

GREATEST NAVAL PARADE

More American Battleships in Hampton Roads Than Ever Before Assembled.

SHIPS OF FIVE NATIONS IN REVIEW

Great Britain, Germany, Austria and Brazil Send Vessels to Opening of the Exposition at Jamestown.

NORFOLK, Va., April 26.—The deep-throated guns of five great nations today voiced a salute in unison to the American flag and to the president of the United States. The reverberating boom of the cannon went echoing over the waters of half a century ago the Monitor and the Merrimack met in a memorable conflict which brought into being the armored craft of war. From the "little Yankee" came the first "ironclad," and the rectangular mass of iron which carried the confederate flag in 1862, to the modern fighting machines, typified by the flower of the American navy, gathered in holiday assemblage today, is a far cry. Yet many of those who stood on the shores and witnessed the naval pageant in the roadstead vividly recalled the historic time when the wind-rippled waters which formed the setting of this greatest international rendezvous of war vessels of recent years, were splashed with the shot and shell of the first great battle of steel-clad ships.

President Reviews Parade. President Roosevelt, from the bridge of the trim little yacht, cruising Mayflower, which was the meeting place of the peace plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan less than two years ago, reviewed the great assemblage of flag-draped fighters, gathered from the corners of the world, to make a notable opening day of the Jamestown Tercentennial exposition, commemorating the 300th anniversary of the first English settlement in America.

Steaming down the long column of dark-hulled foreigners, the president was greeted by each vessel in turn with a salute of twenty-one guns. The Mayflower then turned down the lane of American battleships and cruisers, and the rear of saluting cannon swept across the water. The new American navy was in its infancy fourteen years ago when the international rendezvous of 1883 was held in Hampton Roads. Today the magnificent Atlantic fleet, under command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, presented an abundance of imposing fighting strength notable in the naval annals of the world.

The foreign vessels were given the positions of honor in a line stretching nearest and parallel to the shores of the exposition grounds. Frowning and formidable in their dark drab coloring, with funnels as black as the soot they poured from their tops, the squadrons sent by Great Britain, by Austria, by Germany and the Argentine Republic, loomed in deep-shaded relief against the dazzling background of American vessels, whose glistening white sides sparkled in the light rays reflected from the water, and whose light buff superstructure and stacks lent a harmonious setting to the many hued flags floating from masts and peaks, from fighting tops and flying trucks. The foreign vessels were suggestive of the American ships during the days of the war with Spain, when the white paint and exclusive dressing of white gave way to the somber gray hue of war apparel.

American Ships Impressive. American vessels at naval gatherings abroad have always been an attractive center of interest because of their graceful lines and clean cut appearance. Today, assembled in the full strength of a home protecting fleet, they made an impression which will live long in the memory of those who looked, with the president's command-in-chief, doffed his hat in acknowledgment of each thunderous salute which marked the progress of the review.

Not the least impressed of those who witnessed this inaugural ceremony of the opening of the exposition were the military and naval representatives of the world. The ambassadors and ministers of all these nations were also among those who gazed upon the beautiful naval show. The foreign diplomats and officers were aboard the steamer Newport News, which brought them down from Washington last night, and which gave them a postlude of vantage over the hundreds of excursion steamers and pleasure craft of every imaginable description, which formed a frame about the anchorage ground of the assembled fleets. None of the excursion steamers, however, were allowed to cruise between the war vessels in the harbor, thus insuring to the excursionists to the exposition grounds a view making a picture never before witnessed—pictured almost as in miniature several thousands of yards away in the blue waters of the roadstead.

Back of the first line of foreign vessels was ranged the mightiest column of American battleships, the history of the nation has ever known. Strarching away in a curving line up the broad channelway from the government pier off Old Point Comfort toward the exposition grounds, the sea, wide-bulled, squat and heavy, the American naval backbone, fittingly formed the center of the fleet, arranged for the day's review. In a third line—and all but hidden from the shore by the bulk of the heavy battleships—were the cruisers and the torpedo boats, the latter being the American aquarons. Clustered far in shore, toward the exposition water front, were the several naval vessels which have been assigned as station ships and will remain there until the close of the fair, the last of November.

