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UNCLE SAM'S FLEET AT NEW YORK

Views Taken From Flagship Wyoming

The great Atlantic fleet in New York waters is being viewed by great throngs of visitors. There are 26,000 sailors in port and New York will entertain the greatest number of naval fighters it has entertained in many years.

No greater throng ever was assembled on Riverside Drive at night than that which filled every available space and viewed the gorgeous picture on the Hudson when the fleet was again illuminated.

From Seventy-ninth street up to 158th street fifteen battleships outlined in scintillating lights rose out of the dark and delighted the eyes of the four miles of human beings stretched along the park. About 5,000 electric lights were used in the illumination of each ship, and from stern to bow, along the gun decks, up the skeleton masts and along the bridge, each vessel was outlined in thin lines of light.

The Wyoming, a glittering thing of beauty, had from her mast tops two slender electric outline poles, and at the top of each was a glittering white star. On the 27,000-ton wonder, the Texas, the electricians arranged an automatically-worked electric rocket that shot half way up the masts and then burst into a

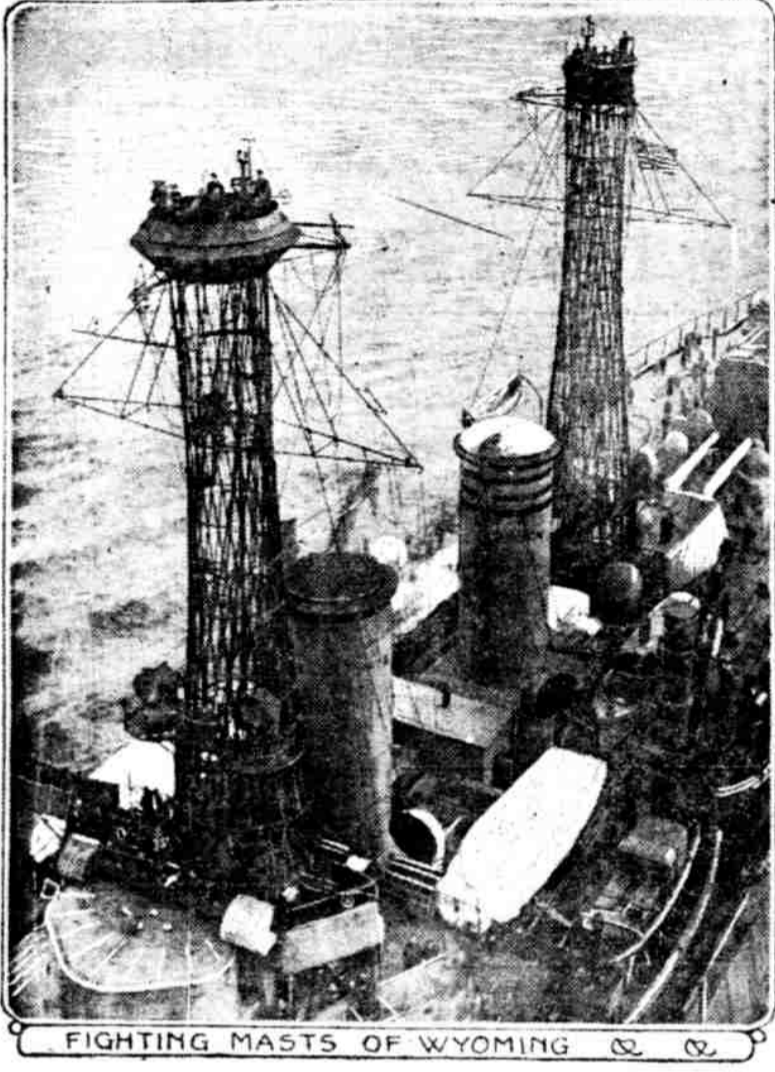
golden eight-pointed star, a tribute to the "Lone Star State."

From the Wyoming, at the head of the line, to the end, there was a long string of dancing fire, added to which were the searchlights of the entire fleet in play.

Hundreds of the orphan children of New York enjoyed a treat through the Messrs. Shubert. The latter chartered, in the name of the New York Hippodrome, a launch capable of carrying nearly 100 persons. This launch made a trip every two hours throughout the stay of the Atlantic fleet in the North River, traversing the entire length of the line of ships.

