

THE WORLD'S GREATEST FLEET NOW IN CALIFORNIA WATERS

Fifty-Three War Ships and
Auxiliary Naval Crafts
Ready for Voyage
Across Pacific.

The greatest fleet of warships the world has ever seen, fifty-three vessels, will salute the flag with big guns at the review of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets in San Francisco Bay May 8th, just before the sixteen battleships resume their record-breaking voyage of 45,000 miles around the world. When the six thirty-knot torpedo-boat destroyers started on the voyage around South America it was thought to be an event. When the sixteen battleships wended their way through the Straits of Magellan and reached the Golden Gate, it was said to be the limit. These fleets have now met on California's coast and joined by the eight big armored cruisers and other ships of the Pacific fleet, make an aggregation outnumbering any assemblage under any flag on any sea.

The two miles of fighting ships that sailed the English Channel at the Jubilee, Queen Victoria could not stand up against them. The fleet that dotted Oyster Bay when Roosevelt reviewed his strong eight arm numbered but thirty-five ships. The rendezvous at Hampton Roads, when the great nations of the earth sent representative ships, numbered thirty-eight American vessels and twelve foreign ships.

The battleships and cruisers alone aggregate more tonnage than all the ships of the Japanese navy. The fleet, according to the official list of the Bureau of Navigation, Washington, D. C., will be made of the following:

Ships of the Fleet.	
First-class battleships	18
Armored cruisers	8
Protected cruisers	4
Torpedo-boat destroyers	5
Torpedo boats	3
Gunboats	2
Submarines	2
Collars	4
Supply ships	2
Hospital ship	1
Repair ship	1

At the head of the fleet will be the sixteen battleships that sailed 14,000 miles around the South American continent, headed by the flagship Connecticut with her crew of 1,080 men, and the two battleships Wisconsin and Nebraska, just completed in Pacific shipyards. With the big white fighters will be the eight armored cruisers, which are really high-speed battleships, making a total of twenty-six swift-firing, hard-hitting, armored fighting machines.

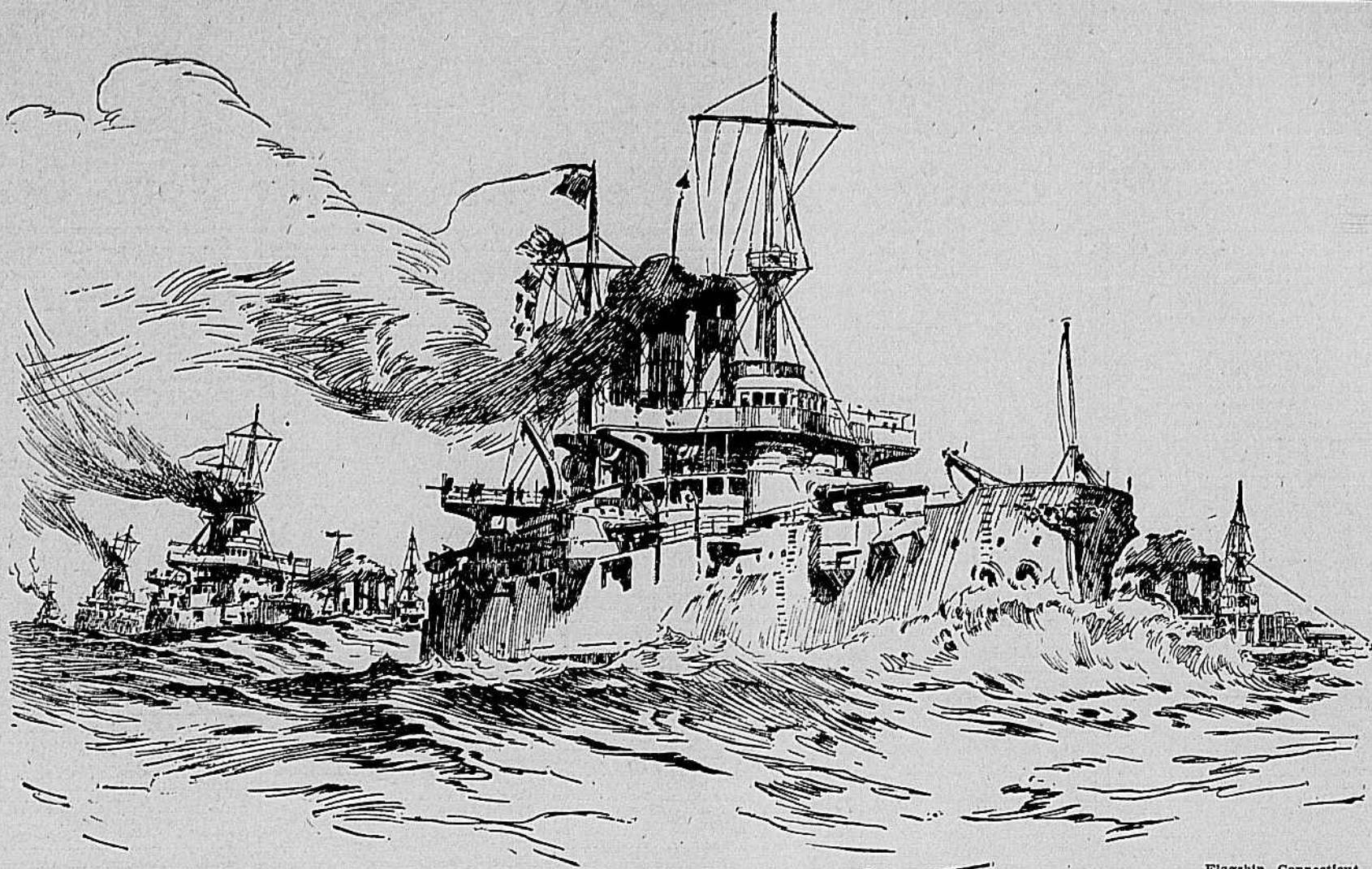
These twenty-six floating fortresses, 500 feet long, are masses of honey-combed steel, giants trained to the minute, but with the agility of a yacht. They are beited with foot-thick steel, and shoot 12 and 13-inch shells to the horizon and beyond. To these will be added eight of the thirty-knot torpedo-boat destroyers, the swiftest craft under the Stars and Stripes, the scorpions of the navy, that fly at an enemy in the dark, give a death-dealing sting with a torpedo and disappear in the night with the speed of an express train; and three of the torpedo-boats, the wasps, built to wound the big fighting ships of an enemy.

