

PRESIDENT PROUD OF GREAT WARSHIP FLEET

Elated by Fighting Force That Has Grown to Such Proportions During His Term.

CONGRATULATES ADMIRAL

Dix Greeted with Full Military Honors When He Boards Mayflower as Guest of Taft—Foreign Officers Present.

President Taft reviewed the magnificent assemblage of naval vessels now gathered in the Hudson River from the bridge of the dispatch boat Mayflower yesterday, and an hour after another of the battleships, cruisers and auxiliaries saluted the commander in chief with the regulation twenty-one guns the enthusiasm of Mr. Taft knew no bounds. His pride in the great fleet which, with its watchword "efficiency," has grown to such proportions during his administration, found expression in his salutations to all with whom he came in contact, in the heartiness with which he greeted the cheers which reached him from the crowded excursion vessels, private yachts and the crowds which lined the shores, as well as in the congratulations he extended to the commander of the fleet and his staff.

To the commander of the fleet, Rear Admiral Osterhaus, and to the other commanders who came aboard, and whose calls he later returned, the President extended the most cordial congratulations, and the geniality of the Taft smile found its reflection on the countenances of all who came in contact with the commander in chief yesterday.

Before the Mayflower began her tour of inspection the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied by his aid, Lieutenant Commander Leigh Palmer, boarded the Mayflower, and he was soon followed by the admiral of the fleet. Learning that other members of his cabinet were aboard the dispatch boat Dolphin, the President sent to them by wireless an invitation to join him, which was responded to by the Attorney General, the Secretary of War and the Postmaster General.

The Naval committee of the two houses of Congress were represented by Senator Boies Penrose and Representatives Arthur L. Bates and Robert E. Lee, both of Pennsylvania, the latter the only Democrat who consistently voted for two battleships during the last session of Congress, and who persistently but ineffectively fought the efforts of the Democratic majority to cripple the navy.

