On a wintry morning, when the clouds hung low, our victory fleet, looming out of the fog, steamed proudly into the harbor. Beautiful gray phantoms, silent and swift and powerful. And leading the way came a stout little special patrol flying the flag of the Secretary.

At the conclusion of the greatest naval pageant in American history, Secretary Daniels, stationed aboard the Presidential yacht Mayflower, shown in this picture, received the commanders of the battleships, who motored over in fast diminutive navy tugs—the task of the fleet.