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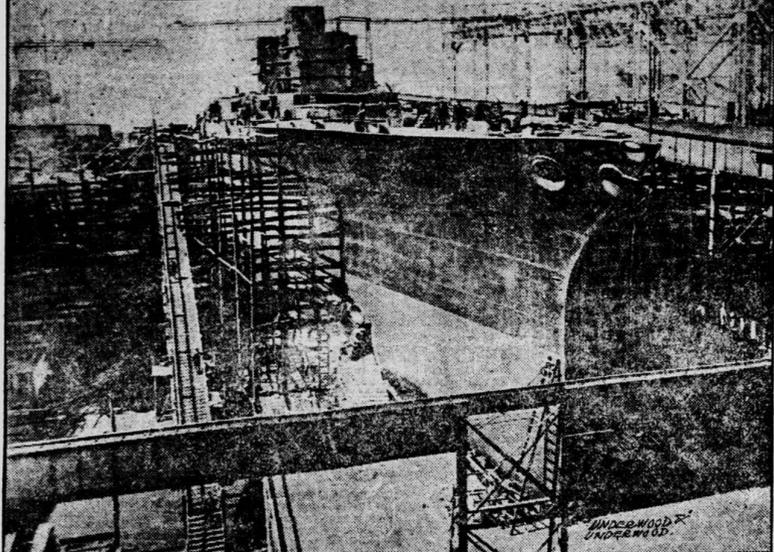
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AMERICA'S GREATEST DREADNAUGHT LAUNCHED TODAY.



Battleship Maryland, the biggest fighting ship ever built, takes the water at Newport News, Va. Mrs. E. Brooke Lee, daughter-in-law of former Senator Blair Lee of Maryland, christens the ship.

U. S. S. MARYLAND LAUNCHED BEFORE TURNING OF 12,000 Mrs. E. Brooke Lee Sponsor. Secretary Daniels and Gov. Richie Present.

By the Associated Press. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 20.—The battleship Maryland was launched successfully at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company a few minutes after 9 o'clock this morning. Mrs. E. Brooke Lee, wife of the controller of Maryland, was the sponsor.

Many Officials Present. Secretary Daniels of the Navy, Gov. Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland and a large party of officers of the Navy and Army were present, as was a large official delegation from Maryland. The battleship went off the ways without a hitch, while hundreds of whistles and bells sounded thousands in applause. The weather was ideal, and more than 12,000 persons witnessed the launching, the first big public event of its kind here since the United States declared war on Germany.

Mrs. Lee had as her matrons of honor Mrs. Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy; Mrs. Harris Franklin and Mrs. Henry Vander Cabel. Among the officers of the Navy and the Army present were Admiral Fechtler, commandant of the fifth naval district; Admiral Burrage, commandant of the Hampton Roads naval base and Brig. Gen. Hagood, commander of Camp Eustis.

The Secretary of the Navy and launching party inspected the shipyard immediately after the launching. They then moved to the Mayflower and steamed down to Old Point. There the entire party went ashore and inspected Fort Monroe and the ruins of the Chamberlayne Hotel, which was destroyed by fire a short time ago. Secretary Daniels went to the Hampton Normal School for a brief visit.

The launching party had a post-launching luncheon on the Mayflower about 1 o'clock, and the yacht then went to the Hampton Roads naval base in order that Secretary Daniels might inspect this.

Largest U. S. Battleship. The Maryland is the first of four ships of her class to be launched and is one of the ten superdreadnaughts authorized in the first three-year building program adopted in 1916. With a length of 624 feet over all, a beam of 97 feet and full load displacement of 32,500 tons, it is the largest fighting craft built for the American navy and when commissioned will be one of the most powerful battleships in the world.

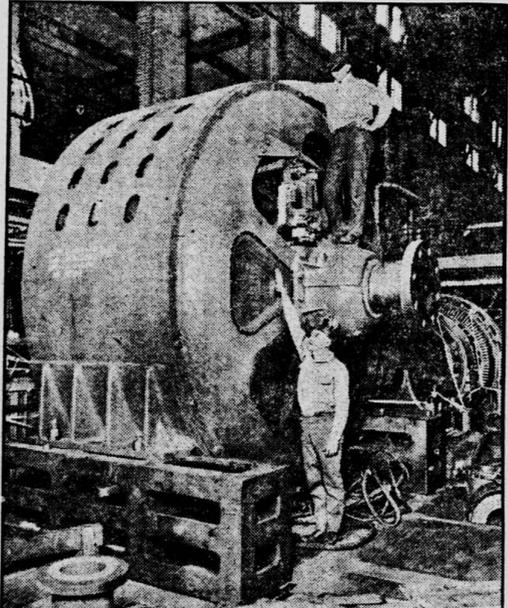
Originally designed to carry twelve 14-inch rifles, the plans for the ship were so changed during the war that she will have instead eight 16-inch guns—the first of this size ever mounted on a ship. They will be mounted on two each in four turrets on the center line, two forward and two aft. They will be larger by one inch than the great guns on the British ships of the Queen Elizabeth class which were used in the bombardment of the Dardanelles.