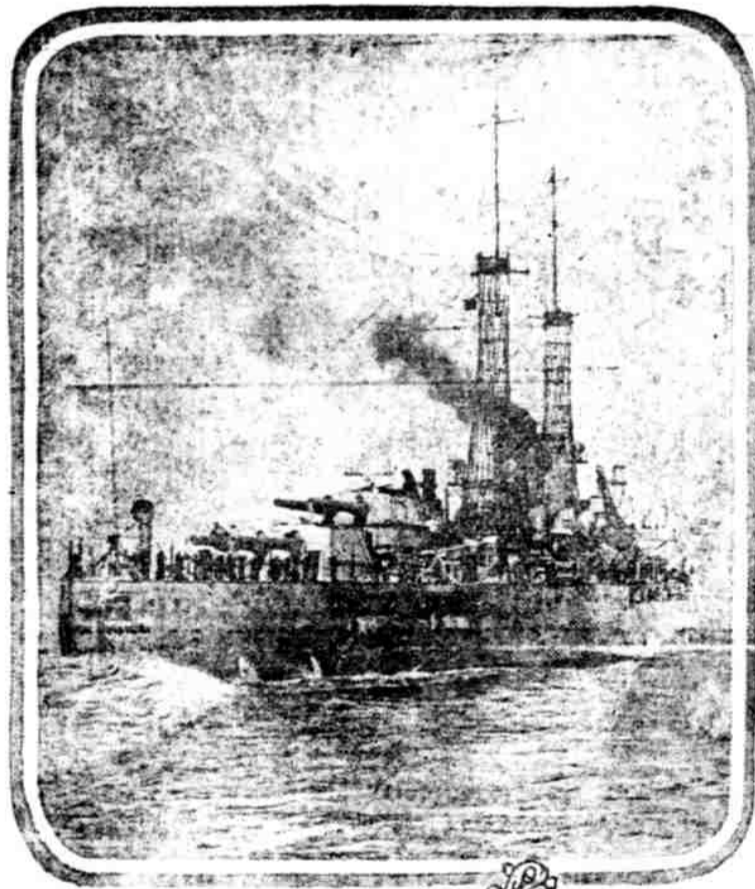
On each trip it carried a new group of orphans, and in this way it was able to accommodate upward of 500 each day.

The band that delighted visitors on board the Wyoming consists of thirty-seven pieces, and is the biggest and, it is claimed, the best in the navy. Its leader is Frank O'Connor, who lives in Denver, but who stops with his sister in Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, while in this city.



