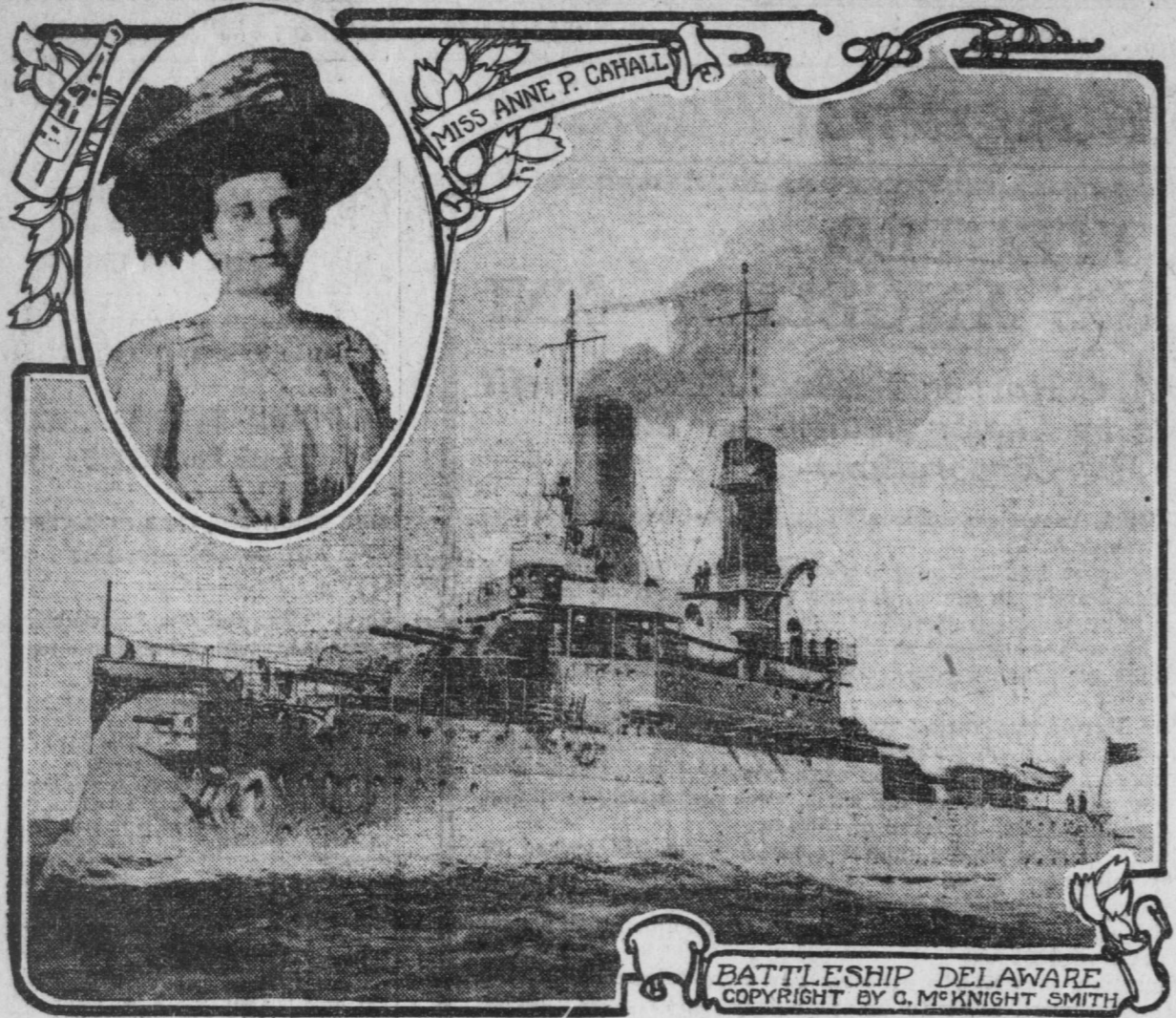


First American Dreadnaught, the Delaware, Launched Yesterday, and Photo of Sponsor



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WORLD'S MOST FORMIDABLE WARSHIP LAUNCHED

Thousands Attend Christening of \$3,987,000 Naval Monster at Newport News, Va.—Is Magnificent Vessel

[By Associated Press.] NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 6.—The great battleship Delaware was successfully launched from the yards of her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, today.

The launching was witnessed by 8000 people, among those present were Assistant Secretary of the Navy Saterlee and Governor Pennewell of Delaware and his staff.

The battleship was christened with champagne by Miss Anne Pennewell Cahall of Bridgeville, Del., a niece of the governor, who had as her assistants Miss Florence Hazel of Dover and Miss Ellen Coleman Dupont of Wilmington.

The launching was followed by an elaborate banquet.

Surpasses All Vessels Compared with the battleships, completed or under construction, of the navy of any foreign power, the Delaware surpasses all.

She is one of four sister ships authorized by congress which will form an indomitable squadron. The other vessels are the North Dakota, being built at Quincy, Mass.; the Florida, which will be built at the New York navy yard, and the Utah, to be built at Camden, N. J.

