



**T**ENNESSEE, popularly known as "The Volunteer state," says the encyclopedia. Just how, when or from whom Tennessee got the nickname nobody seems to know. Anyway, the man who bestowed it was a prophet. For Tennessee has just justified her nickname by doing something unique in the volunteering line. Tennessee has just set a new standard in the record of volunteer naval enlistment in time of peace. And the slogan that did it is: "Go to sea on the Tennessee."

When the superdreadnaught Tennessee steams away majestically from the New York navy yard some time in June she will be the first of Uncle Sam's fighting ships to embody a certain new naval idea—the idea that it means pay, patriotism and corps spirit to man a battleship with men from the state whose name the battleship bears. There are 600 Tennesseans on board—and more to come.

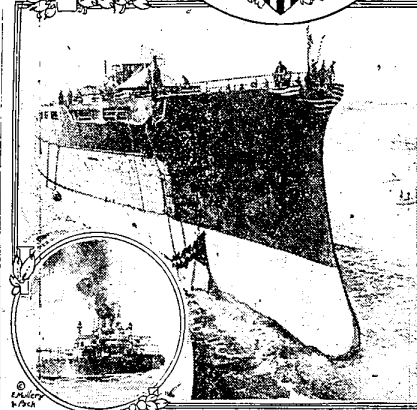
These 600 new naval recruits are the product of a whirlwind recruiting campaign through the state of Tennessee, says the Sun and New York Herald, which was led by Capt. R. H. Leigh, U. S. N., who is to command the new vessel, and who, as chief of staff to Admiral Sims during the war, was in direct command of all the American submarines and sub-rovers operating in the war zone.

In his recruiting tour Captain Leigh has the zealous co-operation of Gov. A. H. Roberts of Tennessee, who is extremely popular with his constituency, and of Miss Helen Roberts, the governor's daughter, who christened the ship at the launching and whose charming photograph portraying her in the act of doing so was featured in the posters that helped to lure the Tennesseans from their mountain fastnesses.

Captain Leigh says he is going to try to make the Tennessee "the happy ship" of the navy as well as a model of discipline. He believes that the spirit of camaraderie and state pride incident to manning the vessel so largely with native Tennesseans, will promote both contentment and efficiency. Commenting on his novel experiment Captain Leigh said: "By February 3 we had enrolled our full quota of lower rating men and a great many additional volunteers had to be turned away. Hundreds of them are now enrolled upon a waiting list, anxious to be summoned for duty upon the ship of their choice. It would have been possible in this recruiting campaign to have fully manned two great dreadnaughts like the Tennessee with Tennesseans exclusively if we had been able to accept all applicants."

But it must be understood, of course, that a large percentage of the complement of a ship like this, including the chief petty officers, must necessarily be men who have had previous experience and special training. That is why, when we go into commission, the Tennessee at first probably will not muster more than 600 of the complete ship's complement, which numbers, in all, 50 officers, 75 in the marine guard and 1,350 enlisted men. As rapidly as the Tennessee recruits develop proficiency it will be our policy to advance them and to create opportunities for some of those now on the waiting list. From time to time we may also receive Tennessee seamen by transfer from other ships. I am convinced that within two years the Tennessee will be a ship practically manned completely by a Tennessee crew."

The campaign began last November. The state of Tennessee was divided into regions with about 18 counties to each. Chief petty officers were detailed with posters, moving pictures and other publicity devices to cover every city and town in their sections. Nashville was the officers' headquarters or base station. The co-operation of postmasters was obtained and



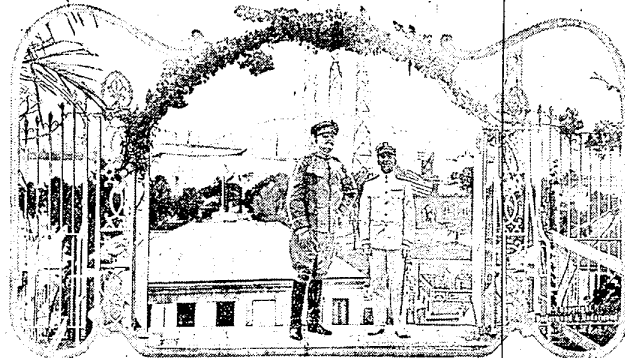
publicity literature was sent to them for posting and distribution, not only in public buildings, railroad stations, cities and towns, but also along the rural mail routes. So thoroughly was this preliminary campaign work done that within a few days the whole state of Tennessee was talking about "their own ship."

Well they came to the recruiting officers in shoals, these lucky young miners and backwoodsmen, many of whom had never seen salt water nor stood aboard a ship. For four successive weeks Nashville, which had been standing idle in the list before the drive, led all the cities of the country in the number of naval recruits furnished. Recruiting parties carried with them 50 uniforms of assorted sizes. When a man was signed up he was immediately fitted out and shaved, he was assigned to recruiting duty in his own home town. Naturally he became at once a sort of paladin. Furthermore, he was no stranger. Soon he became a more potent personage than either the person or the sheriff. In many instances, Captain Leigh says, such lads, wearing their spic and span uniforms, brought into the stations from 10 to 12 recruits apiece. More than one-half of all those who enlisted during the state drive were brought in thus by newly enlisted men in uniform.