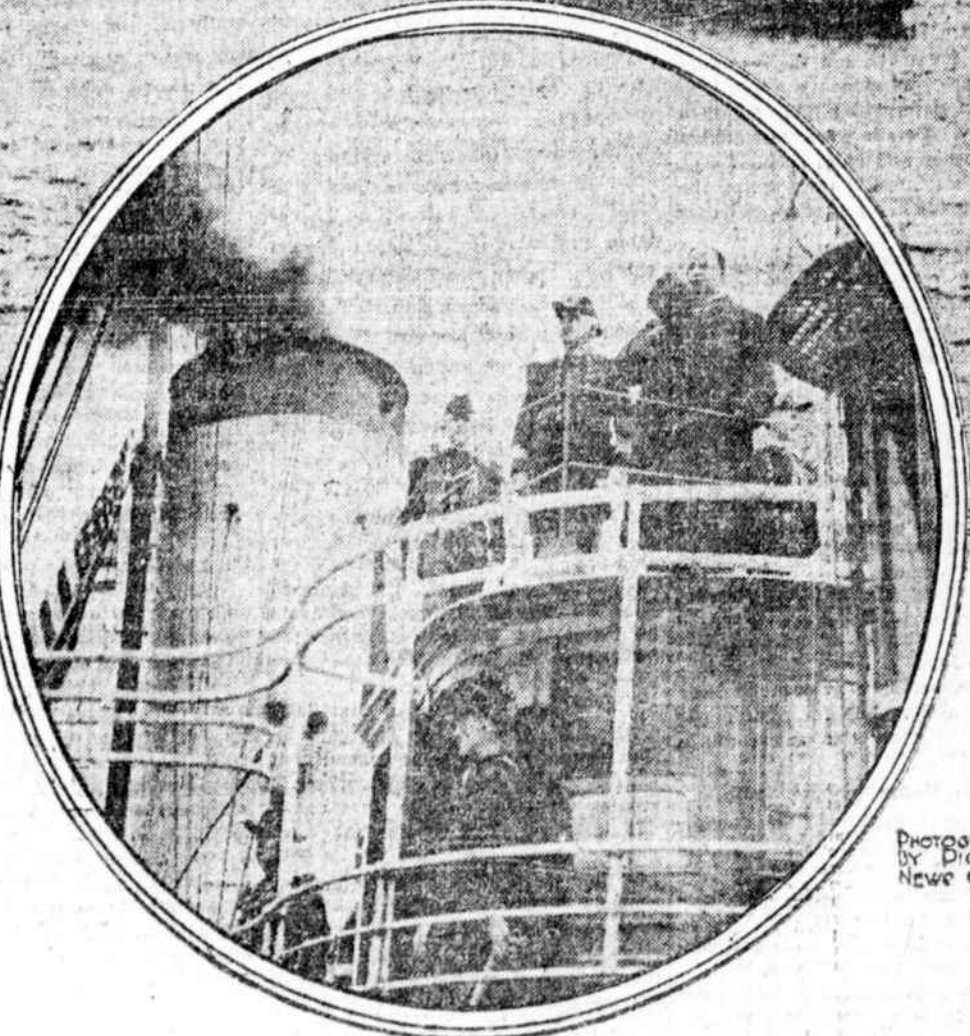
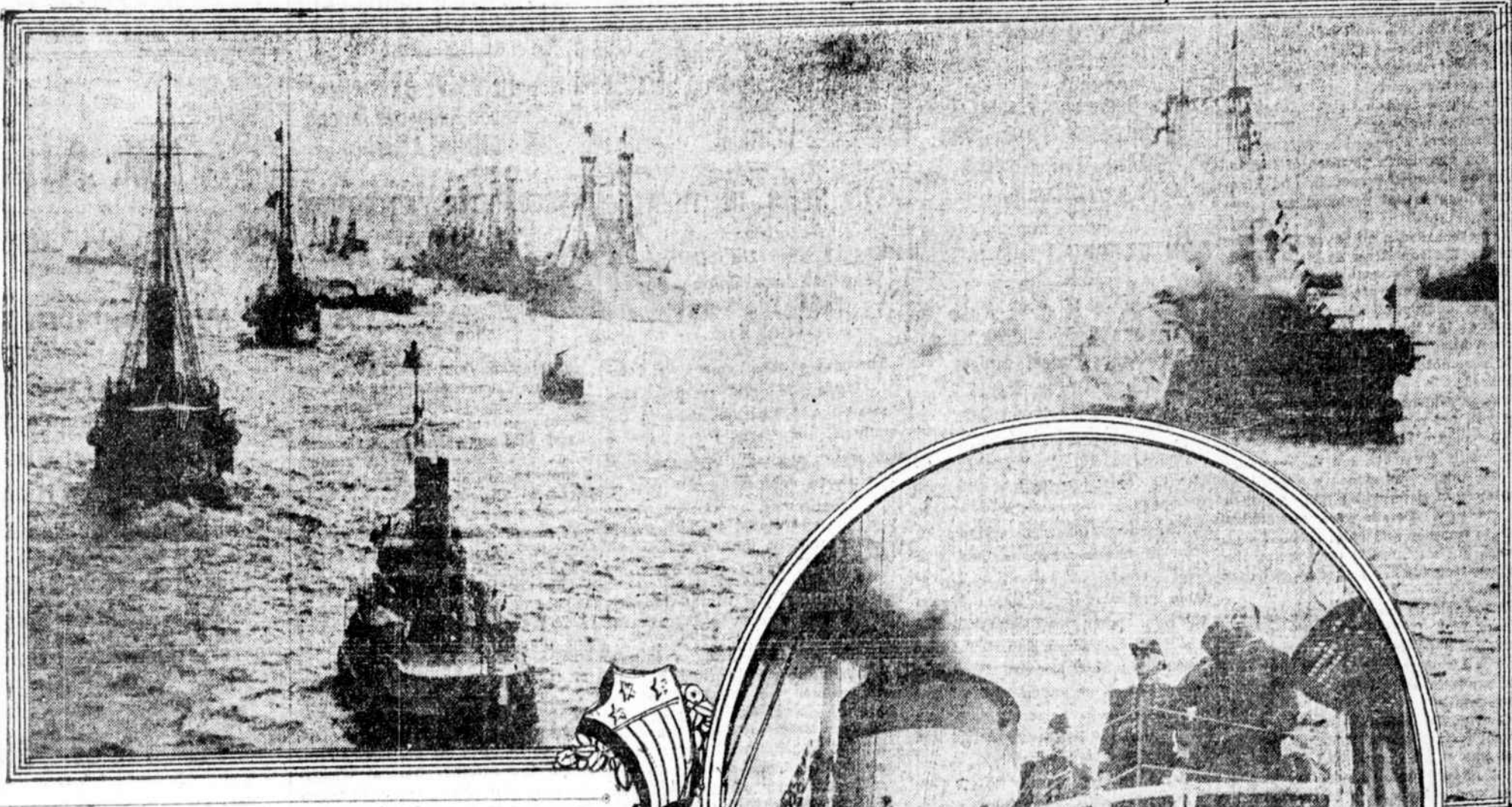
Governor Dix on Mayflower.

