

FLEET PLANS VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA

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and Callao After the Pacific
Manoeuvres.**

SOME SHIPS COMING HERE

**Oklahoma, Arkansas and Wy-
oming Will Take Midshipmen
on Annual Atlantic Cruise.**

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WASHINGTON, March 4.—Ten cruisers and six destroyers in units commanded by rear admirals will visit West Coast ports of South America after the annual fleet manoeuvres off the West Coast of Central America and in the Panama area in May, the Navy Department announced today.

They will make the cruise for sea experience and for the purpose of furthering friendly relations, it was explained. Similar cruises have been made to South America in past years.

The heavy cruisers Chicago and Houston, commanded by Rear Admiral Thomas C. Hart, and the Chester and Salt Lake City, commanded by Rear Admiral Henry L. Briner, will visit Valparaiso from May 28 to June 2. Admiral Hart, as commander of cruisers of the Scouting Force, will be the senior officer present.

The other ships will visit Callao in the same period. They will include the cruisers Louisville, New Orleans and San Francisco, commanded by Rear Admiral Charles P. Snyder; the cruisers Astoria, Minneapolis and Tuscaloosa, commanded by Rear Admiral Arthur P. Fairfield, and the destroyers Farragut, Aylwin, Dewey, Hull, MacDonough and Worden, commanded by Rear Admiral Sinclair Gannon. Admiral Snyder will be the senior officer present.

Ships Coming to East Coast.

Several ships of the fleet after the May manoeuvres will proceed to East Coast ports of the United States, while the rest will return to California ports.

The heavy cruisers Indianapolis, Astoria and New Orleans will undergo overhaul, the Astoria at the Norfolk Navy Yard and the other two at the New York yard.

Destroyer Squadrons 1 and 3, accompanied by the tender Whitney and the cruiser Raleigh, flagship of destroyers of the Scouting Force, will visit Charleston, S. C., en route to the New York-Newport area.

Squadron 1, consisting of the Bernadou, Cole, du Pont, Ellis, Tarbell, Yarnall, Upshur, Greer, Barney, Blakeley, Biddle and Breckenridge, will remain on the East Coast to augment Squadron 10 in training naval reserves and to assist in the Summer training of midshipmen at the Naval Academy.

The other ships will return to the West Coast, after two divisions of Destroyer Squadron 3 and the Raleigh and Whitney have been overhauled at the Norfolk Navy Yard. Squadron 3 consists of the Brooks, Hatfield, Kane, Fox, Barry, Childs, Gilmer, Williamson, King, Humphreys, Sands and Lawrence.

Vice Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn, commander of the Scouting Force, who has been designated the next commander-in-chief of the United States Fleet, will proceed to the East Coast on the cruiser Indianapolis and will come here for conferences on his new duties.

He then will leave for the West Coast and relieve Admiral Joseph M. Reeves, commander-in-chief, about June 24 at San Pedro. Admiral Reeves will return here for duty on the general board.

The battleship Oklahoma will replace the battleship Texas in the practice squadron for the annual cruise this Summer of midshipmen of the first and third classes.

The squadron will consist, in addition, of the battleships Arkansas and Wyoming, and will be commanded by Rear Admiral Wilson Brown. A total of 1,149 midshipmen will make the cruise, as compared with 813 last year. The itinerary has not yet been announced.

After the cruise the Oklahoma will rejoin the fleet in the Pacific.