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THE NAVAL PARADE AND REVIEW.

The combined fleet of American and foreign war vessels which had been gathering at Hampton Roads for some two weeks previous, to participate in the inauguration of our Columbian festivities, sailed from that port on April 24 for New York, under command of Admiral Gherardi. The interchange of courtesies among the officers of so many different nations was most cordial, and interesting in the highest degree, the time which the vessels were at Fort Monroe being occupied by an almost uninterrupted round of entertainments, including boat races among the different crews and sea maneuvering by the vessels. The ships went to sea in double column, the American, German, and Dutch forming the port column, and the British, Russian, French, Italian, and Brazilian the starboard column, and in pretty nearly this order they reached the Lower Bay of New York on the following day. The three Spanish vessels, the Infanta Isabel, Reina Regenta, and Nueva Espana, having in tow the three Columbus caravels, did not remain at Hampton Roads, to come from there with the fleet; but fearing that the weather might not be favorable for the towing of the caravels, they made the voyage a day earlier, safely anchoring their small craft at the assigned places in the North River.

At 9 o'clock in the morning of April 26, the signal

to "Prepare to get under way" was flung out from the Philadelphia, Admiral Gherardi's flagship, and answering pennants responded from all the warships, where everything had been put in most complete readiness for making a grand entrance to the harbor and port of New York. The day was bright and beautiful, and a stately panorama was then presented to the many thousands who covered the high grounds of Staten Island and the Long Island shore from the Narrows up, and crowded the tops of buildings and the lines of the wharves of three cities as the combined fleet came forward up the magnificent bay and the noble river at slow speed, and the vessels maintaining measured distances, until the anchorage ground was reached, opposite the beautiful Riverside Park.

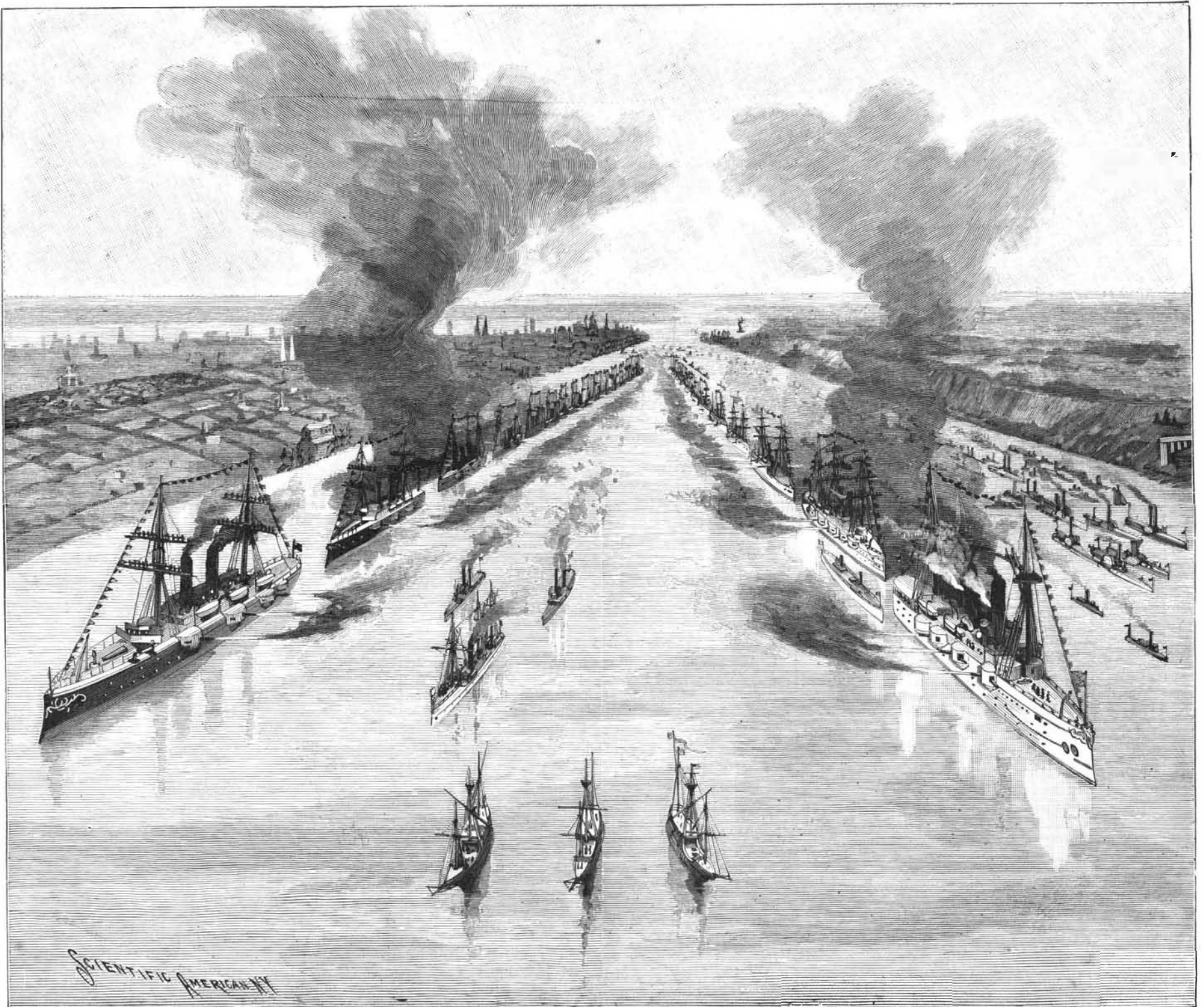
Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth saluted the vessels as they passed up, but on this occasion the salutes were only answered by the flags of the fleet. There was constant signaling between the vessels to maintain the proper distances and order, the formation and sailing order calling for 900 feet of water between columns and a similar distance between ships. The order of the parade, and in which the vessels came to anchor for the review on the following day, was as follows:

