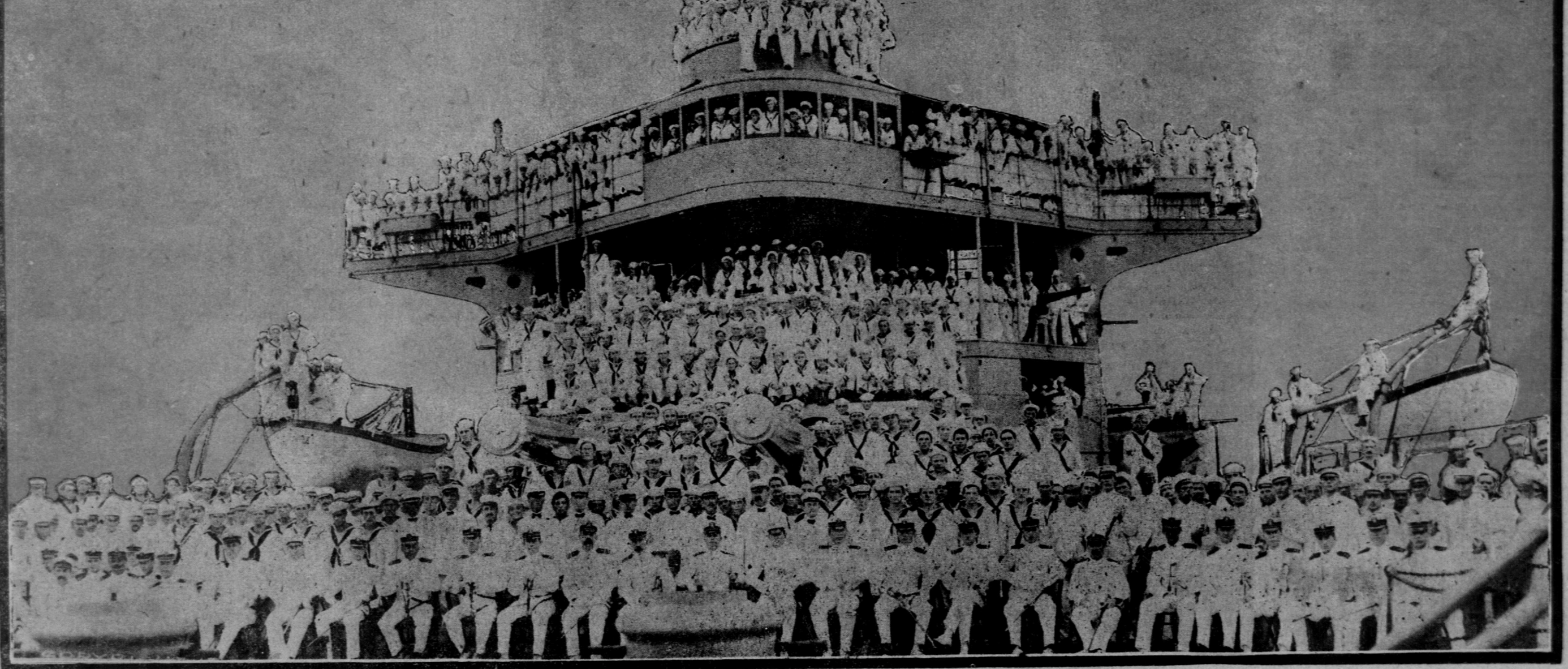


# HOW SAN FRANCISCO WILL RECEIVE ADMIRAL EVANS, HIS OFFICERS AND MEN.



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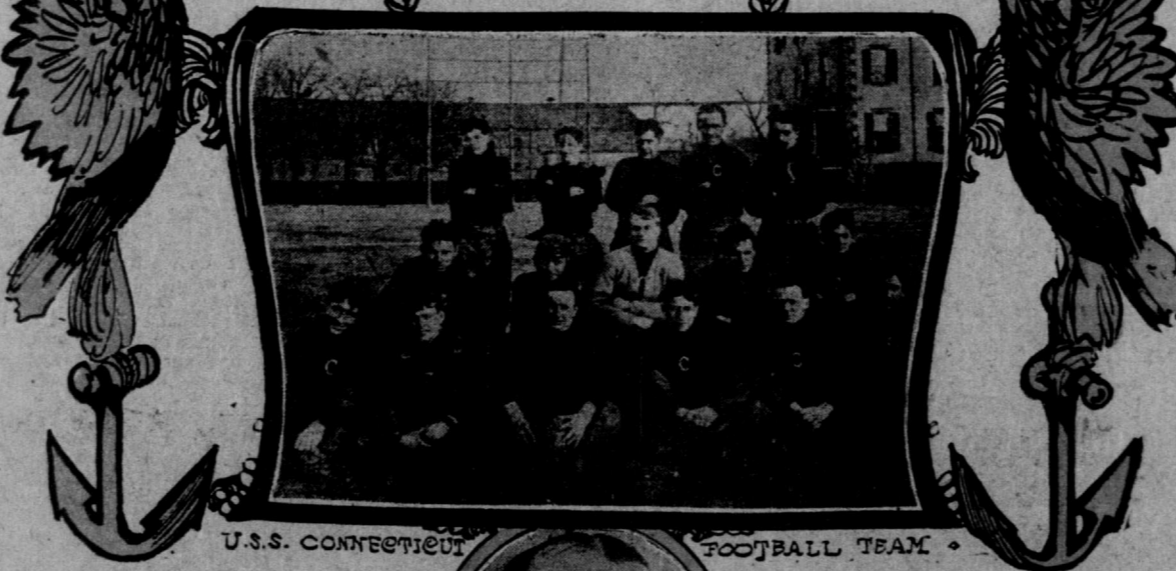
To entertain the fleet—officers and men—and not be stupid and banal about it, but to give them a genuine good time so that they will feel that the long, monotonous journey around the Horn has not been in vain, is the pleasure that awaits San Francisco. A thousand officers, mostly young, handsome and unattached, and 25,000 enlisted men in the same condition, will be here for 10 days. San Francisco has been their goal. Every point they have touched on the way here has only been a step nearer. From this port they make a new departure. Their arrival is a sort of climax with them. It is like the long deferred and expected kiss that closes the novel. The arrival of the fleet is a kind of

goal with San Francisco, too. It is an advertisement to the world that there is a great, new, flourishing city built on the ruins of the old to house the hospitable spirit which nothing could destroy. A full measure of this hospitality taken in good fellowship, unostentatiously, will show that the new city is as full blooded as the old. It is a subtle but a most effective advertisement.

Starting places and retreats, a chance to get acquainted and to be perhaps a little spongy under the wonderful California night while the band plays, sums up the needs of the jacky. He has money and he needs time in which to spend it. These facts have been considered, and this is what is prepared for the glad American youth who serves his country in a blue jacket. At the foot of Beale street, close to where the floats from which the men of the fleet will land, there is a handy clubhouse being fitted out where every man who wears the uniform will find a home and a starting place. There will be bedrooms, commodious baths, a restaurant, billiard and pool tables and a reading room—all that any club contains. Another center of attraction and rendezvous will be the pavilion at Eighth and Market streets, which will have an excellent dancing floor and a boxing ring. The youth of the navy are like all lusty youth; they



ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS and his little grandson.



U.S.S. CONNECTICUT FOOTBALL TEAM



