

Men for a Merchant Marine

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The Calvin Austin, training ship, has just finished its first cruise. Men from seventeen to twenty-seven years of age were recruited and on the Calvin Austin given the opportunity to learn the duties of seamen, oilers, firemen, water tenders, cooks, stewards and waiters. The idea of the trip was to furnish men for our merchant marine, just as training camps furnish the officers of the lower rank for the army. The Governor Dingley, as well as the Calvin Austin, is used as a training ship, and both of the boats are running between Boston and St. John, New Brunswick.



Launching one of the boats.



How to hold oars.



Showing the students the working of the pumps.



In the messroom.



The Calvin Austin.



Second officer teaching how to tie knots.



Ready to clean ship.



The first man to enlist—Robert C. Boughman, of Boston.



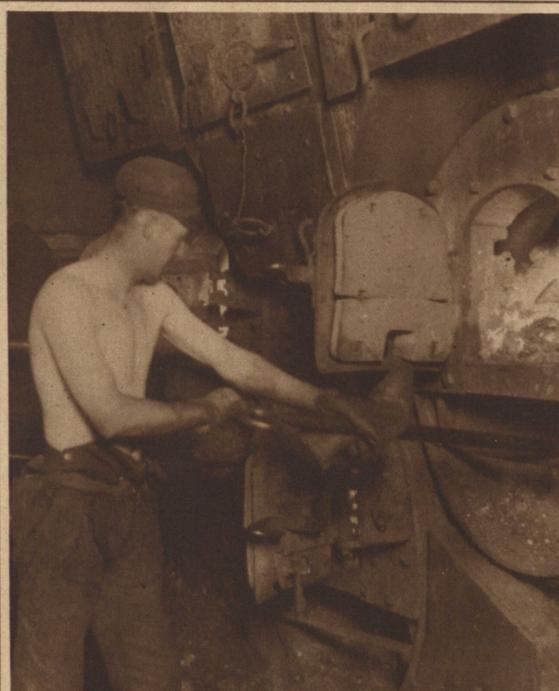
Captain James of the Austin and Wilfred White, who fixes all compasses for U. S. ships in Boston.



George Dodge, the wireless operator.



Every night the boys gather around the piano and sing the latest war songs.



In the stoke hole of the Calvin Austin.



Putting on the lifebelts—at night they are used as pillows.