

# ALL NEW YORK MAY SEE PRINCE LOUIS'S SHIPS

## British Cruiser Squadron to Anchor in the Hudson.

### ADMIRAL EVANS'S PLANS

American and Visiting Vessels to Form a Line from Grant's Tomb to Forty-second Street.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander in chief of the North Atlantic Fleet, the battleship and the armored cruiser squadrons, which have been designated by the Navy Department to welcome the British cruiser squadron, under Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, on its arrival in this country, the first of next month, has had some trouble in arranging for an anchorage in New York waters for Prince Louis's ships. Admiral Evans's own squadron is at present anchored in the Hudson, the great ships extending in a line that reaches from Forty-second to Seventy-ninth Street, and he had intended to again utilize the same anchorage when his squadron returns to New York after welcoming the British fleet at Annapolis.

The plan contemplated by the Admiral was for the British fleet to anchor to the south of his own, in a line that would extend from about Forty-second Street south to a point off Thirty-fourth or Thirty-third Street. In this latter arrangement, however, it appears that an obstacle was met in the regulations of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The other day Admiral Evans asked Capt. Newcomb of the Revenue Cutter Service to clear that space for the accommodation of Prince Louis's cruisers. Capt. Newcomb could only reply that the space in question was for the merchant marine and that the humblest craft that floats on the water had just as much right there as any of the battleships. Admiral Evans then decided to give the space now occupied by his own squadron to the British ships, and will himself take up an anchorage further up the river.

The result is that instead of a line of cruisers and battleships extending from Thirty-fourth to about Eightieth Street the line will be from a point off Forty-second Street to Grant's Tomb. The vessels that will form this magnificent line will be the armored cruisers Drake, Essex, Berwick, and Cornwall, under Prince Louis of Battenberg, and the battleships Maine, Missouri, Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Kearsarge, Iowa, and Massachusetts, and perhaps the armored cruisers West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Colorado, and the new protected cruiser Charleston, under Admiral Evans, the American vessels, with the exception of the Charleston, constituting the battleship and armored cruiser squadrons of the North Atlantic Fleet.

Admiral Evans's battleships probably will leave New York early next week for Hampton Roads, where they will be joined later by the cruisers under Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, and from which point the ships will proceed off Cape Henry about Oct. 31 to meet and escort the British fleet to Annapolis, where the combined American squadrons will welcome them. The British squadron will arrive in Annapolis Nov. 1, where elaborate plans have been made for their entertainment. While the ships are in the Severn Prince Louis and his staff and the American Admirals and their staffs will go to Washington to be presented to and to dine with President Roosevelt. The ships will arrive in New York on Nov. 9, and will remain until Nov. 17.

Of the British cruisers it may be mentioned that to a certain extent they resemble our own armored cruisers. The Drake, which is Prince Louis's flagship, like the new West Virginia class, has four funnels, and is of about the same tonnage. The Drake is of 14,100 tons displacement, is 500 feet long, and can make twenty-three knots when pushed. She cost about \$5,000,000, and was built at Pembroke, England, in 1901-3. Her armament consists of two 9.2-inch guns and a broadside of sixteen six-inch guns, eight to a side.

The other ships, the Essex, Berwick, and Cornwall, are sister ships of 9,800 tons displacement, and cost about \$1,000,000 each. Their fore and aft turret guns, as well as their broadside, consist of six-inch guns. Their speed is about twenty-three knots. Like the first of the American armored cruisers, the Brooklyn and the New York, they are each three-funneled craft.