PORT COLUMN.—*United States*.—Rear Admiral Gherardi, commander-in-chief: 1, Philadelphia (flag).

2, Newark (flag). 3, Atlanta. 4, San Francisco. 5, Bancroft. 6, Bennington. 7, Baltimore. 8, Chicago (flag). 9, Yorktown. 10, Charleston. 11, Vesuvius. 13, Concord. *Argentina*.—Rear Admiral Howard. 13, 9 de Julio. *Holland*.—Capt. Arriens. 14, Van Speyk. *Germany*.—Capt. Buchsel. 15, Kaiserin Augusta. 16, Seeadler. *United States*.—17, Miantonomoh. STARBOARD COLUMN.—*Great Britain*.—Vice Admiral Sir John Hopkins, commander-in-chief. 1, Blake (flag). 2, Australia. 3, Magicienne. 4, Tartar. *Russia*.—Vice Admiral Koznokoff, commander-in-chief. 5, Dimitri Donskoi (flag). 6, General Admiral. 7, Rynda. *France*.—Rear Admiral de Libran, commander-in-chief. 8, Arethuse (flag). 9, Hussard. 10, Jean Bart. *Italy*.—Rear Admiral Magnaghi, commander-in-chief. 11, Etna (flag). 12, Giovanni Bausan. *Spain*.—Rear Admiral Gomez y Lono, commander-in-chief. 13, Infanta Isabel (flag). 14, Reina Regenta. 15, Nueva Espana. *Brazil*.—Rear Admiral de Noronha, commander-in-chief. 16, Aquidaban (flag). 17, Tiradentes. 18, Republica.

During the passage up, the U. S. monitor Miantonomoh did not take her position until the other vessels of the fleet had passed up the river, as she was stationed opposite the Battery to fire a salute from her great ten inch guns on the unveiling of a statue of John Ericsson at that place, the exercises in connection with the review.

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