and the mutall know.

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ledge of each other's thouglite and hopes, the Leagure will mainus in its position es one of the arongest linkz between the old country and the nations oversed mhich own allegiance to "one Flig, ade Throne."
Tle year tgat mas not lacking in insames of the power wielded by the British Nary as an instro. ment of peace and security. The shipa of Briusin alone crnabled a slender Allied force to withisend the smbitions of the Angora Government and ita Hutsicvisa Allies, and probably saved the world from another devastating war. In China, costin. gems from the Fieet have on more than one oceasionsupplied guarda for the Banks and Mer. clamis' Offices in the 'licaly Ports tlreatened with revolutionary violence, white the balle rruisers, "Hood" and "Repulse," nent to Rio de Jantiro to celebrate the Centerury of Brazilian independence, did much to cement the existing friendship Letween Great Briain a med Brazil.

The Waslinggton Comference ended in an agreemelle by which our representalives, in common with thowe of tive Unined Slaces, France, Indy, and Jupsn, undertook to limin the number and size of the copial ships mainuined by the reapoctive countries, end to restriet further shiplbuilding for a period of ten yeas. In order to ahom the deep desire for peace-which nimates the llitish nation-we nol only conaented to a slanderd of equaliuy with the United Stutes, but proceeded to reduce the number of capital alsips mainatined by us millowt maiting for the ratification of the Treaty by the Crowernments of our co-ignalonich We have thus gone to the urmosat limitu of concession ; and, in view of the fact that thin Treaty hass not yel beem ratifed by France end Itaiy, white the Government of the United Situet is culing edvanlage of its rights under the Treaty to bring obsoleceent vanels up to date. we may appear to have gone even bejond llose limile
It is chenr that a subsiantial neval force muast be maintained in the Mediterrmean; it is clear atoo that, in wiew of the naval arength of America and Jupan in the Pacibe -slose as our tiea or riendatip with both Powers are-and our paramounl Imperial interesta in thone nitera, suficient naval surength muat be minintimed there to support the local men defences of Australia and $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{tw}}$ Zealand.

Nor can we aford to neglect our taveal defences in the waters of Norithern Europe, where the Rustian Nary is beine reorgamised, and the consiruction of their new light cruisers expedited.
Under the circumstances recorded atoorg, it catsson be said that the two post Juland sthipa which we are emitled to lay down ander the Washningion Pact, are any too many, or have been laid down a mometh too soon. Even if the Pact be ratified, we shall only have builhing. or buitit, two poss. Jastand ships (or lirree if live 'Hood " be counted) as against ithree inmericin and two Japa. wese : while, if the Pract be now maified, the ratio will be two (or threc) to thinteen and nevell rapectively.
Bes the sacrifice made by this counnery in pursuin of the ideals of peace and goodmill among the mations is mol confined to material. That, indeed is the leass parn. The numbler of officers and men has beetr reduced from 119000 (at mich it slood at the lueginaing of tinc finatucial yeati) 10 101,000 at the present time, mith the promise of a further reduction 1098.500 by March 3151 mext. At that date the number of ective servïce ranks and ratings in the United Sculut Navy mill be 116,200 , and in chat of Jipan 69,0co.
In will be the duty of the Nevy Leazue to wath this matier of the personved very closely, and to sec that no intuence, however pomerful, is allowed so incerise with the numbers mich the Admiraly enperta consider necessary for the maming of the Fleel and the proper maintenance of the schools and miore estublizhments. If we have an adequare supply of officers end aen of the' ouslity which the Britith Navy has always produced and trained to its sumdard, we can fitord to look with companative equanimity on a barely aufficient manterial. But it the type of seamen on mhow our safety reats is permitted to fall of in numbers or determonte in efficiency we shall epproach aponition of entreme danger.
During the war, under the atimulus of pationic urging and remunerntive pricet guannteed by Government, the erea of land under cern eropa in there inlands was very conviderably increaved. The dimatrous condition of Brition usiculture since the end of wir conditiom has, however, gain reduced thim area till it bids fair to tall below

even that of 1914. It seems inevitable, therefore, that we shall remain dependent on aversea trade for our daily bread. Foodstuff and raw materials cat only be brought in vessels which foat on the swrace of the water, though they may be atiacted elther frown the pir or from under sea. In any casc, seeing that they are vulinerable from one end of : long voyage to the other, protection pust bo aforded them by wesele moving in the same platie es themsilves. If the potential entmy porserses hatuleships, we must thave batileships to meet them: if cruisers, we must have cruisers, and, in any event, striace vestels are required as a defence gainst adtack from surface craf, ond also ajainsi the submarint menace-especially on the trade routes.