Governor Dix, by invitation of the President, occupied a place on the Mayflower. When the launch bearing the Governor reached the companionway word was brought aboard that Governor Dix requested permission to bring his family with him, a permission which was cordially granted. As the Governor, accompanied by his military aid, came over the side he was greeted with full military honors, eight salutes being drawn up at attention, the band saluting with four ruffles of the trumpets and a flourish of the drums, and the Mayflower firing thirteen guns. The Governor appeared, however, to be absorbed in affairs of state and calmly ignored the military honors accorded him as well as the extended hand of the captain of the Mayflower, hastening aft without stopping even to salute the colors.

An international aspect was given the little group gathered on the quarterdeck of the Mayflower by the presence of naval officers of several foreign powers. They included Admiral Bethöder, of the Argentine Naval Commission, and his aid, Lieutenant Ceppie, and the following attaches: Captain Vassilief, of the Russian Embassy; Commander Benoit d'Azv, of the French Embassy; Commander Boy-Ed, of the German Embassy; Commander Shigetoshi Takeuchi, of the Japanese Embassy; Lieutenant Commander Francisco Rader de Aquino, of the Brazilian Embassy, and Lieutenant Commander Maximilian Burstin, of the embassy of Austria-Hungary.

Others gathered on the quarterdeck as the guests of the President were the American Minister to Belgium and Mrs. Lars Anderson, the Governor General of the Philippines, W. Cameron Forbes, with

REVIEW OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET. THE MAYFLOWER, WITH PRESIDENT TAFT ABOARD, FOLLOWED BY THE DOLPHIN, WITH SECRETARY OF NAVY MEYER, PASSING THROUGH A LANE OF SALUTING WARSHIPS.



PRESIDENT TAFT ON THE BRIDGE OF THE MAYFLOWER.
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whom the President spent Sunday; General B. F. Tracy, ex-Secretary of the Navy; the chairman of the Republican National Committee and Mrs. Hillis, the treasurer of the committee and Miss Sheldon, the assistant treasurer, Mr. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Taft and Miss Taft, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, Mrs. William H. Taft, who accompanied the President from Beverly; her sister, Mrs. Laughlin, and Mr. Hutchinson, head of the speakers' bureau of the Republican National Committee, and Mrs. Hutchinson.

Mayor Calls on President.

Mayor Gaynor, accompanied by members of his administration, called on the President and was greeted with full military honors. After paying his respects to the Chief Executive the Mayor returned to his own ship, the Hendrik Hudson.

The breaking out of the President's flag at 10:15 was the signal for a salute of twenty-one guns from each vessel in the fleet. A few minutes later the flag of the commander in chief was hauled down and the President and Mrs. Taft entertained their guests at a buffet luncheon, after which the President entered a launch and returned the calls of the commander of the fleet and the other commanders, his departure and his return being each the occasion of a salute of twenty-one guns from the Mayflower.

In returning the calls of Admiral Osterhaus and the other commanders the President was accompanied by his naval aid, Lieutenant Timmons; his military aid, Major Rhodes; the Secretary of the Navy and his aid, Lieutenant Commander Palmer, and by Rear Admiral Badger.

On returning to the Mayflower the President took his place on the temporary bridge erected for this review, being atop the pilot house instead of alongside, as heretofore. This position enabled the President to get a better view of the vessels drawn up in double file, through which he passed, and, incidentally, enabled officers and men, as well as those who had gathered to see the review, to distinguish the Chief Executive at a glance. The President was attended on the bridge by Secretary of the Navy Meyer, the admiral of the fleet and Admiral Badger, who will succeed Admiral Osterhaus in command of the Atlantic fleet.

Crews Drawn Up at Attention.

