



THIS IS

OUR SHIP

FOREWORD

Since the days of sailing ships the voyage around Cape Horn has stirred the imagination of men and put them to real tests of hardihood. In those tossing seas where gales ever seem to blow there is yet danger. And even today's sailors, though encased in the protective steel of a modern warship and freed by steam from dependence on the fickle wind, may still feel a measure of adventure and come to know in the pitch and roll of experience the way to manhood.

Wendell Wilkie spoke of this being One World where common and necessary ties exist between peoples regardless of race and language. Travel serves the useful purpose of revealing those ties, making known that unity among the human race which, despite wars and uneasy peace, must ever be.

This book is a pictorial record of the Essex's cruise "Around the Horn." There were many happenings aboard and ashore which necessarily could not be represented here, but these are the outlines, these the visual souvenirs of those happier hours which, but for the grace of God and the good ship Essex, might never have been.