The submarine Grampus and Pike, realizations of Jules Verne's dreams, and the two gunboats complete the list of those that go forth to battle. In the train of the fighting ships will be four capacious-hulled coal collars, the refrigerator and fresh water supply ships, Glacier and Culgoa, the now famous hospital ship Relief, and the floating machine shop Panther, a total of fifty-three ships, all under the Stars and Stripes.

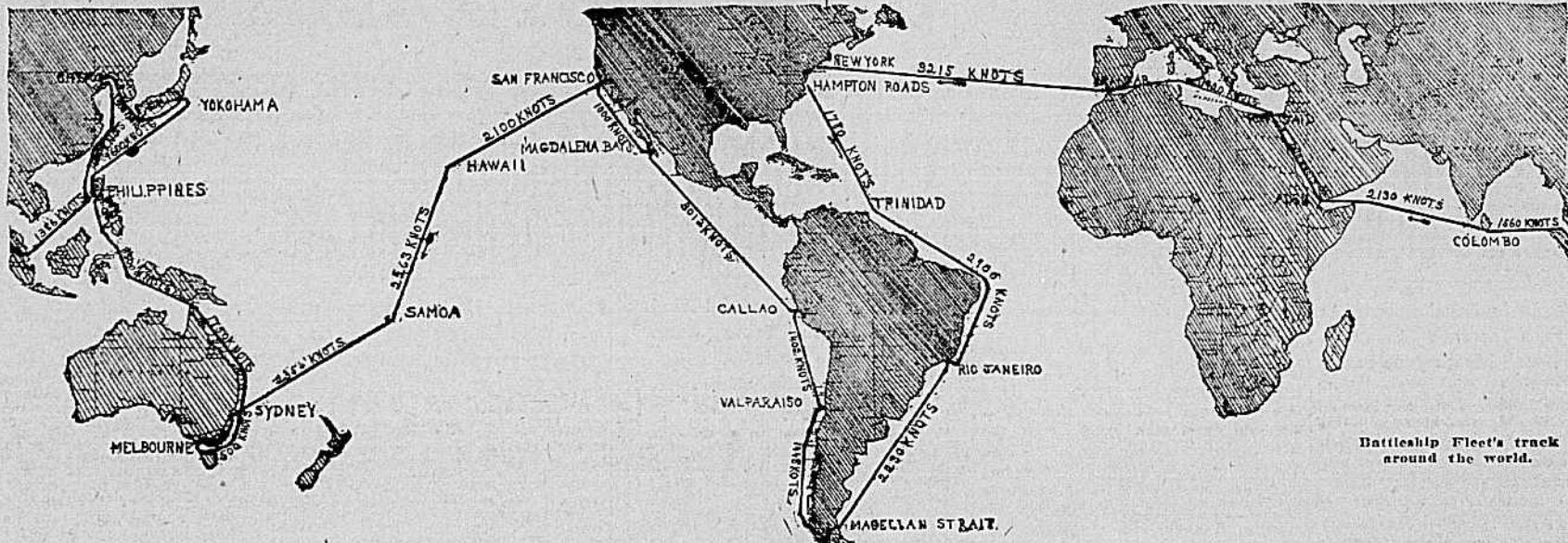
The United States navy now ranks second, and of the world's powers only Great Britain has a greater aggregation. Of necessity, England's ships must remain scattered among her dominions, on which the sun never sets. Can she match the formidable display of this, the greatest nation on earth? When the review is over sixteen battleships will head across the Pacific on a voyage across all the seas, lengthening the 14,000-mile run around South America to a 45,000-mile cruise around the world.

