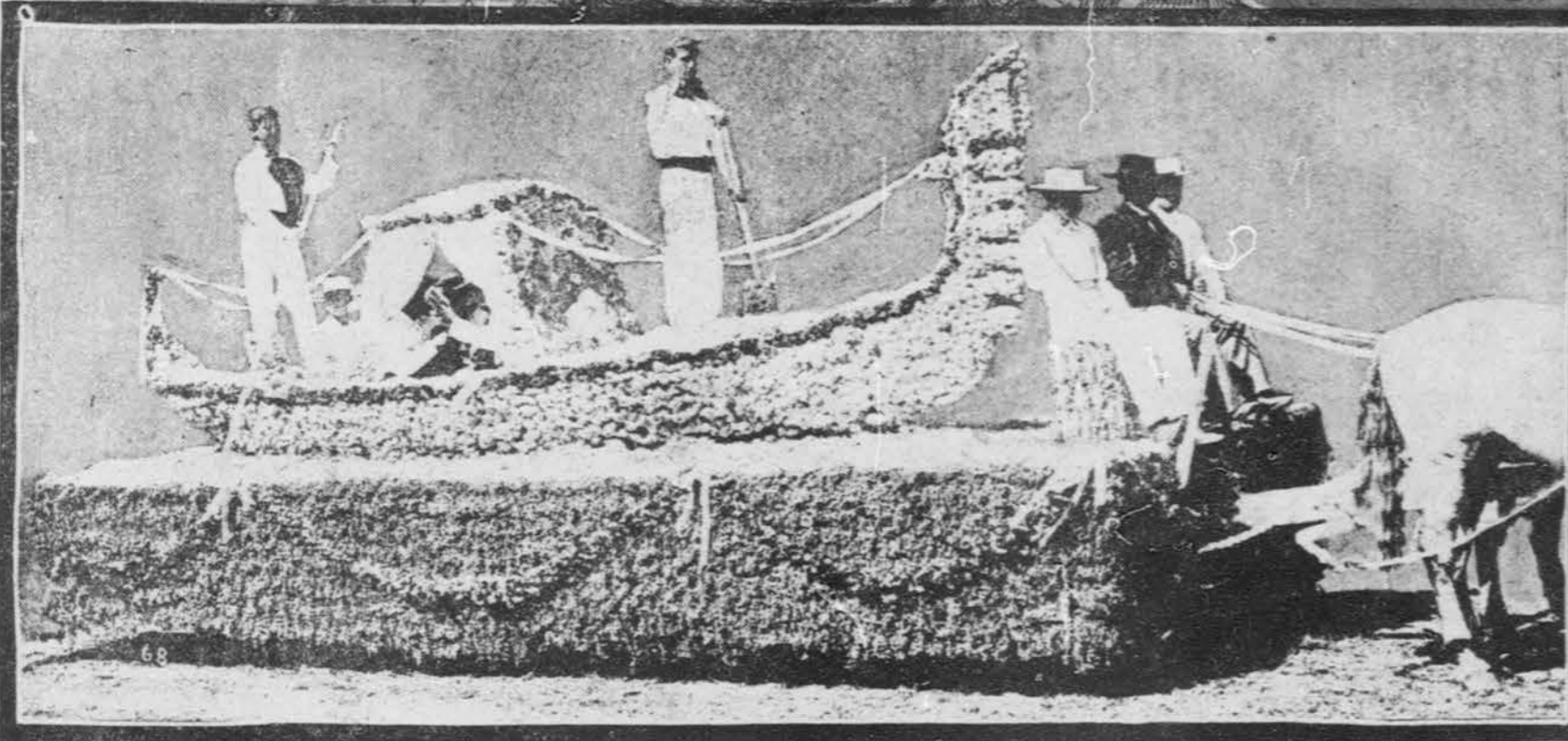


# BOMBARDMENT OF FLOWERS & AWAITING EVANS' FLEET.



TWO SEATER TRAP DECORATED WITH 1,500 BUCKINGHAM ROSES

VICTORIA COVERED WITH TEA ROSES



Gondola Float of Roses and Wild Flowers.