CAPT. GREENLEAF MERRIAM, MISSOURI.

take the opportunities presented he will have a good time. Boxing, field sports, baseball and football he is expected to take up and the place is provided. It is a dead certainty that he will want to dance and not only halls and skating rinks innumerable have been placed at his disposal, but the pretty girls—really pretty ones, too—will be there waiting to be asked to dance. Could a man ask more for his pleasure? The delicate task of asking these girls is in able hands and a master of ceremonies with assistants will be at each ball to see that everything goes merrily. One big dance a night is all that is contemplated, but if more are desired they will be provided and the same magic carpet will bring before the wide eyes of the youth more ballrooms filled with pretty girls.

Then there are the band concerts which will be given every night—three or four of them. The possibilities of romance here beggar description, but that will be perfectly apparent to the jacky. The jacky's plea always is, "Just give me a chance to get acquainted," and if there are no masters of ceremonies at the band concerts, one night at a dance will give a jacky sufficient acquaintance to last him a good 10 days. One introduction at a dance has lasted many a man a lifetime and a merry, companionable girl will make time fly for a bluejacket just as quickly as for any one else.

It has also been considered that most of the men of the fleet have never seen California, so excursions have been provided into the country all about the bay. Citizens of interior towns also want to extend the glad hand and they will also be given their opportunity. Early fruits will be ripe in May and the memory of one luscious peach picked from the tree after 12,000 miles at sea will last in the mind of a healthy youth when everything else has faded from it.

San Francisco is providing all this for the enlisted men of the navy whole heartedly. It is glad and anxious to do it. Every one sympathizes with youth and strength, and there will be just as much fun giving a good time to the fresh unjaded American bluejacket as there is fun in it for him. There will be many a sad heart when he sails away, for sailors are famous for their conquests, and there will be many a smiling, sun bronzed face that will never be forgotten.