Gathered atop the chart house, back of and below the President, were the other officers of the Mayflower, the representatives of the foreign navies and the members of the naval committee. As the Mayflower passed between the rows of floating forts the crews of each were drawn up at attention, and as the President's vessel

came abreast he was saluted with drums and trumpets, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner" from the band, and then the regulation salute of twenty-one guns.

Just as the Mayflower, almost opposite Yonkers, turned to make the return trip the sun broke through the clouds which had hitherto obscured it, lending added beauty to the spectacle, while the President remarked to his companions that precisely as the sun had shown forth on the assembled fleet at the eleventh hour, so it seemed to be doing on the political prospects of himself and his party.

By request of the President, a miniature scoreboard was erected in the wireless room of the Mayflower and the score of the battle between the Giants and the Red Sox was received as each play was made by wireless from shore, the result of each inning being carried to the President on the bridge by an orderly. When the final score came in Mr. Taft expressed his gratification over the victory of the Giants.

At 5 o'clock the Mayflower dropped anchor off 21st street and the President said goodby to his guests. Governor Dix received a salute of seventeen guns as he went over the side, as did the admiral of the fleet. The President remained on board the Mayflower until it was time to go ashore for the banquet at the Hotel Astor.

OLD CORSAIR SALUTES NEW

Naval Militia, with Six Vessels in Line, Makes Brave Showing.

A picturesque incident of the review was when J. Pierpont Morgan's steam yacht Corsair, flying big American flags at each mast, stopped not more than a length away from the old yacht Gloucester—now the United States steamer Gloucester—and Shannon's scarlet-coated 2d Battalion band on the old yacht's quarter deck, at the suggestion of Commodore Robert P. Forshaw, played "Auld Lang Syne." Commodore Morgan, standing on the bridge of the Corsair, took off his yachting cap and gayly beat time with it until the band stopped playing. Beside him stood his son-in-law, Herbert L. Satterlee, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and his wife.

The United States steamer Gloucester, which made a brilliant record at the battle of Santiago, was the flagship yesterday of the naval militia division of the Atlantic fleet. Commodore Robert P. Forshaw, who commands the naval militia of the state, was on board with his staff: Commander A. B. Fox, chief of staff; Lieutenant Commander F. L. Sawyer and Paymaster L. M. Josephthal.

The officers of the Gloucester were: Lieutenant E. T. Fitzgerald, executive; Lieutenant (J. G.) A. I. Perry, navigator; Lieutenant (J. G.) L. Holton; Ensigns H. H. Holley, and L. Altruter and Surgeon John Lee.

The six naval militia vessels in line, which were anchored near the Jersey shore between 155th and 165th streets, were the Gloucester (flagship), Commander K. L. Martin; the Wasop, Lieutenant Commander Starr Taimor; the Vixen, Commander A. De Unger; the Alben, Commander W. C. Hines; the Marietta, Commander E. McPeters; and the Mabel, Commander Ebenzer Hill.

Upon the approach of the Secretary of the Navy on board the Dolphin in the morning the Gloucester, which occupied the position furthest north of the naval militia division, began firing her salute of seventeen guns as soon as the ship to the east—the cruiser Chester—finished her salute, the other naval militia vessels beginning their salutes with the Gloucester.

When, at 12:30, the Mayflower, with the President on board, anchored off 21st street, and all the vessels of the fleet fired a national salute and "dressed ship," the crew of the Gloucester, ever on the alert, under the direction of Lieutenant E. T. Fitzgerald, fired gun for gun with the battleships and cruisers and had their flags abft and taut in record time.

When the Dolphin passed alongside the Gloucester in the morning Shannon's band played "Down the Field" in compliment to the Secretary, who is a Harvard man. When the President on board the Mayflower passed in the afternoon the band

played his college song, "Yale Hoolah," after the "Star-Spangled Banner."

Details of men of the naval militia of the state of New York were distributed among five of the warships as follows: On board the Washington, from the 3d Battalion, of Rochester, 75 men from the first and sixth divisions, and 75 men from the second and 3d from the sixth division of the 5d Battalion, of Rochester; the Utah, 100 men from the third and fifth divisions (engineers), of the 3d Battalion, of Buffalo, and the Delaware, 60 men from the fourth division of the 2d Battalion, of Dunkirk, N. Y.