While, therefore, the Nayy League is folly aliwe o the importance of devtloping air power, ind will aid in any legidenite effort to do so, it must repudiate strongly the contention of those who maintsin that the day of the capital ship has passed, and that the delence of our sheres and trede can now iue entrusted exclusively to aincraft and the recussary carriers and attendam ships. 'The future may have greal changes in store; but these changes can only with safety be brought about by process of evolution and in accordance with the growing knowledge and experience of those who are trained it the tradiuions of the maval service which has kept us free and built top the power and prosperity of Britain from the days of Alred undil now.
(The ultrive mesage xigeed on behulf of the Eineculite Cummizte, Lonslon, by the Chuiemans (Sis Cy ri] Coldu)
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AUSTRALIA AS A NATION. TWO GREAT NEEDS.

In the course of anaddress recently at Brisbane His Excellency the Governor of Queenstand vaced the fallowing remarks:-
${ }^{4}$ I propose that the tew mords I am going to 5 y to you this evening should be addressed to the Novy Ledgue Sea Cadet Corps and tha sebject of my remarks is to be the sea. The sut is what made England and I believe that every country, in order to become great and strong, has to send its men to the sea, or to the eqrith, or, in these days to the air. in all these elemitnds men have to fight, but in ordinary times in in against the forces of nature and not against other men that the fighting is done- 1 do not think that a country in which the bulk of the people liwe always in great towns an ketp that slreagth which is given in the first instance by fighing the forees of nature." His Excellenty, atter detailing the cossing of the Saxoms, Danes, and Normans and the importand pert played by the sea in history, continued: "I Ithe English had not been the sea-faning nee that they wire, some oher nation mould have discovered New South Wales and Queensland, and cecupied Auspalia, and if Auscralia is to take her place as a reat Nation I betiave she will not only have to have many more men on the land than whe has at present, but that shes will also have oo have many nore $g$ stesea. And just as a sea life is a good life for the nuion, it is a good life for the men. It is Cree life, $z$ life of adventure, of seeing strange places and wonderiul lands. Ia 4 a life in which a boy gets strong to do and to dare. I shall be glad o think that $\ddagger$ number of the boys here to-night will eventually serve on the sea and help to build up a great sca-faring class in Australia and thus give her a place among the cetions of the world whose thrones have been sel upon the ocean maves."

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## The Romance of the East India Company. $\downarrow$ 

I.

THE bistory of llie East Inaia Compuny, 1 somerimes alluded to as "Johm Compmy." becomes also frow its inception the history and evolution al the English Mfercantile Marine.
It is a tale replete wilh romaince punctuated with heroisom and undeunled couraue, of adrenture and travel in the censeless quest of wealth and the glory of the Bridish Empire.

It is tale the telling of which in detail would fill not merely the leaves of many books but matny shelves in $m$ librery.

For the purpose of these ecticles it is the writer's intemion to trace britfly the fortunes of the Easi India Company in so laz as it concerms theis setmen and their ships.

Those who would learn of the Company's exploits in that land, which is k nown to-day as the Indian Empire, will find much to interest them in the records published by the India Office and the lives of auch men as Clive and Warren Hasings. To arrive at a proper undersanding of how the Enst India Company came into being we mest delve into history a liute.

In the middle of the tyh Century Prince Henry of Portugal-tnown as the navighlor-had done more to encourage the science of anvigation, then in its infancy, thet any other man then living or detid. We English oin uke contort in the fert that Prince Henry was hall English, his mother being the daughter of John of Geuns-

Prince Heury died in 146 o , but so greal had been his influemce on the macilime affiriss of his country, that it is directly wraceable to his effors in pronoting the still and enterprise of the Pordugocse seamen, thint in the yen 1480 Ponngal sent out two expeditions in senreh of in eastern rowe to India

One proceeded wia Egypl and the Red Sea and eventually retelsed Calicut on the S.W. coash of Indiu. 'The other, under the command of Harthotomem bian, took the route fallowed by sailing
ships of to-day, that is, cound the Cape and across the Indian Ocesn.