The Delaware is to carry a heavy armor and as powerful armament as any known vessel of its class; will have a speed of 21 knots and will have the highest practicable range of action.

The arrangement of her main battery guns will permit a broadside 25 per cent greater than the broadside of any other battleship now built, or so far as is known, under construction.

Defensive Qualities Her defensive qualities, other than those dependent upon armor protection, are such as to give the maximum degree of protection to all the vital portions by means of unusually effective compartmental subdivisions, so that, in conjunction with her armor protection, the defensive qualities of this vessel are believed to be distinctly superior to those of any other battleship hitherto designed.

The hull is protected by a water-line belt of armor eight feet in width, whose maximum thickness is eleven inches. This armor belt gives effective protection to the boilers, machinery and magazine spaces. The side above the main armor belt is protected by armor seven feet three inches wide, and of a maximum thickness of ten inches.

Above the main casemate armor amidships the side is protected by armor of five inches thickness, which affords protection to the smoke pipes, the major portion of the secondary battery of five-inch guns and the hull structure.

Vessel Cost \$3,987,000 The contract for the Delaware was placed August 6, 1907, at a price of \$3,987,000. Her keel was laid November 11, 1907.

The Delaware is 510 feet in length on load water line, 35 feet 2 inches in breadth, and her mean draft to bottom of keel at trial displacement about 27 feet. Her coal bunker capacity is 2500 tons, which is sufficient to send her at a 10-knot speed a distance of 8720 knots or 28 days' steaming. Provision is also made for the storage of a large amount of fuel oil without in any degree reducing the capacity of her coal bunkers.

She will have triple expansion reciprocating engines, and will require over 900 men to man her.

Her armament will consist of a main battery of ten 12-inch breech loading rifles, and her secondary battery will be fourteen 5-inch rapid fire guns, four 3-pounder saluting guns, four 1-pounder semi-automatic guns, two 3-inch field pieces, and two machine guns of .30 caliber. She has two submerged torpedo tubes.

The Delaware will have a displacement on trial of 20,000 tons, or 2100 tons greater than the British Dreadnaught, and 750 tons greater than Great Britain's latest vessel of that type, the Vanguard.

"What is the best book?" Aunt Laura is offering prizes for letters on the subject from the boys and girls of the southwest. Write to her in care of this office.

GILLETT DENIES FEAR OF CLASH

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Los Angeles without acquainting me with his receipt of such a message, and I have not learned its contents. "I have made up my mind that the president and the members of his cabinet are not taking this stand unless there are splendid reasons for their doing so.

"Anyone might draw that conclusion from the matters already made public. I do not know, however, that the president and his advisers are much concerned, but this information is derived from the tenor and urgent character of the messages they have sent.

"I do not believe the legislature will commit itself to any undertaking that does not reflect the sentiment of the entire state; nor do I think any action will be taken without giving this complicated matter the attention it merits.

"My last word on the subject is expressed fully in the message I sent to the assembly yesterday, urging reconsideration of the bill providing for the segregation of Japanese school children.

"The intention of the state to organize sixteen artillery companies to man the coast defenses of California Governor Gillett attributed to a revival of the project undertaken some time ago at the behest of the national government.

"The original request by the secretary of war was made several months ago," explained the governor. "For several reasons it was not possible to go ahead with the project at once, but when the secretary again urged the need for such action, in a letter received about ten days ago, I requested Adjutant General Lauck and Inspector General Wilhelm to undertake the organization of such military companies as were described.

"I have been given to understand the military authorities have already communicated with the San Francisco chamber of commerce, urging that as many companies as possible be raised in this city, and that similar action is to be taken in other coast cities. It has been well known fact that there are not sufficient men available on the coast to man many of the guns and mortars composing its defenses, and I hope to see this condition of affairs terminated when the call is made."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

TO HANG EIGHT MEN—Friday, March 5, will be hangman's day in Louisiana. Eight men, the largest number executed in one day in the state for many years past, will be hanged at that time unless their sentences are stayed.

BIG AUTO EXHIBIT—Machines valued at more than \$2,000,000 representing the exhibits of 25 different makers, are shown at the automobile show which opened in Chicago yesterday. The exhibition is said to be the largest ever held in the west.

PRISONER IS DEAD—William Fox, who commanded General Miles' pack train in the Indian campaigns in Montana and the Dakota, died yesterday at Anacosta, aged 57. He was praised in general orders for saving Miles' supplies by personal sacrifice.

MAY DEFEY PRESIDENT—An attempt will be made in the national house of representatives according to the plans of house leaders to pass the census bill over the veto of the president. It is said. The action on the veto will be postponed probably until an opportune time next week.

ODD COINCIDENCE—There are two Jacob H. Marks running for the Republican nomination for city clerk in Chicago. The original Marks is employed by the corporation counsel's office. He is unable to understand why a rival candidate of the same name has been put in the field.

