

PROVINCETOWN GAY FOR 200TH BIRTHDAY

Provincetown, Aug. 4.—When the U. S. S. Arkansas, flagship of the Atlantic scouting fleet, with Vice-Admiral Ashley H. Robertson aboard drops anchor in the harbor here today the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Provincetown is officially opened.

Last-minute preparations, the final festooning of practically every building in town with flags and bunting, the complete arrangement of parade formation and the varied details of assistance in the celebration that are divided between the year-round residents and members of the art and literary colony have been completed. Electric lights have been strung upon the rising shaft of the Memorial which crowns the hill overlooking the harbor, and will be lighted at dusk on the three evenings of the celebration.

SAILORS PARADE.

Three days have been allotted to the exercises and the town has planned for the entertainment of visitors expected from many parts of the country, drawn to it by report of the comprehensiveness of the celebration at the height of what has long been counted the characteristic season of the Provincetown year.

The thousand men aboard the Arkansas will share in the parade today, coming ashore from a point in the harbor approximately the same as that when a little band of Pilgrims dropped anchor in 1620 to confer among themselves and eventually to sign the now famous compact.

Tomorrow it is expected that Governor Fuller, Admiral Robertson, Senator Walsh and other representatives of the life of New England, and the Nation, will speak at the special exercises.

ARTISTS HELP.

Nor are the day-to-day program details all that make the celebration. What is known as a "three-mile exhibit of art," on view in studios that line Commercial street from end to end of the town, will be open to the public.

Part of Provincetown's history and fame have been made by the artists who sought out the town a score and more years ago as a place where they might gather to work under the most pleasant and inspiring conditions and it is considered by the town authorities as highly appropriate that they shall have an important share in the plans for the celebration of this significant anniversary.