Two Miles of Fighters.

Placed end to end, with bows and sterns touching, the ships would make a boulevard of steel along which one might walk four miles. Strung out at anchor in single file, the fleet would stretch away for ten miles, which is nearly as far as the eye can reach at sea, and with the farthest ship's hull



Flagship Connecticut leading the fleet.



Battleship Fleet's track around the world.

THE DEFENDERS OF THE NATION

The Fighting Ships.

FIRST-CLASS BATTLESHIPS.

Ship.	Length.	Feet.	Tons.	Speed.	Horse Power.	Cost.	Guns.	Armor.	Coal.	Tons.	Officers.	Men.	
Connecticut	450	16,000	18	16,500	\$6,071,066	74	10 to 12	2,200	41	1,050			
Louisiana	450	16,000	18	16,500	\$5,746,313	74	10 to 12	2,200	41	840			
Minnesota	450	16,000	18	16,500	\$5,338,447	74	10 to 12	2,200	41	840			
Vermont	450	16,000	18	16,500	\$5,031,111	74	9 to 12	2,200	41	840			
Kansas	450	16,000	18	16,000	\$5,214,530	74	9 to 12	2,200	41	840			
Nebraska	435	14,948	19	19,000	\$4,789,875	74	10 to 12	1,700	41	840			
Virginia	435	14,948	19	19,000	\$5,265,524	74	10 to 12	1,700	41	840			
Georgia	435	14,948	19	19,000	\$5,228,403	74	10 to 12	1,700	41	840			
New Jersey	435	14,948	19	19,000	\$5,247,065	74	10 to 12	1,700	41	840			
Rhode Island	435	14,948	19	19,000	\$5,244,852	74	10 to 12	1,700	41	840			
Maine	388	12,360	18	15,600	\$5,344,351	44	11 to 12	1,800	35	772			
Missouri	388	12,360	18	15,600	\$5,558,280	44	11 to 12	1,800	35	772			
Alabama	388	12,360	18	15,600	\$5,255,309	44	11 to 12	1,800	35	772			
Illinois	388	11,565	17	11,200	\$4,665,320	44	14 to 16.5	1,280	35	772			
Wisconsin	388	11,565	17	12,700	\$4,621,408	44	14 to 16	1,280	35	772			
Kearsarge	368	11,565	17	12,700	\$4,723,894	44	14 to 16.5	1,240	35	772			
Kentucky	368	11,565	16 4-5	11,700	\$5,043,591	44	15 to 17	1,500	35	772			
	368	11,510	16 4-5	12,172	\$4,988,119	44	15 to 17	1,500	35	772			
			1,469	240,440	283,770	\$93,275,368	1,082		31,400	600	14,816		

ARMORED CRUISERS.

Ship.	Length.	Feet.	Tons.	Speed.	Horse Power.	Cost.	Guns.	Armor.	Coal.	Tons.	Officers.	Men.	
Tennessee	412	23	23,000	44	\$4,927,122	68	8 to 9	1,762	40	816			
Washington	502	14,500	23	23,000	\$4,829,542	68	8 to 9	1,762	40	816			
California	502	13,680	23	23,000	\$1,249,404	68	6	2,024	41	787			
Colorado	502	13,680	23	23,000	\$5,421,023	68	6	1,823	41	787			
Pennsylvania	502	13,680	23	23,000	\$5,454,189	68	6	1,828	41	787			
West Virginia	502	13,680	23	23,000	\$5,422,048	68	6	2,024	41	787			
South Dakota	502	13,680	23	23,000	\$1,208,948	68	6	2,024	41	787			
Maryland	502	13,680	23	23,000	\$5,667,315	68	6	2,024	41	787			
			4,016	111,080	184,000	\$40,049,441	532		15,276	320	6,354		

CRUISERS.

Ship.	Length.	Feet.	Tons.	Speed.	Horse Power.	Cost.	Guns.	Coal.	Tons.	Officers.	Men.
St. Paul	124	9,700	22	21,000	\$2,740,000	68	1,500	35	634		
Milwaukee	124	9,700	22	21,000	\$2,825,000	68	1,500	35	634		
Charleston	124	9,700	22	21,000	\$2,740,000	68	1,500	35	634		
Albany	346	3,437	20	7,500	1,500,000	34	850	19	333		

GUNBOATS.

Ship.	Length.	Feet.	Tons.	Speed.	Horse Power.	Cost.	Guns.	Coal.	Tons.	Officers.	Men.
Yorktown	230	1,710	16	3,311	\$165,000	16	350	14	152		
Yankton	168	1,060	12	1,200	250,000	10	100	10	150		

TORPEDO-BOAT DESTROYERS.

Ship.	Length.	Feet.	Tons.	Speed.	Horse Power.	Cost.	Guns.	Coal.	Tons.	Officers.	Men.

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