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New Cruiser Des Moines Christened by Miss Elsie Macomber—Typical of a New Class of Naval Architecture—A Commerce Destroyer Able to Enter Small Island Harbors.

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