Bun Jiaz did not succeed in crossing lime Indian Ocean. Of the Cape he met wihh "sioms of great violence," so much so that he called it Cape of l'orments. He reached as rar as Algon Hay and then turned thomtward, salely weathered the Cape again and duly rrived back in Lisbon, where his master King Johm II. was 20 plensed at the sare return of the expedition, that he renamed the Cape of Torments the Cuge of Good Hope (Buent Enperitaza). Later in 1497 Vasco de Gemin completed the work commenced by Diax and taking the stme rouse crosued the Indian Ocetin tided by a pilot picked up on the Alrican coast, ceached Calicet and the doors of the Eastern Treasure House were thrown open to the Pontuguese
The Ponuguese were not slom to reclise the imprenge stores of wenth which liny waiting to be gamertd behind those magie doors and toi nearly a cendury this nation tud the monopoly of the Easiern trade. By way of strengthening het position ahe obtained from Pope Alemender $V_{I}$., in 1494 . Bull which becanre fumous and mukes raiher curious rending. It runs then: "By tho fultess of Aportolical power we da give, gram and masign to you, your heirs and successorn, all the firm land and istende found or to be lound. discorered or to be discovered, towards the West and the South, dra ring a line from the Poic A rctic to the Pole Anturctic, that is from the. North to the South, containing in this danation whetsoever firm linds or islands are found of to be lound towards India, or towards any other parit thatsoewer it lee, being distant from ot whow the wforesidd line drame one hundred leagucs towards the West and South fiom any of the liftends which are commonly called De Las Asores and Cape Verde."

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Splin, who was elready misiress of the New World, despatched Mageslen to the South and West, England sent Davis in search of a North West passage, while Hellind commissioned Berentaz to sech North Easterly, ill with the sime im in virw, that of a sea boule to the treasure lands of India and Cuhny-

Magellan found his wny through those sarain since named allet hin and one of his ships crosed the leacific in a N.W. direction and salifing win the Phillipines, the Melwects, Java, and the Cupe evemsually reached buck to Sewille, having circumnavigeted the globe, a feut in those days equaling. if nor surpassing, that of the Ross Smiths in bying frem Enghand to Ausiralia through the aire"
In 1511 some Englith merchanta petitioned Henry VILL for a charter to trade to the Indies. "The lndies are discovered, it ran "and vast Ireassre brought from thence epery day. Let us therefore bend our endenvoura thilherwards, and if the Spaniards and Portugmese afifer us not to jain with them thete will yet be region enough for all to enjay." Nothing appears ta have resulted from this petition for it was nol untel many years leter, when Elizabeth ris on the throne (1591), that the first expedition of nny note otes despatched from England in quent of thas sen route to the lndies, thich the Portuguese had for wo tong enjoyed uninterrupted. This expedition is worth taking a little note of if only for the fact that it Commander or "Generall," is the wis derignated
 commanded the initial roymge of the East India Company-) omen Lencuser to wit, one of the Gnebl seamen of his day.

This expedition consinted of the 4 Penelope," the "Marchani Roynll, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ and the "Edward Boniventure, ${ }^{n}$ the liter Bying Leneater's bige

Lencrater did not, as minny of his predecthont had donc, sel out on this woyage baore or lem
blindrold．In the firsi plage he had with lum copies of papers and charis iaten from the Spaninh golleon＂San Felipe．＂empured by Irake some four years previously and which proved invalunble a setling oul net only the courses to be pursued and the purious hydrographic detuit of such a royage，but detailmg the various commodities to be entained at the various ports and the besi seatons of the petr to oblain them，together with copious mete of the peopleg to tue mes with and engeged in trade．From the very outsel it was an unlucty waybge Briore reaching lible Bay so muny men fund been lost through sicturess that Lancaster，in asriving ti Fible Bay，determined to send the＂Marchant Royall＂home under a nucleas crew dipiding the balance of his ship＇s company emong the two remaining ships．
Ater leaving litble Bay they ran into the fieroe Wearrly storme peculine to that latitude so that ＂wr could mot leetp dur men drie if houra logether，which was an occession of the infection由montg them，and the caling of salt victumls with thecte of cloctren to shift them．＂

Of the Cape the Pemelope foundered，at least they losl sight of her and she wis never hetird of again．Undaumted，In master delermines to go ou in the＂Edward Bonavenlure．＂We tead of him reaching Sumatra，palrolling the Nonliketn entrance to the Malace：Sortilts，where in spite of the enfecbled condition of his crew he cepluret several Porluguese shiph the lasi one being of ＂poo turnes．＂Alter several monihs cruising in Hiese walers his men on the verge of muliny and the ship leaking ludy Lancesiter sei sail for home． They touched al St．Heleni and then the N．E： Lrates prowing 100 slrong for them－for ships of those oays could mate very litile way once the wind gul before the beam－and provisiond ruming shost they made for the Wresi Indies．Al 1 place called Nurt，whem lincaster and most of his men wete on shore serrching fir victuals，the carpenter cul the＂Ederard＇t＂ceble and she drifted out to sea ind 25 far at the historian is concerned was no ntive hedro ir Lancaster with some of hia men is picked up by a Frithch ship and Einally land in England on 34 ih August， 1594


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> [To ar continued].

