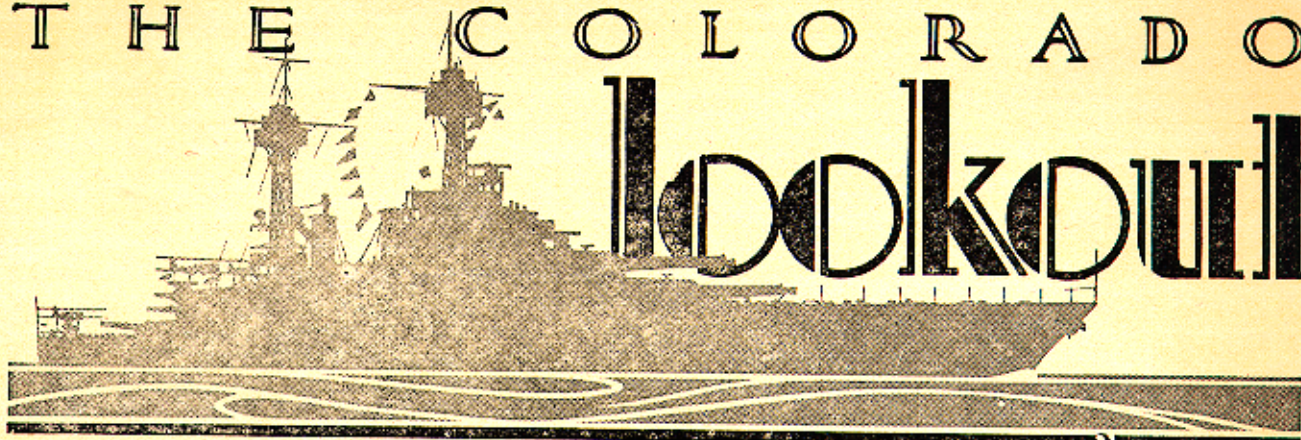


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PLANE SEARCH HALTS CRUISE

DOMAIN OF NEPTUNUS REX ENTERED BY COLORADO

Pollywogs Initiated In Proper Mode by Shellbacks

For the second time within the comparatively short space of thirteen months the COLORADO, on 7 July at 4:29 P. M., entered the sacred domain of King Neptune, and for the second time within that period Davy Jones stumped aboard the quarterdeck, ran the Jolly Roger up the mainmast, took over command in a peremptory manner, and instituted a search for pollywogs and vile landlubbers.

"Simply a routine search," Davy informed Capt. Friedell. "You probably have nothing but loyal shellbacks aboard as a result of last year's visit."

Imagine his consternation therefore to learn that almost half the enlisted personnel and a goodly percentage of officers had surreptitiously crept aboard since the last visit and had as yet to pay homage to the Royal Personage of King Neptune. There was tenseness in the stifling air as Davy's brows contracted. His eyes narrowed to a cruel glint and there was an ominous twist to his bearded lips.

"This is an unheard-of affront to His Majesty, King Neptune," he shouted. Then turning to his henchmen he roared, "Return to the deeps ... prepare the instruments of torture ... assemble the Royal Court ... call out the doctor ... call out the dentist ... call out the bears ... call out the guards ... call out everybody. I myself will inform the king that

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COLORADO DEPARTS FROM HONOLULU TO SEARCH AREA AT EQUATOR

CIVILIAN GUESTS COMMENT ON CRUISE

Our distinguished civilian guests were asked to write in about one hundred words their impressions of this cruise for publication in the ship's paper. Although we of the staff realize that one hundred words is a distinct handicap to anyone who wishes to express fully his impressions of a cruise of six weeks, we present herewith the replies that were received.

"How can a landlubber gather together in any limited number of words the thousand and one impressions of a cruise such as this which we are just ending? To me, the important thing has been not these separate impressions, but, rather, a confirmation of a belief, long held, that human beings are naturally pretty decent, kindly and lovable—if you take the trouble to go half-way to meet them. Here, on this crowded ship, with heat and humidity enough to turn any good disposition sour, I have met from our gracious Captain, down to my cabin boy, nothing but thoughtfulness and kindness. Out of this kind of personnel can come a great navy or any kind of enterprise. My thanks go out to all of you, officers and men.

L. P. SEIG,
Pres. Univ. of Wash."

"Friends:

It is a real pleasure to write these words of appreciation to my companions on the COLORADO for the past few weeks.

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THREE PLANES COVER THE PHOENIX GROUP

By John Terry
(Honolulu Star-Bulletin)

A 3,980 mile cruise in search of Amelia Earhart Putnam and her navigator, Frederick Noonan, ended early Friday afternoon 16 July, when the COLORADO arrived off Pearl Harbor.

Return of the battleship to Oahu marked completion of the most important phase of the search for the two world fliers, last heard from July 2nd when nearing their Howland Island goal on the long hop from Lae, New Guinea.

Despite popular attention focussed on the aircraft carrier Lexington because of the number of planes she carried, it was the COLORADO which first put planes into the air in the search for Mrs. Putnam and her Lockheed plane.

There is the further fact that it was the COLORADO which conducted the swift but careful aerial search of the Phoenix group, regarded as the likeliest place to find the fliers.

The search of the Phoenix group, disappointingly negative, nevertheless eliminated those islands from further consideration, and narrowed the field to be covered by the Lexington and Destroyer Squadron Two.

In discharging her assignment with dispatch, the COLORADO and her planes scouted an area of 25,490 square miles, chiefly in the vital region lying to the southeast of Howland Island.

It was a search which indicated that

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