DOUGLAS, Ill., Oct. 4.?A hush fell over the crowd as the last of the ceremonial proceeded along the pier at the Union Station, there to witness the departure of the first vessel to be launched at the new factory.

The ceremony was marking the completion of the first vessel to be launched at the new factory. The vessel was a 2,000-ton steamer, and the crowd, estimated at 20,000, was in a state of expected excitement.

At a signal, the officials of the company proceeded to the pier, where the vessel was moored, and after a brief address, the launching ceremony was begun. The vessel was pushed off from the pier, and with a grand display of fireworks and music, it made its way to the open sea.

The ceremony was attended by many of the prominent citizens of the city, and the atmosphere was one of great enthusiasm. The vessel was a credit to the nation, and the crowd was confident that it would serve the country well.

The ceremony was concluded with a grand display of fireworks, and the crowd dispersed, leaving the pier in a state of excitement and anticipation for the vessel's future voyages.