## NAVAL NOTES．

Commodore Edwards，R．N．，wt entertined to lanch by Members of the Erecutive Committee of the Navy League，N．S．W．Branch，it the Royal Sydney Yacht Club on the and ina．Commodare and Mrs．Edwards left for London by R．MS． ＂Ormonde＂which sailed from Sydney on the loth Mareh．

Captain Craufurd，RN．，has token up duty at Clpuin－Superintendent of H．M．A．Nayal Etab． lishmenta，Garden Ishand．

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The Aostnilim Squadron，accompanied by H．M．S．Chaham from New Zealand，has ariyed － 1 Sydney．

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Mirs King.
If the warld had more Mr, and Mrs. Kings, Ihere would be no Holstlesiks.

Mr. Harry Shelley is another good friend who cupers along without any flares burning and wilh. out any rumpets blaring, and frequeaty does the League a good tum. He is hurd at in now-hard at a wery hard job-helping to get addivional advenisemenas for the jour nat.

The eadelts, officers, and imsungelors who give so much of their time-without any reward-take heart when lley know that some at least of the Navy league members render pructical and valuable asxistance to the movement
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We are very hopeful that a ladies' Commintee of real workers will soon mule is presence fell.

Sir Janics Burns is back in Sydney. We hope to see Sir Jankes at the monithy meetings of the Executive agaiom when bis hellith permits.

A very interesting lady in the personage of Mn. Henry Dheman is on a visi to New South Males. Mran Deman is actively associated with Wales. Mra Homanuanters of the Navy league, and is anxious to gel ina o touch with) focal activilies during the nexil few week.

North Sydney Cadets ase in want of a dinghy. -
AN APPEAL.
Members of the Navy lengeye who are in arrears with their subscriptions, and who receive this Jodrral regularly, tre eqnerily requested to nolidy league hendquasters as the prepatation and the reapect to mernbersilip. Posting of the magtaint means thoow and experse, hard woul furds, especially as money is urgently riquited to help the Sea Cadet morement. A reply from you will bet much apprecinted.


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Our miling crew are open to eccept a chaltenge from any Unil for a sailing race.
The splendid trophy, a cricket set, presented by Messra. Milison and Shelley and mon by our cutuer at the Anniversury Regitia, wis handed over to
Oftier Murdo Mradonald (comarein) Oficer Murdo Mecdonald (coxswein) by the Lord Mayor, Ald. Gilpin, at the Sydmey Town Hall, on
Tuesday evening ata ult. When the trophy wns displiged an the Drill Hall on Thursday evening it
was looked at enviously by the Cricketing Cadets they have elected 2 chptata, and arrangements mil shorlly be made to issue challenges to other units.

The meri Culler ract is inniously looked furward to, and it is hoped our Richmond friends mill be mo mesh compelitors
About it Cadets from the Umia mere present al Garden Istind on the occasion of presentation of pilie to H.M.A.S. "Parpamatia." Alter the cere Furm Cove.
Petly Offictr Guul allended Garden laland during the weet and handed to Comenodore Edwirds a splendid pholograph of the Color Perty taken at Mr. and Mrs. Kings outing.
Mrs. Ketiso King tang tindiy donnted so peirs ench of pants and stoctingsy for the radet ; the gits is hirhly appreciated. Such prictical expres gith is highity ipprecisted. Soch priction expres the Nayy licigue moverment mirtinh
On Mach aoth about to of our endens were present on the Orient Wharf, Circular Quay, to "faremell" Commodore Edwerds on his return to Englind. The boys made the joumey to the England. The boys made the joumey to the
mun-ot-rar atept in the culter, and from thence mirched to the whari, where they were joined by detachoments from Diummoyne and North Sydney.

## Drummoyne Compary,

Offer-in-Charge: Ma. C. W\& LiACE.
New Entries.-Harry Brown, James Gilligan, - Honald Duncan, Jact Duncan, Wallace Hill, - William Wills, " $f$. Duggan. Havid Duggan, William Iohnstone, Robert Murray, Norman
ODriscoll, Waller Wells.

The Drummoyne Compary, which embrace boys from many subuilas on both bunk $\$$ of the Parmmatia River, has beer exirtanely fonturate in securing a fine git mojecent lo Gladequille Bridge for a raining depor. Through Mr. Mellor the property, which belongs to Mr. T. J. Dudley, has been leased so the Drummoyne Company and the League for conversion into a suitible and much needed depol for the Sem Cidets.