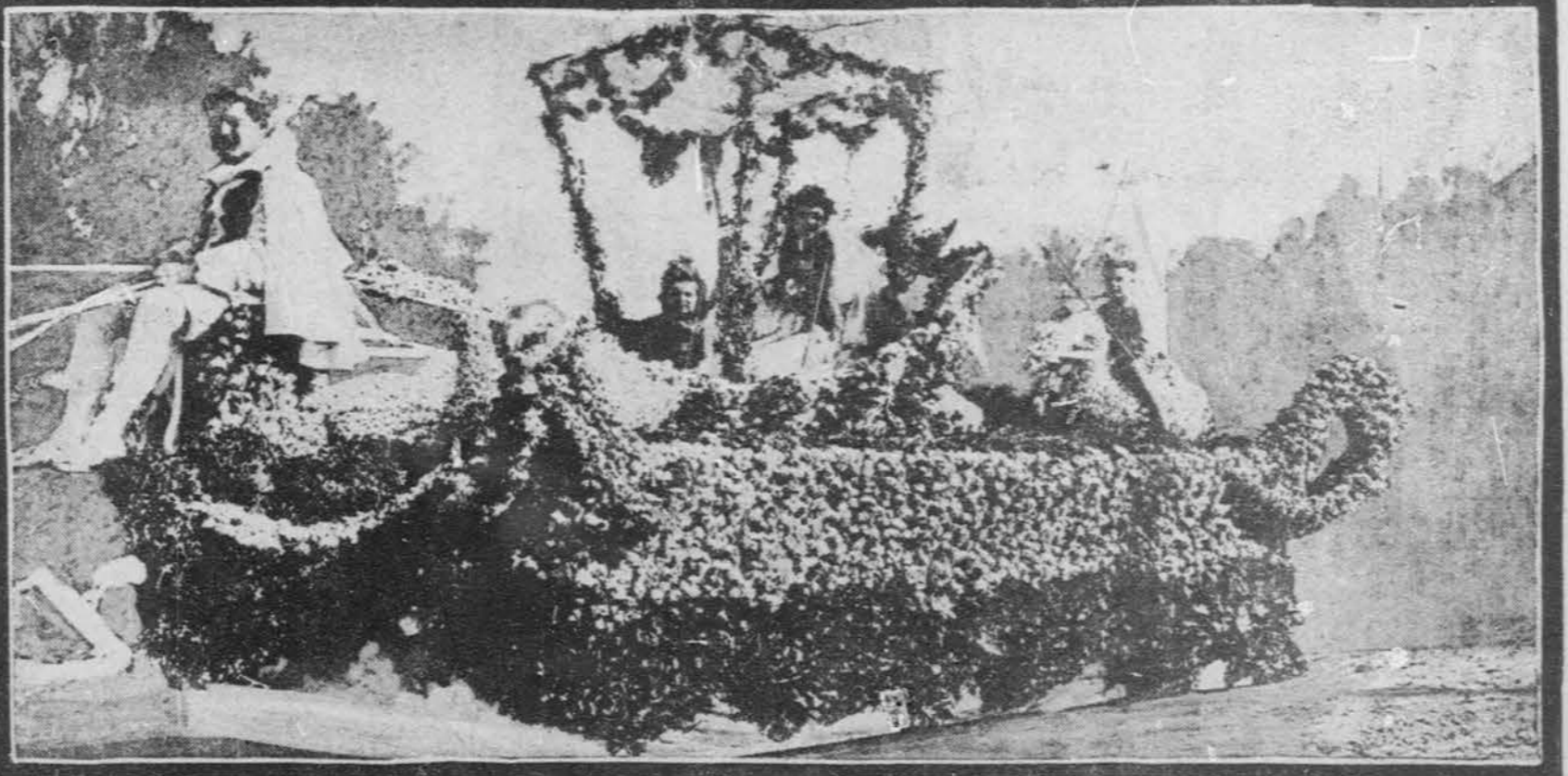
WHEN ADMIRAL EVANS' fleet of sixteen great battleships steams up the Pacific coast and drops anchor off the pretty little city of Santa Barbara, Cal., it will be given a bombardment the like of which has never been seen in the world's history and the outcome of the engagement is already a foregone conclusion—the pride of the American navy will be vanquished, but no alien will be responsible for it.

No death-dealing cannons will hurl shot and shell into the ranks of the officers or jacksies with Admiral Evans, but on the second day of their stay they will be met by thousands of pretty, fluffy young things, in white summer costumes and large picture hats. These will be the enemy; their weapons will be a fair pair of hands and arms; and the ammunition will be many thousands of pretty little bouquets. Nobody will be killed, but there will be an awful array of broken hearts strewn about the battlefield when the day is done.

In brief, the men, with Admiral Evans will participate in the revival of the flower festival and battle of flowers, which made Santa Barbara famous the world over a decade ago. The festival is to be revived on a more elaborate plan than ever before. Nothing anywhere like it has ever been attempted by any other city in the country, if not the world, and it is doubtful if any other could.

### Every Inhabitant a Host.

Every man, woman, and child of the 12,000 inhabitants of the city has been enrolled as host or hostess, as the case may be, and the reception accorded the Atlantic fleet promises to be one that will never be forgotten by the participants. The fleet will drop anchor in the channel late in the afternoon of April 28 and will remain three days. The only rest that the visitors will receive will be the late afternoon and evening of the first day. After that they will be kept on the go from early morning until late at night. Everything in the way of amusements has been planned for their entertainment, but the greatest of all will be the floral parade, with its attendant battle of flowers, and the dance of the flowers in the evening.



Queen of the Festival in Float of Roses and Evergreens.

These are the two pieces de resistance on which the citizens of the California city count to make the officers and men, who are their guests, always remember that there is such a place as Santa Barbara on the map. Ever since it became known last fall that the

fleet would go to the Pacific coast and visit the several California ports, the people of Santa Barbara have been planning to entertain the officers and crews in a fitting, yet unique, manner. Late in March Admiral Evans sent a wireless message from Mag-

dalena Bay to Rear Admiral Bowman H. McCalla, retired, who now makes his home in Santa Barbara, and who has been one of the leaders in the revival of the festival, informing him that the fleet would arrive in the Santa Barbara channel at 4 p. m. April 28. The

message also conveyed the information that the battleships would remain three days before proceeding northward to San Francisco. That was the signal for active preparations. Hundreds of people hastened to send in their entries for the big floral parade, and ar-

rangements were made to have small armies of men and boys gather the necessary flowers the evening before. Every resident of the city and surrounding country has a flower and rose garden and these have been placed at the dis-