Not long after the campaign began Captain Leigh made a trip through the state accompanied by Governor Roberts, speaking in most of the cities and larger towns. He emphasized not only the navy's opportunities for education, adventure and sightseeing, but he stressed always the local ideal. "Tennessee wants to man this newest dreadnaught of America's victory fleet with men from her own towns and countryside."

Later, in January, Governor Roberts, accompanied by his staff, made another trip through the state, lasting two weeks. He made frequent exhortations from his special train and from town and city platforms. Captain Leigh and his colleagues of the navy bestowed upon the governor a generous share of the credit for the success. Following the governor's tour recruiting officers with brass bands gave concerts in the schools and colleges in different sections of the state. At the opening of the drive the Commander in Chief of the Rotary club in Nashville. Similar organizations in other cities were addressed by the recruiting officers, who received valuable aid from the Rotarians. The 600 Tennesseans thus enlisted are an uncommonly fine lot of men. Many of them have been experts with the rifle since they cut their second teeth, and it is not surprising to learn that at the ranges a large percentage already have qualified as expert riflemen, which is the highest rating for

## General Pershing in the Virgin Islands



John J. Pershing and Rear Admiral O'Han, U. S. N., governor of the Virgin Islands, at the governor's home at Charlotte Amalie, the principal city of the Virgin Islands.

## Rooms of London English Speaking Union



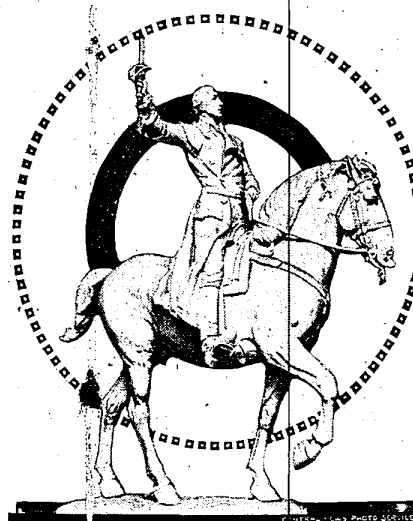
View of one of the charming rooms in the London club for American and Dominion visitors, the English speaking union. It is in new headquarters in Trafalgar Square and is a very popular place. It is prepared to supply all sorts of information desired by visitors to London.

## AN UNUSUAL DECORATION

## Knights of Columbus' Gift to Metz



Capt. Stanford W. Hoffman of New York, formerly of the United States marine corps, receiving from Lieut. Harry W. Miller, the French "Chevalier de l'Ordre de l'Etoile Noire," the only French decoration of this kind given to an American. It was awarded him by the president of France for Hoffman's "exceptional efficiency in organizing and handling the military police in the rear." Captain Hoffman also served at the front with the fifth regiment of marines. He was the first officer recommended for promotion in the A. E. F.



The plaster cast of the statue of Lafayette by Paul W. Bartlett which the Knights of Columbus will present, at a cost of more than \$50,000 to the city of Metz, France. The statue, with bas-reliefs of Columbus, General Pershing, Marshal Foch and President Wilson, will be completed in August when one thousand knights will go overseas for the dedication in Metz.

## Oliver Optic's Home to Come Down



The "Oliver Optic" house in Dorchester, Mass., where for thirty years William Taylor Adams, known to hundreds of thousands of young readers as Oliver Optic, lived and wrote, is to be torn down to make way for a garage. The old house was built from Mr. Adams' own plans in 1858. Later an addition was built, and more recently a row of stores was put up.

## STATUE OF THE POPE



This statue of Pope Benedict XV, the work of the famous sculptor, Enrico Quattrini, to be made in bronze, is to be shown as soon as completed, in a public square of Constantinople.

## Taught Meaning of Whistle

How Sheep Handed Down Knowledge to Succeeding Generations of Their Lambs.

That animals have traits and habits which they hand down for three or four generations has been proven to the satisfaction of Thomas Carnal, owner of a large ranch in the Livermore valley, near Oakland, Cal. Carnal says that a whistle original-

ly used to call a dog, now deceased 18 years, is obeyed today by descendants of a herd of sheep.

During the life of the dog the sheep learned that a whistle meant that they were wanted at home. When called by the whistle the dog drove his flock from the hills to the ranch barn. When the dog died the shepherds continued the use of their whistle system of calling the flock, and the old

sheep with their lambs came scampering home. As the young grew up and became parents of other generations the tradition of the whistle was handed down.

Its Fate.

"What killed your case?" "I suppose because it was in a short circuit court."

Sometimes a man is loved for the enemies he has made, but more often for the money he has inherited.