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AND STANDARD BEARERS OF TIIE NAVY LEAGUE SEA CADETS

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Pronotrons-Cadei Nat. Duggan to Ldg. Sea Cadet (act).
Appontments. - Edmand blair Linquist, aturior Oficer, to rank as 15 Officer.
Arther Docking lite R.A.N., is Junior Officer, to ranl as and Officer.
Reginald Fatann, as Junior Officer, to rank
14 Junior Officer.

All the officers and cadets are working lite Trojeris 10 renovate the shed and clear the ground Electrie light has alzendy been instilled : the thed looks reaplendent in a new diess of print; the boat alip has been eppaired, and the ground has been Need
Needless to say, the mork has been performed With the greatest enthusiasm, for every officer and cadet recogriser that the soquisitien of offere and 1 step in the direction or a permanent establish. ment that must beneft the Sea Cudet movenem: and give the codets a definite meeting place whete

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they ean zain, exchange opinions, and exchanise then surplus cian tor soft drink3. and the like, at the canteen. This last innoyation wili become part and parcel of the instifution for the convenienec of the beys.
The Lexgue congratulates Mr. Mellor, his and their muccest ind satimying their needs.
Should any Nnvy Lempue enthusiast have any

 Gledespithe Bridge, Dtummoyne.

Petty-Offece Joseph Hannah has gone to sea in the Common weilt lime of stemmers sis wh ordinsry retuan on the a a. "Eromingg" " which left for the United Kingdom lage mombt. Hannih, popplarly thowd to all at witic, wis one or the bent. A
 gald medal and the Commudore Dupmresq trophy in c93s. Before leaving Sydney Fetty-Oficer Henah wai presented with a gotd-mounted fountimp pen by the Sentior Officer, Mr. A. Mellor. We are wire P. O. Hanmat will malke good, and uphold the triditions of the Company. We wint trim well.

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E100 in Gab Prizen - -Save the fidh
C. P. O. Kelsham, in charge of pariy of of cadeth in company with a pirty from North Sydney and Balmain, took gatt in the ceremony of handing over the cotours of H.M.A.S. Parrainatia to the Mayor of Parramatia, at Garders Island, in February. Commender Garsia, R.A.N sam that the tids had ample to eal, and allowed hear io Navel Euphishment Comander Garsia les Nery plessed with the cadeta, and commended C. P. O. Kelahine on their behnviour.

On Seiurday, the a6th February, sinty-five caders vinixed Ia Perouse nad Kumell for wday's plensure. The morning was spent ul 1a Parouse, and ofter Swedish botanisa who accompanied l. Perouse on his elrify expeditions, the lady mpent an hour his etriy expeditons, the ladn mpemi an hour
swimoming in the salfe whtell on the beach, of the swiwming in the salf witell on the beath, of the
Botany Bay side. Crossing over to Kurnell by motor leuneh, the lide had an interenting stay on the benuifili Kuraell Rescruc, and were much interested in she Captain Coot Memorial and other hiadoric places connected with the famous British explorer when the firsi linded as Boteny BuyAfter a group photograph had been taken around the Gippatir Coot ind Solinder Memorials the lads left for honte, and although sired they hid a real good outing, and wish for mere of a titilus mature.

## NAVAL LITERARY BLUNDERS.

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T Navery inieresting book "Peeps as the Rojal unail it was frally aboliahed in $18 \mathrm{Bi}_{4}$ by an Order Navy" by the Rewd. Jamea Baitie, F.R.G.S. where in writing of "Turret Ships" the following pastage occurs; "A strange conulisi so the stately white-winged ships of the line that ficw the white ensign al 'Trafinger"
The inforence is that the Eritith fleet which defented the combined fleets of France ind Spatin ot 'Irafalger feew the white ensigns as British warships do now. The Brilish Bect wem into action in two divisions, the "Weather division" under Vice-Admirel Lord Nefon lying his wite ensugn because he was a Vice-Adoliral of the White ; the "lee divistion" onder Vice-Admiral Collingmood flew a blue ensign becauge Collingmord was a Vice-Adminal al the Blue.
'Ihis aystem had been in trate since it whe firs instituted about $\mathbf{1 6 r y}$, wh same slight veriations, in Council on luly gth of that year wich dis continued the classification of fiag officers ins of the Red, Whise, and Bhee, and this was rollowed on Anguss git by an Admiraliy circular by which among obher things, it was ordered that all wer ships in commission "1 should ty the Whiac Ensign; thas the Blue Enaign should be borne by wessels in the service of any public office, and by ships commanded by officers of the Rnyul Nayal Reserve and baving a tourth part of the crew conposed of reserve men; and thal the Red Ensiga should coutinue to be fown by all other brintish westels, with the exeeption of certait yaches and crall a uthorived to bear disinguishing fing." "This order and circular ape in lofee now.

