

with the training ships Portsmouth and Jamestown, in command of Commander William C. Wise and Commander Charles V. Gridley. To these at 12 o'clock was added the Tallapoosa, with the Secretary of the Navy, the city government of Portsmouth, and a large party of naval officers and friends, on board, who, with the members of the press, brought down on the tug Leyden by Collector A. F. Howard, were transferred to the flagship Tennessee. The invited guests occupied positions on the quarter-deck, and the reporters on the bridge. The day was fine and the arrangements complete. Although the reception occurred a day earlier than was expected, the news had spread rapidly and thousands lined the shores. The harbor, brilliant with flags and pennants, was alive with every craft that floats, from a marine bicycle to a man-of-war. The day, the place, the preparations which had been made, the great assemblage of people, and the universal enthusiasm combined to make a reception fitting to the dignity of the occasion, and memorable in the history of naval pageants.

At 1 o'clock the fleet, led by the Alliance, steamed into the harbor, the Thetis followed by the Bear and the Alert. On the decks of the relief ships stood the remnant of the rescued and the gallant band of rescuers. At a signal from the flagship, the crews of the vessels of the squadron swarmed in the rigging, and as the anchors dropped cheer after cheer was given, while the band of the Tennessee played "Home Again," and the shores were white with waving handkerchiefs. The Secretary's barge, with Mrs. Greely and her brothers, Messrs. G. O. and C. A. Nesmith, on board, shot out from the side of the Tennessee, and reached the Thetis, where the