REPORT UNFOUNDED—Search at Doby Bar off Georgia for the steamer Munin, proves the story that the steamer had reached there safely was unfounded. Fear increases here that the vessel may have been the mysterious steamer reported to have gone down off Diamond Shoals lightship.

REPBURN DENIES—"It's a lie, and therefore I don't care to say anything about it," replied Representative Reburn of Iowa when the report that he had abandoned his contest with W. D. Jamieson, a Democrat, for the seat in congress from the Eighth Iowa district, was called to his attention.

FORGER ARRANGED—Fred E. Signor, who pleaded guilty to having forged James A. Murray, the capitalist's name, was arraigned for sentence in Oakland yesterday. Testimony from Doctors Hamlin and Cooper as to the mental condition of the prisoner was heard. The case was adjourned until Tuesday.

IMPORTANT CAPTURE—Sheriff Veale of Oakland now believes that in the capture of George Barnovich, one of the three men connected with the dynamiting of the Crockett home there, that he has the leader of a band of professional dynamiters. Barnovich had \$600 in gold on his person when locked up. The men will be arraigned next Monday.

EDITOR EXPIRES—"Joe" Donahue, pioneer newspaper man of Cripple Creek and Goldfield, and well known as one of the ablest mining writers in the west, is dead of pneumonia and uraemic poisoning after an illness of one week in Goldfield. During the past two years he has been mining editor of the Goldfield Tribune.

Elks will have charge of the funeral arrangements for which have not been completed.

JAPANESE PRESS SEEMS FRIENDLY

SITUATION IN CALIFORNIA HAS VARIOUS ASPECTS

Bulletin Boards at Tokio Are Scanned by Crowds Eager for Latest Developments in the United States

[By Associated Press.] TOKIO, Feb. 6.—The passage by the lower house of the Nevada legislature of an anti-Japanese resolution was received here with remarkable indifference. The publication of the text of the resolution aroused active resentment only in the columns of the second rate press.

The leading newspapers, in commenting on the resolution, pointed out the fact that Nevada was a small state and did not necessarily represent the sentiment of the American people.

Foreign Minister Komura, in addressing the house of lords today, repeated verbatim the speech he made in the diet a few days ago. His remarks caused no discussion.

The absence of extended comment on the situation in the Japanese newspapers is believed to be due to the reported action of the California legislature in defeating the Drew anti-alien land bill and also to the recommendations of the New York board of trade and Roosevelt's letters and telegrams to Governor Gillett, all of which have been fully reported in the local press.

The leading newspapers today comment favorably on the present aspect of the situation.

What Some Papers Say The Asahi says that notwithstanding many misunderstandings, the relations of America and Japan remain unimpaired.

The Hochi, one of the papers which has most bitterly denounced the action of the California legislature, congratulates Japan on the maintenance of good relations with the United States and says that it would be a matter for deep regret if the action of the California legislature had damaged the position of the people of California should cripple the commercial and diplomatic relations of the two countries.

The Hochi declares that it is evident the present disturbance is only temporary.

Notwithstanding the improved tone of the press, it is quite evident that the recent action of the California and Nevada legislatures has created a feeling among commercial men and even in the official element, which is calculated to damage the position of the United States with Japan, which formerly was becoming steadily stronger.

Reports emanating from correspondents of Japanese newspapers, with the exception of the Ichi, Dempo and Jiji, have created a deep effect upon the masses of the Japanese.

The newspaper bulletin boards are continually surrounded by readers of the lower classes whose serious faces and comments show the effect of the news contained in the dispatches from the United States.

Even among the better classes, the Japanese find it impossible to conceal their chagrin at the response of the United States to Japan's hospitality to the officers and men of the battleship fleet and other visitors from America.

SUPPOSED BACHELOR DIES; FOUR WIVES VIEW CORPSE

New Yorker Has Three Widows by His Bier at Same Time

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Each bearing a marriage certificate, four women appeared at a local undertaking establishment late yesterday to claim the body of W. S. King, who was a well-known figure in the tenderloin district. He died Wednesday, and although the four supposed wives have since turned up, it was the general belief among his friends that he was a bachelor.

Three of the "Mrs. Kings" viewed the body together, having arrived at the undertaking establishment within a few minutes of each other. A hysterical scene ensued, and each woman was positive in her assertion that the body before her was that of her husband.

The third woman had already claimed the body, and had become so hysterical that the undertaker at last requested all to leave the place. They had scarcely left when the fourth woman came, and another scene was enacted.

The undertaker was in a quandary for a while, but finally decided to recognize only the first Mrs. King. The funeral of the much-claimed husband will be held today.

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LATE SENATOR ALLISON IS EULOGIZED BY MANY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The splendid qualities of mind and the character of the late Senator William B. Allison, for thirty-five years a United States senator and eight years a member of the house of representatives, were the subject of many eulogies in the senate today.

Nineteen senators spoke in praise of the public services of Senator Allison. The addresses consumed the entire day.

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