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the techuictitites of the service provide for the unmary, and the writer is a ware lie is on dangerous grownd, and has in mind what Si. Paul wrole so the people at Corinth " let him that thinketh he atandeth, take hedd lest he fall," or in other morda "keep your wether eye open." All the loregoing is just an introduction to a proposil togive readert, many of whom are young and being iniliated into nival alairs, the origio and development of many thing in connection with the teryy of to-day.

Firat of all we will deal with "the flat that has braved of thougund years the butte and the brecue," although not always as it is to-dy. 'This ilag
which Governor Phillip had hoisted in Sydney (or where Sydney now in) on Jenuary 26 ith $^{1788}$.

The flag got its name, it is supposed, from Jecobus, and Jequcs, the Latin and Fresch, the legul and cout mames for Jzates
On the Kiog's Wirhiny; 1801, during the lime Ceptain Philip Gidey King of the Royal Nevy What Governet of Nem Sowth Wales, 2 new Uniom Fing way hoisted at Sydme). "lite "Governmem and General Order," sigaed by the Governer, cillis it "the new Unina flyy." and is was hoisted as Dawe's Poinl.

AT TARONGA PARK.


## Givery

Which anyene can fiy thare, but only ships of the Royal Nivisy on the witer, is generaily called the Union jack, mhich is not quite correct. It is properly named the Union Flag because it denotes the union of the threc countries Eugland, Scoslend, and Treland. It had its origin when England and Scothend became united under sovereignty of Jemes I , in $16 \mathrm{~K}_{3}$, when the benner of St. Andrew of Seotland, a Thite diagonal croan on a blue ground fortued the batis of the new litg, ind on Which was laid the banner of SL. George of England, 1 red cross on a white ground, the combination forming the Union Flag. It wht this lag

Whatever doubs some people may have it to the tocality where the Union Flag wis first flown in Sydncy, there can be mos rgutuens is to where the nem fing was. This laty wiss the same as the old one but with the additon of St. Patnicr: dingonal cross, and is the flag me are all lamiliar with at the present dey and which is mown as the Union Jack, elthough correctly ppeating the lag of that name is a dimimutive one bown from the jact-quat on the bow of the ahip. In the day of sails is used to be on the bowsprit, but since that spar hala diapperired it in on the equibalent position.


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The compass may be said to be the anost useful and necesstry article of equipmem on a ship for without it the desired desinition could not be reached and the ship would be "al at sen."

The marinet's compass is said to have been tnown to the Chinese as early as itis B.C., and brought to Europe in the Thirteenth Century A.D., by the eaty Venecian travelter Marco Polo. Ia was much improved by the invention of the compass bon and the gimbal action in ils suspension, which was invented and applied by Willians Bulow, an Enghish clergyonan, in the yeas 1608. At various times changes in the card have been suggested, and one of recent dute (rgrg) has been sdrocated by Captain A. E. Dabelle of the Queensland Coust and Tomes Strains Pilot Service, and which he terms the "Mariner's Compase Cand, Auntralian Patern ( $180^{\circ}$ ), It in $\#$ sysem of notation between the one in general uee ( $90^{\circ}$ ), and the one that the Admiralty were introducing ( $160^{*}$ ). But an many more qualified to oter an opinion thin the writer may read this, it will be left an thet.

In "Stetch of Sydney Harbour in the ifth Century " written by a popular local writer, is describea a Spanish vessel lring in Rose Bay and the crew tramping round the capstan heaving up the anchor.
It is verry probable that had the author turned up "Capstan" he would have found that it was not invented till 60 of 70 years after the yew of his siory, and so would hate used the word windass. And in this connection the cable suggests Welli, which down to 1812 had been of hemp, and a this date chain cables were first used in the Royal Navy. A cable is ige fathonss lang, that is 900 feet, chain cables are composed of ia lengths cach of $12 \%$ fathoms, shactied logether, and : swivel in the middle of every other length, the reseson for which is apparemi.
A wery important part of a ship's gear in the log line, by which the speed of a ship, or the distance run is calculated, and of special use when working out a dead rechoning; it wiss frat used in meviga tion in the yerr 1570 , just six yetrs before the
*t dip of the needle" was observed by one Robert Norman of Wapping

One of the grealest stumbling blocks with regard to nautical matters to both artists and authors has betn in regard to trese

It is not so long since that a large painting shown at a public exhibition, and which depicted "Governar Phillip landing in Sydney Cove' had the sailors who were rowing the boal derses in the present day uniforth. It may not be generally known that sailors in the Royal Navy had no special clothing emil 1857 , and that each Captain could cloche his men just as he pleased, and sometimes some remartable thects were produced. In novel history many inslances of this are found. The Captain of the $V_{\text {erinon in }} 840$ had the men of one witch of ressed " in red serge frockg, with red woollen comlorters," and the men of the other watch "in blue serge frocks and blue comforters."