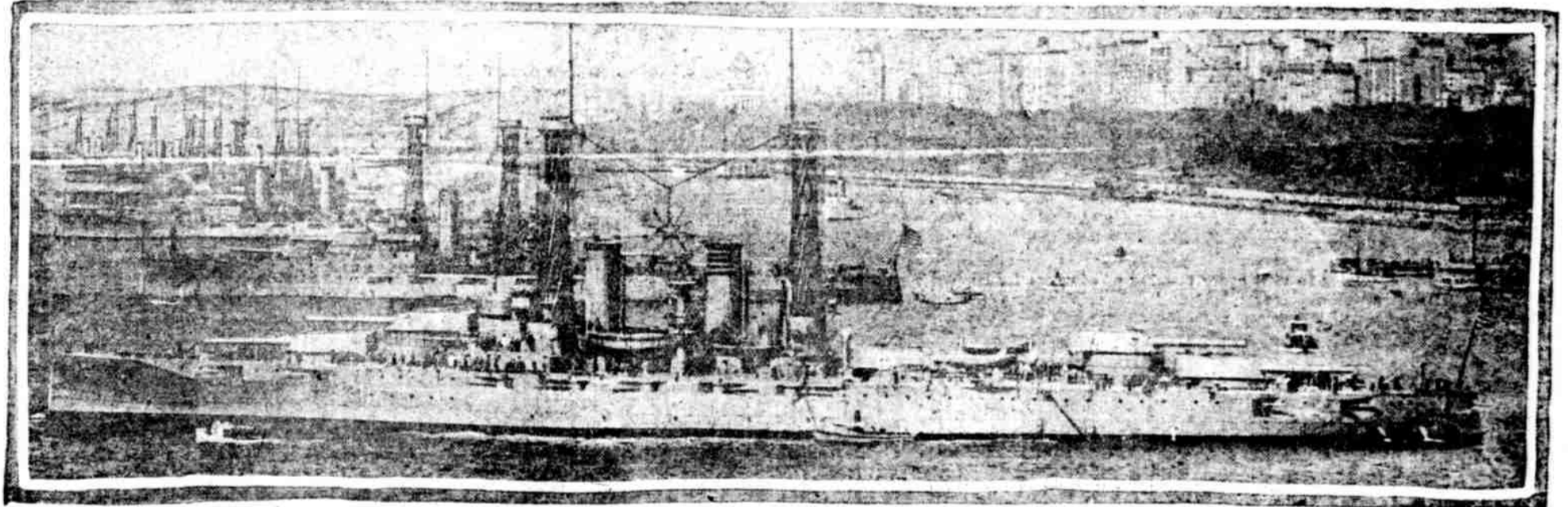
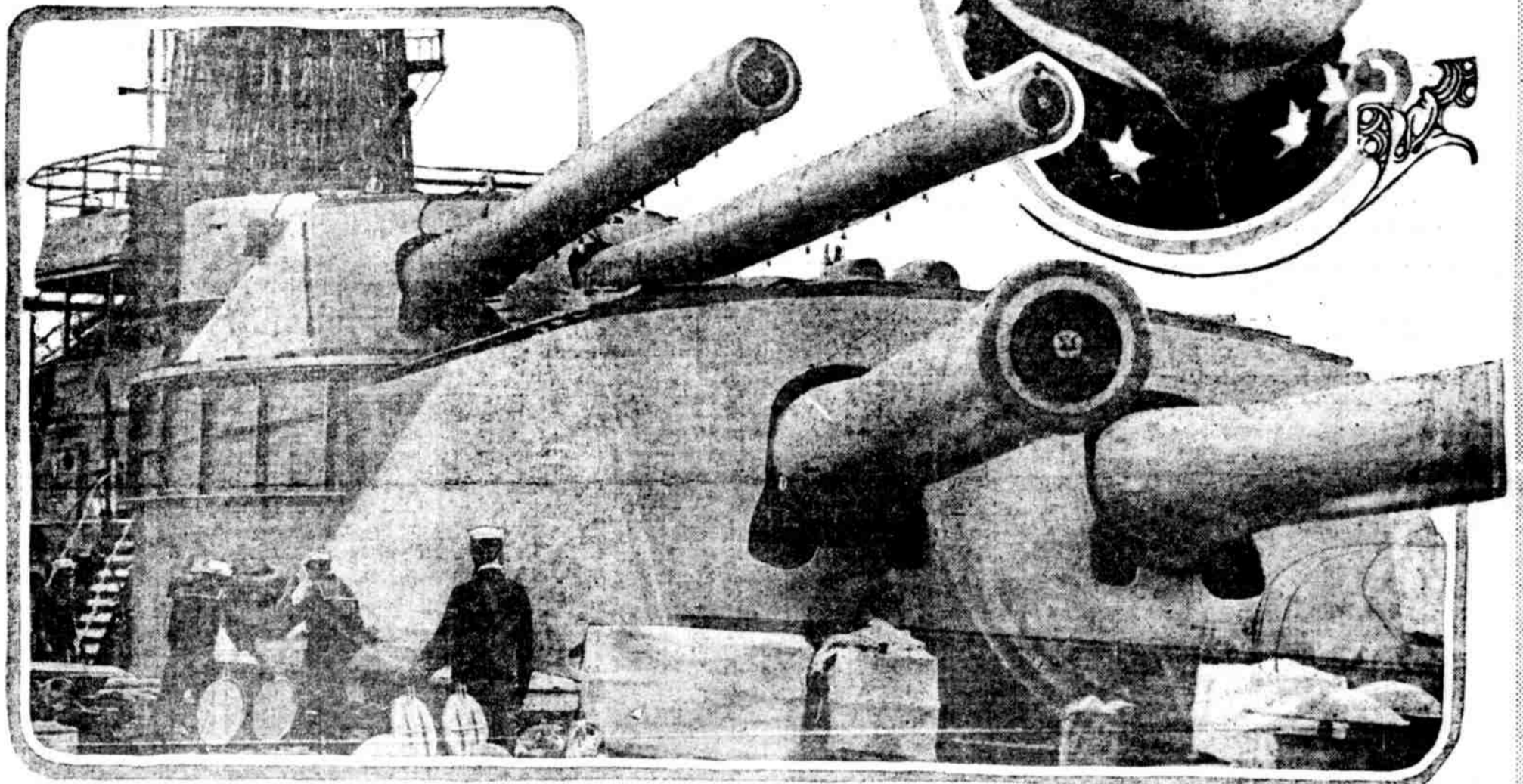
FIGHTING MASTS OF WYOMING

ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BULWARKS



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DREADNAUGHT NEW YORK



Commander, Guns and ships of the great fleet in the North River. Below Admiral Fletcher's portrait project the fourteen-inch rifles of the Dreadnought Texas. The river scene shows the anchored battleships swinging in the tide, the New York in the foreground, behind her the Texas, Delaware and North Dakota, up to the Utah, opposite Grant's Tomb. The photograph was taken from the flagship Wyoming.

KINSALE HEAD, NEAR WHICH LUSITANIA SANK