Keel Laid in April, 1917. Battleships designed since the Maryland was laid down, however, will be even more powerful. They will carry twelve 16-inch rifles and will measure 684 feet over all with a displacement of 43,200 tons. Their speed will be 22 knots and they will have 21 knots of the Maryland and practically all previous classes of American dreadnaughts.

The Maryland's keel was laid April 24, 1917, eighteen days after the United States declared war on Germany. Work on her was delayed by reason of the rush in getting out destroyers to fight submarines, but it has been rushed since the armistice and the vessel is now nearly three-quarters completed. She will be electrically driven by four propellers, the power for which will be furnished by turbines of approximately 18,000 horsepower. Steam will be furnished by eight oil burning boilers.

Development of Electric Drive. The history of the development of electrically propelled ships in the United States follows: 1907—First application of the principle adapted to fire boats of the city of Chicago. 1912—U. S. S. collier Jupiter, only naval vessel of her nation equipped for electric drive, launched at Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco, after design of W. L. Emmet of General Electric Company. 1917—Emmet's principles applied to U. S. S. New Mexico, built and launched at Newport navy yard. 1919—U. S. S. Tennessee launched New York navy yard. Navy Department adopts electric drive for six new battle cruisers to have a speed of thirty-five knots and develop 180,000 horsepower each. Fishing trawler of 100 tons equipped with electric drive, the first installation of its kind to vessels of this class. Launching of U. S. S. California, Mare Island. 1920—U. S. S. Maryland launched at Newport News, Va.

Magruder Arrives in Finland. Alexander R. Magruder, former secretary of the American embassy at Madrid, has arrived at Helsinki, Finland, where he will act as American charge d'affaires.



One of the propeller motors for the huge ship.

DR. KAPP KNOWN TO SIMON WOLF AS "LINCOLN KAPP" Leader Against Ebert Rule. Named After President. Born in America. Lincoln Kapp.

The above is the real name of the famous Dr. Wolfgang von Kapp, who engineered the movement in Berlin which threw out the Ebert government for a few days. Simon Wolf of this city knew the father of the present Kapp very well, and in discussing father and son today spoke of the younger Kapp as above entitled.

"His name is Lincoln," said Mr. Wolf. "He was named after our great Lincoln. His father, Frederick Kapp, was very well known to me, although I never saw the son. His father was a member of the electoral college which elected Abraham Lincoln to the White House."

"Frederick Kapp was a great admirer of Lincoln, and when his son was born he called him Lincoln. There was no 'von' in the name in those days, and, as far as I know, 'Lincoln' was the entire name of the present Dr. Kapp."

The elder Frederick Kapp, father of the present von Kapp, whose name has figured largely in news from Berlin during the past week, came to America with other German immigrants following the conflicts of 1848, according to Mr. Wolf. Kapp was one of the liberty-loving Germans who came to America to seek freedom.

Frequent Washington Visitor. He settled in New York and became a well-to-do lawyer, making frequent visits to the National Capital, upon one of which visits Simon Wolf met him. Their acquaintance ripened into a friendship which endured until Frederick Kapp went back to Germany, following the Franco-Prussian war. He took his son with him, and he took from then on. Mr. Wolf said he lost track of his old acquaintance until the present von Kapp was a splendid man, a man of large learning," Mr. Wolf said, "reminiscently, as he sat in his library. He pointed to the book-lined shelves, extending to the ceiling. 'Some place among my books is a volume written by Frederick Kapp, entitled 'The History of the Germans in America.' I do not know exactly where it is. It is written in German."

Mr. Wolf said that Frederick Kapp was more of a German than an American, and never returned. During the years beginning with about 1882 and ending shortly after the conclusion of the Franco-Prussian war, Mr. Wolf took dinner many times with Frederick Kapp. "I never saw Lincoln Kapp," said Mr. Wolf.

The veteran lawyer recalled the cable to the Star of March 15, in which Gordon Stiller was written by which the latter said: "Eligible for Presidency." "Why, do you know," he said, smiling, "that I am eligible for the presidency of the United States? I was born there as an American citizen. My father was a veteran of the war of 1848, and wrote several books on the Germans in America. He was a member of the American embassy at Berlin when Abraham Lincoln to the White House. Mr. Wolf has among his papers several letters written by Frederick Kapp to him, in which purely business matters are discussed. In recalling his old acquaintance, Mr. Wolf said that just this week he has received a letter from an official of the former German embassy here, one

GENTLE SPRING ENTERS. AT 4:59 P.M. TODAY

Watch out for spring at exactly 4:59 o'clock this afternoon. That is the hour and exact minute, standard eastern time, when Miss Spring will step this way, according to the officials of the United States Naval Observatory.

In their scientific language, at the time the center of the sun will cross the equator officially ending winter and as officially beginning what is known as spring. Here is the way the various classes of people will probably greet the time: Poet: "Spring is here, tra, la!" Housewife: "I must begin John's dinner."

