

Defence of Eastern Seaboard the Problem That Confronts Admiral Fletcher

The annual review near the mouth among the warships of the United States Fleet is today an event whose importance is not hard to exaggerate. It is the occasion upon which the Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Fleet, Admiral Philip S. Fischler, will inspect the vessels which form the defensive line for the Eastern seaboard of the United States. His inspection is to be made from his flagship, the cruiser Chester, and the ships of the Eastern Fleet will be arranged in a line of battle, with the cruiser on the port side and the battleships on the starboard side.

The purpose of the inspection is to test the efficiency of the fleet and to determine the readiness of the ships for service in defense of the country. The inspection will be conducted in a manner similar to that of a review, with the ships being arranged in a line of battle and the admiral riding on the cruiser Chester. The ships will be tested on their speed, maneuverability, and ability to fire their guns accurately. The admiral will also observe the condition of the crew and the readiness of the officers to take command in an emergency.

The Eastern Fleet is composed of several battleships and a number of cruisers and destroyers. The battleships are the most important ships in the fleet, and they are the ones that will be reviewed today. The admiral will be impressed with the strength and efficiency of the Eastern Fleet and will be satisfied that it is ready to serve in defense of the country.