There were thirty-eight American ships in today's review. The foreign ships numbered twelve typical modern fighting craft and furnished a picturesque and striking contrast between the foreign-built cruiser and the products of American ship and navy yards. All of the vessels of the combined fleet were "dressed" in the fluttering flags of the nations and the brilliant-hued pennants and bits of bunting which form the interesting, forming undoubtedly one of the most interesting features of the exposition, is all ready and will, of course, be opened today. The states' exhibit palace is also complete in every detail of construction and installation.

MISSIONARIES TALK OF UNION

"Chinese Church" is Subject of Paper Presented at Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, April 26.—At the missionary conference today the reading of a paper on the "Chinese church" caused an animated discussion, after which the conference adopted strongly worded resolutions favoring the union of the Protestant church missions in order to make their work more effective.

In the evening Rev. Arthur H. Smith of the Peking Chung mission of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions spoke on missionary work.

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George Neville, and consisting of the armored cruisers Good Hope, Argyll, Hampshire and Roxburgh, attracted a large share of attention. The Good Hope, a vessel with the strength and striking power of a battleship, combined with a speed of twenty-three knots and of horse power a score of thousands, served as Admiral Neville's flagship. Its tonnage, 13,000, is equal to that of more than one-half of the American ships, but is not so great as that of the new type of American armored cruiser represented by the Washington and the Tennessee in today's fleet, each registering 14,500 tons. The Good Hope, together with the German imperial flagship, armored cruiser, lighter than the British boats, but built much along the same lines, four funnels and two military masts being the striking features of similarity, were assigned berths to the right and left of the Connecticut, the big 16,000-ton battleship, to which Rear Admiral Evans recently transferred his flag of command. These three flagships formed a triangle, where the Mayflower at the end of the review dropped anchor.

Distinguished Germans Present. The Roon has on board Commodore Carl von Hoff, commanding the German South Atlantic squadron. Captain von Reuber Paschwitz, adjutant of Emperor William, is also aboard as a special representative of the emperor. The flag officers of the Austrian squadron is Commodore Hermann Pleiscott. The Austrian flagship, Sankt George, is 2,000 tons lighter than the Roon. Dark of hull and funnels, it and most of the other foreigners might have been considered today as of one fleet but for the variance of the flags at truck and stern. The great assemblage of ships seemed to be divided only in two classes—the immaculate white of the American vessels being in opposition to the murky, gloomy darkness of the visitors from across the seas.

In the American fleet was represented almost every type of vessel known to the navy of the country. The stalwart 16,000-tonners, the Connecticut, Louisiana and Virginia, had to share honors with the almost forgotten monitor Canonicus, a dreadnaught box itself and slightly improved over its famous prototype. A relic of civil war days, the old Canonicus has just been fitted out at the Norfolk navy yard at a cost of \$15,000 to enable it to take a place alongside the proudest vessels of the navy, in which it at one time was such a formidable unit. Heavy coats of black paint do not altogether hide the scars of the antiquated ship, which will remain a permanent feature of the exposition. President Arrives Early. The trim Mayflower, bearing the president and Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary Loom and a few invited guests, approaching from the eastward, arrived at the head of the column of war vessels this morning almost an hour before the usual call for quarters is sounded aboard a man-of-war. As the Mayflower approached with rainbow flags fluttering, the American flagship boomed out the first guns of the presidential salute. In a flash the other American ships and the foreign vessels had manned their cannon and a roar of twenty-one guns fired from each vessel of the fleet sounded almost simultaneously. The Mayflower pointed its way up the road toward Norfolk, passing along the outer line of foreign ships, "close aboard." As it cleared the first of these the visiting vessel opened fire with a new series of salutes repeated in turn by every battleship and cruiser of the big fleet. The Mayflower's way had been kept clear for it since early morning by the little steam guard launches sent out from the ships

INDEPENDENT OIL MEN WIN

Railroads Concede Point of Handling Empty Tanks Before Commerce Commission Acts. CLEVELAND, O., April 26.—The Cleveland Plain Dealer today says: The railroads have made a big concession to the independent oil men. The independents will no longer have to pay \$18 for the return of an empty tank from the Pacific coast to a refinery east of the Missouri river. A rate that, it is said, has been a big factor in the success of the Standard company, is withdrawn. Both moves are made in advance of the Interstate Commerce commission hearing to be held at Washington, May 2. Notice to this effect has been received at the headquarters of the National Petroleum association in this city. The readjustment of rates means that the

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