The notion has become well fixed that sailors are all alike and prefer to go their own pace ashore, so the entertainments for the officers of the fleet have been all made with an eye to that fact. There will be a few grand and formal affairs, when the splendor of the navy and the glory of the city will meet. The governor must hold a formal reception and the mayor as well. Banquets to which everybody who can get an invitation will go, and balls to which the whole city will turn out will follow closely on each other's heels. Every one recognizes the fact that this is the biggest social event that has ever occurred here, and the festivities will be in accordance. To every young unmarried woman's heart there comes a flutter at the thought of that

crowd of a thousand resplendent young navy officers. Everybody will take in everything, and the navy officers, like the enlisted men, will leave with their heads in a whirl.

Every afternoon at the Fairmont and St. Francis hotels there will be informal receptions, where the men of the navy and the girls they meet at the big affairs can meet on less formal ground and get acquainted. With the officers as with the men, the machinery has all been provided. It rests with the participants to take it up and use it.

At 1 o'clock Wednesday, May 6, San Francisco is to see the fleet make its triumphant entrance. By the time the 45 magnificent fighting machines have dropped anchor and swung to in the tide, the first formal call will be made upon the admiral, Evans, if fate is kind enough to him to let him do the one thing he desires of all others, command the American armada as it enters the Golden Gate, just before he retires. Otherwise Thomas will be in command. On this evening will be the first grand ball at the Fairmont and the first of the big balls for the enlisted men.

The next morning will be the parade. For this the embarcadero, at which the 80 companies from the fleet will land, will present a solid front of flowers before a huge pavilion of gay colors. The water features will contain such a crowd as never before. The way will be cleared and the wide eyed sailors will advance upon a street all flags, bunting and flowers. The ferry building will be hung from the clock to the sidewalk with immense flags, and when the line of march turns into Market street it will be solid with cheering humanity and American flags, as far as the interested sailor can see.

The governor will give a banquet this night and afterward a reception ending in a call. He will also receive with the mayor at the Fairmont immediately after the parade and present the whole state to the fleet for its enjoyment. On Friday will be the review of the fleet by Secretary Metcalf, and a banquet at the St. Francis to commanding officers. By this time the fun will be in full swing and all sorts of improvised pleasures will be under way. During the following week there will be auto rides, trolley rides, country excursions innumerable. The crews of different ships will return the good times given them by inviting every one to minstrel shows, and all the keen humor which a life at sea creates, will be turned loose on the city and we will be having the time of our lives. Instead of being the entertainers we will find ourselves the entertained, and, starting out to provide all the fun we could, we will find that the tables have been turned and the irrepressible American navy has had another victory.

<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 6</b> Arrival of fleet 3 p. m. Official calls in afternoon. Reception and ball at the Fairmont in the evening. Opening of clubhouse for enlisted men on Beale street and pavilion at Eighth and Market.	<b>SUNDAY, MAY 10</b> Yacht club cruise. Religious services at Eighth and Market streets pavilion.
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 7</b> Parade at 9 o'clock. Reception by Governor Gillett and Mayor Taylor at Fairmont after parade. Governor's banquet at Fairmont in the evening. First of the informal receptions at the Fairmont and St. Francis, continuing each day. First of the band concerts in Union square in the afternoon; in the evening at various unassigned parks and squares. First ball for enlisted men, continuing each evening.	<b>MONDAY, MAY 11</b> Breakfast to the correspondents with the fleet. Auto ride for 400 officers. Observation car ride for 1,000 enlisted men. Boat races off the city front for the Battenberg cup—the big navy event. Reception and ball at the Fairmont.
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 8</b> Review of fleet by Secretary Metcalf. Games in stadium. Boat races at Alameda. Banquet to commanding officers at St. Francis.	<b>TUESDAY, MAY 12</b> Children's day. Special arrangements to take 35,000 school children to see the warships.
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 9</b> Oakland day.	<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 13</b> Day of athletics at stadium. First of several trips to Mount Tamalpais.
	<b>THURSDAY, MAY 14</b> Berkeley day. Dinner in the evening by the Graduates' association of the United States naval academy.
	<b>FRIDAY, MAY 15</b> Santa Rosa day. Country excursions.

love to dance and show their strength, and see the town. Their desire for such entertainment will be raised to a high pitch from long abstinence. The city will be theirs and they will not feel that there is any public place where they are not wanted. The uniform that covers the brave and adventurous heart of the American bluejacket will receive no rebuffs here. Some one has pointed out that the jacky has the curiosity and inconsistency of a child. He will be taking in city life at night and in the morning