

# STATE OF TEXAS ONCE HAD A NAVY

## Interesting Historical Feature of Lone Star State Is Recalled

Every schoolboy knows that the Texas Republic had a real army and that this army fought bravely to win Texas away from Mexico. Fewer people however, are aware of the fact that Texas at one time had a navy and that it performed an important part in winning Texas independence from Mexican rule. There is an interesting story in the current issue of the National Republic by Carrie J. Crouch, a Texas writer, giving detailed adventures of this Texas navy. In part, Mrs. Crouch says:

"When Texas revolted against Mexico she had a coastline of 400 miles to protect, and a territory that included not only the Texas of today but the present states of New Mexico and Colorado and part of Wyoming and Oklahoma. A navy was not a matter of national glory but of extreme necessity. Historians have dignified Texas with the title of 'Empire,' but in the first days of independence there was no such honor or respect paid. To other nations Texas was a country of revolutionists.

"So she stood alone, her ships small and antiquated, a navy without first rating, but a navy defiant, defensive, her Lone Star flag raised and flying for freedom.

"When the republic was constitutionally organized at San Felipe, Nov. 3, 1835, one of the first questions re-

ceiving attention was the protection of the sea coast. Protection was needed and needed at once. But it was impossible to build a navy in a day. So, for immediate maintenance it was decided to issue letters of Marque and Reprisal to individual owners of ships. Then, with a number of private vessels sailing around the coast, Texas expected to be properly protected.

### Virtually Pirates

"But this policy of giving sailing license to private owners proved more embarrassing than defensive. Many of the private owners became virtually pirates, and at the integrity of the country increased their own wealth. Congress then repealed the act of Marque and Reprisal, and made appropriations for a real navy. Louis P. Cook was appointed Secretary of the Navy, and vessels were promptly purchased from the United States.

"In the nine years which covered the span of the maritime history there were no international conferences, no question of disarmament, no spectacular manoeuvring but there were foreign and internal troubles at times. It was not uncommon for the little vessels to be accosted and arrested by foreign ships with commanders who could sail uncharted seas, but who could not recognize the Lone Star flag and who never heard of the country of Texas. But Texas flaunted her flag, her ships bristled with cannon and musket men, and she likewise accosted and arrested. She made ocean history.

"The rules and regulations of the Texas navy were the same as the United States, in fact they were copied from that government, but the officers used their own ingenuity in con-

ducting cruises, not always waiting for orders."

## Asks Illinois People to Back Home Industry

Representative R. G. Soderstrom, president of the Illinois Federation, in accord with organized labor's endorsement of Gov. Louis I. Emmerson's Buy-Illinois-Products Commission, has issued an appeal to the people of the state to patronize home industry. He stated: "It is not only sound logic but good business to patronize home industry. If we expect to keep Illinois labor steadily employed it is obviously necessary for us to buy the things that are produced by those who work in our industries, on our farms and in our mines."

### Post Has Duck Feed

Beebe, Ark.—Members of Garner Post 91 the American Legion recently held a big duck supper at the Masonic hall. Beebe leads the department in membership percentage, having signed up 220 per cent of the post's 1931 quota.

## Expects Healthful Christmas Season

"We may look forward with every confidence to one of the most healthful holiday seasons the state has ever enjoyed." This encouraging information, issued by Dr. Andy Hall, director of the state department of public health, summarizes his forecast based upon reports from every state in the Union, bearing upon the disease epidemic situation. He finds that "no epidemic focus of threatening magnitude darkens the sky of North America." His survey shows that there are no influenza epidemics in America; pneumonia prevalence is at a minimum and that tuberculosis has never been lower than at present.

### Seasonal

Along about this time of year, as the old-fashioned almanacs used to say, you may look for the able-bodied liar who claims to take a cold bath every morning all the year round to join in the conversation. — Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.



## Season's Greetings

We will not be open  
for business  
Christmas Day

# The Howard-Udell Cafeteria

IN THE UDELL BUILDING

# Xmas Food Savings



Nuts, candies, cakes, puddings, fruits, vegetables, spices, extracts, beverages and a host of other Christmas needs are brought to you from the four corners of the earth at savings created by our economies in food distribution. We invite you to do your Christmas food shopping at our nearest store.



<b>R. &amp; R. Plum Pudding</b>	1-lb. tin	27c
<b>Old Style Mince Meat</b>	For Pies 2-lb. jar	39c
<b>Fruit Cakes</b>	National Quality 1-lb. cake	55c
<b>Bagdad Dates</b>	A Delicious Treat from the Orient 2 pkgs.	23c
<b>Sawyer's Lily Sodas</b>	Priced Low 1-lb. pkg.	15c
<b>Philadelphia Cream Cheese</b>	2 pkgs.	19c
<b>Candy Bars</b>	All 5c Candy Bars Gum and Cracker Jack 5 bars or pkgs.	16c
<b>Sugar</b>	Domino XXXX, Confectioner's or Old Fashioned Brown 2 1-lb. pkgs.	13c
<b>Lard</b>	Swift's Silverleaf Carton or Tub 2 lbs.	21c

### Other Xmas Suggestions

<b>Candies</b>	Choice of Varieties in Cellophane Pkgs. 10c
<b>Cherries</b>	Chocolate Covered 1-lb. box 39c
<b>100% Filled</b>	Candy Satin Finish lb. 18c
<b>Walnuts</b>	Diamond No. 1 Soft Shelled lb. 31c
<b>Walnuts</b>	Diamond Large Banded lb. 34c
<b>Ocean Spray</b>	Cranberry Sauce No. 1 1/2 tall can 19c
<b>Peaches</b>	American Home No. 2 1/2 can 21c
<b>Pineapple</b>	A.M. Sliced or Crushed can 25c
<b>Fruit Salad</b>	Low No. 1 tall can 22c
<b>Apples</b>	A.M. California Halves can 25c

### Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

<b>Oranges</b>	150 size 43c doz.	176 size 33c doz.	200 or 216 23c doz.
<b>Cranberries</b>	Finest Quality 2 lbs.	35c	
<b>Grapefruit</b>	3 54's or 64's 17c	3 70's or 80's 13c	
<b>Apples</b>	Fancy Washington 3 lbs.	23c	
<b>Potatoes</b>	Jonathans Genuine 15-lb. peck	37c	
<b>Benenes</b>	Idaho Remets Naturally Ripened 3 lbs.	22c	
<b>Head Lettuce</b>	Fancy Iceberg 1 lb. head	10c	med head 8c

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