The crew of the Blaxer in 5845 wore "blue and Thile slriped guernseya, and jackets," and Commander Arthur Parry Eardley Wilmot of the Harlequin dressed his batis crew as Harlequins in 1853 , and in 1854 the ship's compeny of the Trincomalee were dressed in red shirts and fancy caps, whilst the Caledonis men were in Scotch bonnets with a lartan band. theretore whilst each commanding officer could plense himself there was as much variecy in dress at there were commissioned ships in the service.
An Admiralay Circular in January. $1 \mathbb{H}_{5}$, however, pul an end to these incongruities and specified what stamen of the various ratings were to be closhed in. Among other things at that time a lappaulin hat and jacket were part of the uniform, but these were abolished in 1891, and the following year "potterm uniforms" were exhibited at the Admitally and an illustmed manual mas

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"B "Section ( 13 cadels) under Mr. A. I hoekints, and officer, attended the Orient mhar on Salur* from melropolitan companies to bid ferewell to Commodore Edwards, R.w.

Sunday alternoon sailing in the cutuers is vert popular. It is hoped that next seaton suiling rices will be arranged as well is the pulling erents.

The introduction of a canteen in the depos, with C. ''. O. Kelsham in charge, has proved a success from the opening. of ding cerrued ; the profis will sesist materially in uplecp of the depor

## North Sydney Company,



On the invination of Comatender Garsin, R A N. and with the conseni of the liendmasters of the Cichools whereith the cadets ere scholars, io of the tads visited Garderi Island on the eccasion of the presentation Fage and plate of I.M.A.S Pinme. matha being returned to the ciric fathers of that town for salf leeping. Ithe zalued gifts wert origitatly presented by the ladies of parramalta and districe to the destroyer, and were chrned b her duning the whole pesiod of her active service which included distingutished service during the Creat War.
The Cadets looking brigh and well im their leagoe unilorms, werc conviyed in !wo hival laurnches to the Island from nlan-o.wir slepat
['he "owting "was most instructive and enjor able.

On Saturday. March 10 hh, this unit emit quuta of cadets to "farewell" Commodore H. M Edwards. R.N., on his departure by the "O monde" for Eughand. In the Commodore the Sea Cades hade staunch friend.

Negovinions for a drill hall afe proceeding, and ere boig it is thoped to finalise the maller aatisfactorily.

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One moming some caders espied in on a rilimay ruck in the Sxation, and gawe went to their pleaare with a round of lusty cheers. It is a 78 in. cutter pulling ten onrs.
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Affer emptying her and another scrub down shw: -ill be atlowed to dry in the shede, after which a couple of coals of paint mill be administered.
I Immedintedy the cutter trkes the water itt iner new dress, the cadels mill commence practice in new diess, the ca
the an of rowing.
When the next inter-unit culter racelakes place. this unit expects logive a good account of itscit.

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irsurd so wh to ensure there should be nodivergence from the established type.

Uniform dresg for officers is of much older dite and was first estabitished by King James the First, when by order of Aprit 6, 1604 , it was provided thet "Livirie coats of time red cloth" should be worn by the six principal masters of hil ships; and by frequent changes, alierations, and additions, the officers uniform has got to be what we see tordey.:
There were great distimetions in the dress of the executive officers, and that of the civil officers, who down to 1846 were warrani officers. The gitt buttons on the uniforms of all offieers had originally en inchor only on them, but in r8jaz nem dress order wal guxetied on March a8th, where every detail of dreat is deacribed and amongst the items is "huttons the ame as at present with the eddition of a crown over the anchor "and thiy wat ardered to apply to cill ranks of the execotive officers from the Admirsl of the Fleet to the Midshipman.
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## Mystery Port of Britain.