John: "Well, I guess I'll close up shop for today." Street car conductor: "Stop lively, please." Motorman: "Back door!" Gladys: "How do you like my new suit?" "Look over there." Bulldog: "Woof! woof!" Sparrow: "Chirp! chirp!" Rain: "Patter, patter, patter." Federal employe: "Let me get up front, please."

Newspaper: "Star!" The weather bureau couldn't get up much enthusiasm over the first day of spring today, although the prediction was for a cloudy day and tomorrow, with the temperature dropping to the neighborhood of freezing point. Tomorrow is to be somewhat warmer, according to the local forecaster. The day dawned with the clouds all heavy, but a snowfall, but the forecaster said today there is little likelihood of snow.

DRIVER LEAVES VICTIMS OF MOTOR CAR HELPLESS

Two Women Are Seriously Hurt at Scott Circle—Several Accidents in Other Parts of City.

Mrs. Lucy Brown, seventy-two years old, and her daughter, Miss Beaulieu Smith, forty years old, residing at 3208 14th street, were seriously injured last night as a result of being struck by an automobile on Rhode Island avenue near Scott Circle. The driver of the automobile failed to stop leaving mother and daughter helpless. The police are looking for him.

Frank Easby-Smith, 1721 S street, came to the assistance of the injured women and took them to Emergency Hospital. Mrs. Brown received a broken arm, fracture of the collar bone and numerous cuts and bruises about the body. Her daughter received a broken arm, injuries to her scalp and numerous cuts and bruises. Maj. Joseph Carter, U. S. A., 1331 Rhode Island avenue, stepped from the curb at 12th and H streets last night about 8 o'clock, was struck by an automobile driven by John Sharp, 184 Mintwood place, and his head and right leg were injured. He was given first aid at Emergency Hospital and taken home.

William Lerch, fifteen years old, 223 Bates street, received a slight injury to his left ankle yesterday afternoon when his bicycle and a delivery wagon driven by William Thompson, 137 E. Street, collided. The boy was 12th and B streets southeast. He was given first aid at Casualty Hospital.

Miss Ella Wade, 600 7th street northeast, was struck by an automobile owned and driven by E. A. Carpenter at North Capitol street and Rhode Island street last night. She was not seriously hurt. While backing an automobile on an elevator at 1123 Connecticut avenue yesterday, Clarence Horn, twenty-four years old, 3066 M street, was injured when caught between the elevator and floor. He was treated at Emergency Hospital.

SHARES PROFITS WITH EMPLOYEES.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 20.—Arthur Nash, president of the A. Nash Company, tailors, announced to his 400 employees recently that beginning at once the net profits of the business would be equally divided between the company and the employees after 7 per cent had been paid on the investment and the employees had received the regular union scale of wages.

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Abe Martin Says:



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WHITE SLAVERY CHARGED.

Two Men Arrested Following Statements of Young Girls. Their girls, one twelve and the other fourteen years old, came here from their homes in Baltimore a week ago. Their absence alarmed their parents and police of several cities were asked to search for them. It was known that they had come to this city. It is stated, and while a police search for them was in progress they were seen at a hotel and turned over to the police woman's bureau.

Arthur James Shugars, thirty years old, 46 G street southwest, and William Edgar Gottwalt, twenty-seven years old, 1210 Irving street, were arrested as a result of a police investigation of statements the girls made, and yesterday they were arraigned before United States Commissioner Mason N. Richardson on a charge of alleged violation of the Mann white slave law.

Counsel for the defendants waived a preliminary hearing and furnished bond in the sum of \$1,000 to await the action of the grand jury. The girls will return here next week and be examined by the grand jury. Automobile trips across the river to Virginia were included in statements the girls made of their conduct while here.

AIDS COLORED Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Baker One of First Contributors—Other Gifts to Fund. Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of the Secretary of War, was one of the first contributors to the \$25,000 drive for the maintenance of the colored Young Women's Christian Association at 8th street and Rhode Island avenue. The drive is for ten days, and began March 16. Among the many other contributors to this fund are: Mrs. Francis Boyce, \$205; Mrs. E. J. Department Store, \$100; Mrs. Betty Francis, \$100; Dr. Thomas Martin and wife, \$100; Miss M. P. Shadd, \$100; Miss E. D. Merritt, \$100; Miss Rhetha Dillard, \$100; Sanitary Grocery Company, \$50; Dr. Charles Tignor, \$50; Blue Mouse Theater, \$25; Elishop and Mrs. Ross, \$25; S. Kann Sons Co., \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamlin, \$25; Dr. Frank E. Davis, \$25, and Miss E. D. Barrier, \$25.

Returns are being made daily at the Blue Triangle Recreation Center, 1536 14th street. Checks should be made payable to Miss M. P. Shadd, treasurer.

MEXICAN FEDERALS DEFEAT VILLISTAS.

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