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Title: All The King's Horses.  
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Voice: Stagg.

To Singapore, keystone of the Empire's Far Eastern defence system, a Pan-American Clipper brought the former Minister of Information, Mr. Duff Cooper, who was welcomed on arrival by Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief in the Far East. In Singapore, Mr. Duff Cooper, who is accompanied by his wife, Lady Duff Cooper, is the Cabinet representative on the spot. Firm action has made Japan pause. It's our job to see that she doesn't start again.

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First pictures of the aircraft carrier *Illustrious* in an American naval shipyard. She was damaged on convoy duty in the Mediterranean. Escaping under her own power to Alexandria, she later crossed the Atlantic, where President Roosevelt has thrown open U.S. dockyards to British men-o'-war. She'll soon be back.

*Formidable* is having the same treatment. Jack Tar's toggled up for inspection and afternoon action ashore. The commander is keeping everything ship-shape - marines on guard and the painting routine in full swing. By the way, more than thirty of our warships have been repaired in the States, including three battleships. Many are back in service. *Formidable* won't be long.

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