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THE commissioners of the British office of works have given permission to the Society of Amiquaries of 1. ondon 10 make systematic excavation al Richborough, on the coast of Kent. Duritg the war Richlorough was the " mystery port," a great base for Iransport, a depot for troops, and a dock, all of which sprang up ou of a barren marsh. The army council made in the key to France

Everytrody knows now the purpose mhich RichLorough served duriate the last decade. Bia no one knows the secret which Richborough has kepi for nearly 7 oon years, one of the moss puzithtg problems in Romano-British archaeology, It is to discover that secret that the Society of Antiquaries will begin 10 dig next monith. Richloorough in Remam times was knowil as Rutupiae. It was the port of passage belmeen Briain and Gaul, and later in bearate one of the chain of forts, strectehing from Brancaster to Porchestic, as a protection against the maraudiug Saxons who ceme to be a source of great danger towand the close of the Roman occopation. I'he Second Legion was there, and the fort was prolalisly the lasi British station occupied ly the Romats belore their departure in tive early yeat of the filh century.
Thousands of Roman coins have been discovered on the site, among them many coins of Admiral Carausius, who set himself up as Emperor of Eritain, these bearing the minn marks of R.D.R and $R$. Some authorities consider that these nay trave been minied at Richborough, and it is hoped that the excavation may aford some slue to a solution.

But the grentest puzale is to be found within the tough old walls of the castle. Near the northeas comer a ridge riges in the form of a cross, the mark of a supersiructure which has entirely disappetred. Benesth the cross is a solid reclandular platorm 144 feet long by 104 fect wide, and of whonomin

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depilt. The plaiflorm and the cross together form one of the myderies of Romano- Bitish archutology. Both are older then the fort in which they stand, a fact proved by the diccovery in the walls of the fort of pieces of the white marble casing belonging to an importan building once standing on the platiorm. Some anliquarits believe the cross-shaped atructure in the centre of the plafiorm formed the foundation of the chapel of St Augutine; others that in whes the foundation of $a$ pharos or lighthouse to guide sthipping ime the harbor.
If thower had but a voice, whad a fascinating story she could ifll of her glorious fast, frots the diny when her armed sous, ma3sed on her eliffs, cought their first glimpsec of Crsar's galleys and When, at sigh of them the invading Romant lurned their prowt toward Deal to aroid such an unpleasani reception.

Thun, int those early days, Dover was ploying the gulland part of Britain's semtinel-a part she has played with such stalmant loyalty for two thewsand yeart

When, a cemury fater, the Romans came again, they made in one of their strongest military stations. and such whe Jover's progress in later years that when the Conqueror firss set cyes on it it was a highly prosperows town, with a shou fortress to defend it, monastery, and a guild-half. It probably grieved him that, before he could mate it bend the knee to bim, be wat compelled to lay it in ruins with fire and amord. A feot years later, however, it had risen fromiti ashes and blossomed into a town more lourishing than ever.

It in to the Nomans that Dover largely owes her imposing castle, with ita outer girdle of iweny. teven massive tomers, and its inner wall, with rowntert tewert to guasd the keep-j4s central atrong-hold. In the Conqueror's aime this castle, whone mighty bulk dominated the Channeli, had for its custodians eight of his most powerful Barons, Who reaped many English maners for their services
Such a atranghold at the very gute wiy of England inaturally has a atory of batte and bloodithed, but in most thrilling and also its proudere epinode whis When it was betieged by the Druphin of France, on hia way to aeize the Engliah crown. Wetk ater weet it was amept by a ceaseless huricant d

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huge stores and amows. Staryation, discase, and death ravaged its brave defenders, but the bauphin looked in vain for the leasi sign of suraender, and in his rage he wowed he would not budge a foot until he had captured the castle and seen every man in it dangling at the ead of a rope. Bua his threats were in vain, and ad last ibe arrival of relliforcemens sent the boastiol Dauphin scurrying beck acrows the Channel.
Through the centuries the story of bovez has been very largely the suovy of her castle. Many a ting has found a regal hospinslity wabin its walls - Richard the Lion hetrued, whem on bis way to the Holy Land; Hellry 111, on his disastrous return from France, and again when he found a refuge there on the rebellion of bis Barons; Edward I., hooneward bound from Palestine to his crown; Edward 11., our his nupitil joumey from France whth bis bride; and our fiflh Henfy, fresh from his glorious victory al Agincourt.
It is not only against a mand hosts that bover hag had to decend herself. For cemuries she has had to wage batule with the sten, which constanly threatened to invade and submerge her, In vain she built one prowective wall afler another. All she butit one prowective wall afler another. All too, was more or less choked up for two hundred years; and every householder was obliged period. ically, under ceverc penalies, to assipy in clearing. away the shingle.
Nor was it undil within comparatively recent memory that work was begun on the wonderful harbour, with ita pite thres-quazters of a mite long and its large area of shellered water on which a Gees or warships could flont.

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