CITY'S GUESTS SEE FLEET

2,000 on Hendrick Hudson Follow Dolphin and Mayflower.

Representatives of the city government and guests of the citizens' committee in charge of the naval celebration, numbering more than 2,000 in all, were prominent at yesterday's two inspections of the fleet. The guests were carried on the Hendrick Hudson, of the Hudson River Day Line, and were taken in two parties, one following over the route taken by the Mayflower during the afternoon, the other over the same route during the morning, when Secretary Meyer made his preliminary inspection on board the Dolphin.

Mayor Gaynor, who had the appointment of the committee, and who was expected to be on board the steamer, viewed the fleet only during the afternoon, and from the police boat Patrol.

of the assembled sailors and marines, however, through the presence on board during the afternoon of Lewis Nixon, chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee.

In the party were also Alderman Daniel M. Bedell, John Boschen, chairman of the admiralty committee for the celebration, and Robert H. Boss. Other city officials and celebration committee members were Colonel Henry W. Sackett, vice chairman of the general committee; John D. Crimmins, Dr. George P. Kuntz, General Howard Carroll, Charles W. Pease, Dr. Gustav Scheler, George T. Wilson, Charles L. O'Reilly, N. Taylor Phillips, Philip Rhineland, F. J. O. Rhineland, Eben E. Olcott and Max C. Budell.

SCANT CROWDS ON DRIVE

Most of Spectators of Review Further Downtown.

Apparently the only persons who stood along Riverside Drive's wall yesterday afternoon to watch President Taft, in the Mayflower, and Secretary of the Navy Meyer review the great war fleet swinging out to anchor in the river, were the occupants of passing automobiles and a few wandering nuns, accompanied by enthusiastic children. There were more cheering and flagwaving crowds between 21st street and the beginning of the Drive than along the whole length of that great thoroughfare.

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bundled in fur coats and swathed in flimsy veils, shrank closer to their male companions each time one of the great ships thundered out a greeting to President Taft, their commander in chief. After each shot those who stood on the shore below the Drive were aware of two distinct thuds. The echoes of the shots were hurried against the hill upon which the Drive is built and then there was the rebound. The activity of the multitudinous official yachts and battleship tenders scurrying and puffing from the shore to the great ships, from which could be heard shrill bugle calls of command, received far more attention and enthusiasm than did the actual review.

FLEET WILL SAIL TO-DAY

President to Review Warships from the Mayflower.

The great fleet of warships that has been in the Hudson, some of them more than a week, will sail away to-day, and as they pass out to sea will be reviewed by President Taft on board the Mayflower, anchored near Liberty Island. Anchored near the President's yacht will be the dispatch boat Dolphin and the gunboat Nashville, on board of which will be the newspaper men, as guests of the navy. Secretary Meyer will be on board the Mayflower with the President. The Mayor's committee and guests, on board the Hendrick Hudson, will witness the review from an anchorage near the President's yacht.

Long before most persons are out of their beds the bluejackets aboard the grun fighting ships will have made their final preparations for departure, and at 11 o'clock the first of them, the flagship Connecticut, which is lying off 75th street, will get her anchor out of the mud and point her nose to the southwest. In turn each of the huge gray Dreadnoughts will follow in her wake, and then the smaller vessels will steam away, leaving the river north of the great steamship piers empty except for the tug, ferry boats and railroad boats.

The Hendrick Hudson will leave Delaware street at 2 o'clock and proceed to West 45th street, whence it will depart at 9:30. About the same hour and up to 10 o'clock boats from 42d street will carry guests to the Dolphin and the newspaper men to the Nashville.

The Mayflower, Dolphin and Nashville will leave their anchorages at 10:30 and proceed to their positions off Liberty Island.

It is calculated that by a little after midday all of the warships will have passed out of the river and headed for sea, and at 1 o'clock the Mayflower, the Dolphin and the Nashville will return to their regular anchorages off 23d street and the guests aboard will be taken ashore.

The river from Fort Washington Point to Liberty Island will be cleared of traffic during the time that the fleet is going out into the bay, and this restriction will begin at 10 o'clock this morning. Those vessels that do not tie up to piers in the restricted district will have the privilege of anchoring south of the Mayflower or on the easterly side of the channel, south of Governor's Island. The regulation of traffic will be in charge of Commodore Bullard, U. S. N.

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