

## **The Bridal Rose Overture**

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The first USS Minneapolis was commissioned in 1894 as part of the Great White Fleet and was powered by both sail and steam. Her early duties included being the flagship for Rear Admiral Thomas Selfridge who represented the United States at the Coronation of Czar Nicholas II. She visited various ports of call in Europe.

During the Spanish American War, she performed scouting duties in the West Indies and visited Cuba and Key West.

Later, in 1903 she participated in the centennial celebration of the Louisiana Purchase and then cruised the West Indies. In 1905 she carried scientists to study a solar eclipse and make scientific observations. She visited France and England before returning home. During World War I she protected convoys crossing the Atlantic.

The ship's band would be called on to play for visiting dignitaries during her visits to ports of call. She was decommissioned in 1921.

The band has several overtures from the USS Minneapolis including "*The Bridal Rose*" overture by C. Lavalley published in 1888.