

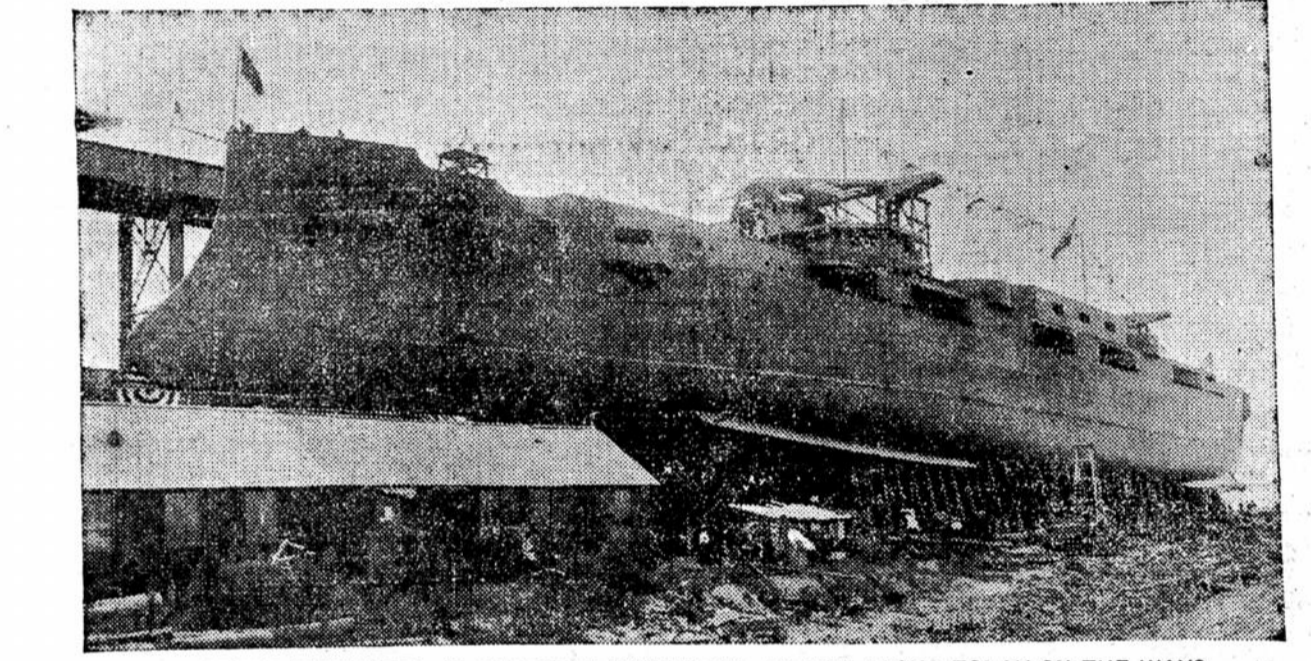
GREAT BATTLESHIP MINNESOTA SOON TO SLIDE INTO THE SEA

Some Time in March the Pride of the Navy Will Be Launched—A Wonderful Craft With All the Latest Ideas in Naval Fighting Machinery—Detailed Description of Her Construction, Armament and Equipment.

Special to The Journal. Newport News, Va., Feb. 4.—The liveliest interest is steadily excited in the launching of the first-class battleship Minnesota, which will be sent overboard at the yard of the Newport News Shipbuilding company some time in March.

There will be a uniform thickness of 6 inches. The conning tower and shield will each be 9 inches thick and the signal tower 6 inches. An armor tube 36 inches in diameter will extend from the base of the conning tower to the protective deck and will be 6 inches thruout.

There is a complete protective deck extending from stem to stern, the deck being flat amidships but sloped at the sides thruout and sloped at each end. It will be built up to the 20-pound plating thruout, with nickel-steel of 40 pounds on the flat and 100 pounds on the slopes.

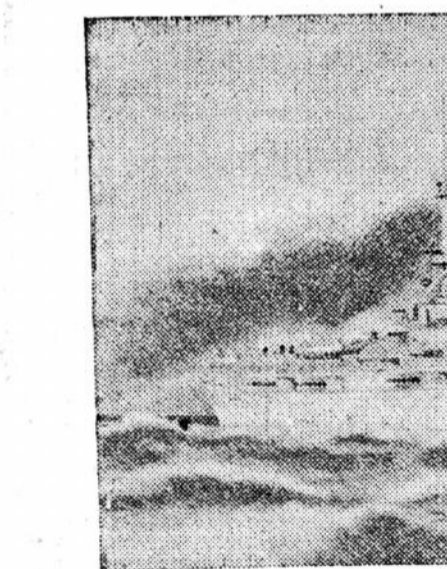


BATTLESHIP MINNESOTA—55 PER CENT COMPLETED—AS SHE LOOKS TODAY ON THE WAYS.

most magnificent and powerful battleships afloat. The greatest precaution is being taken in the placing of the cradle, for the slightest mistake in the design or smallest flaw in the structural material might result in the destruction of the massive ship and the crushing out of hundreds of human lives.

Breadth, extreme, at load water-line ..... 75 10-12 Displacement on trial, not more than, tons ..... 16,900 Mean draft to bottom of keel, at trial, displacement, feet ..... 24 1-2 Gross draft, full load, feet ..... 25 2-4 Total bunker capacity, tons ..... 2,900

rooms and dynamo rooms are arranged with air spaces. The ammunition for the 7-inch and smaller guns will be conveyed by hoists directly from the ammunition rooms or ammunition passages to the deck on which it is required.



THE LOUISIANA—AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF THE MINNESOTA, BOLT FOR BOLT AND RIVET FOR RIVET, THE BUILDERS SAY.

ing from the bewildering network of scaffolding makes a most interesting picture. The gun ports for the battleship's main deck guns have been cut in the hull and the armor that protects the gunners from the enemy's fire has been put around each. The ponderous conning tower, with the bridge leading from it to the sides of the ship's superstructure, has been set in position and the entire ship is being freshly painted.

The 7-inch guns in broadside on pedestal mounts on the gun deck, behind 7-inch armor, each gun being isolated by splinter bulkheads of nickel steel of from 1 1/2 to 2 inches thickness; forward and after guns arranged to fire straight ahead and straight astern, respectively. Other 7-inch guns to have the usual broadside train.

There will be three funnels, each 100 feet above the base line. The following auxiliary steam machinery of approved make and design, in addition to that pertaining to the main engines and dependencies, is to be supplied: Steering engine, windlass engine, ash hoist engine for each fire room, forced-draft blowers, ice plant with cooling effect of three tons of ice in twenty-four hours; evaporating plant to consist of not less than four units, having a total capacity of 16,000 gallons of fresh water a day; distilling apparatus, capable of condensing at least 10,000 gallons of water a day.

26-foot steam cutters; three 36-foot launches, five 30-foot cutters, two 30-foot gig whaleboats, one 30-foot barge, two 20-foot dingies, one 14-foot dory, one 16-foot dingy and two life rafts. The Minnesota is designed for a flagship and the arrangement of quarters provides ample accommodations for the following command: Chief of staff, 19 wardroom officers, ten junior officers, 10 warrant officers, and not less than 761 men, including 60 marines.

RETIRED OFFICERS MAKING SOLDIERS

Secretary of War Reports on Former Fighting Men Now Teaching in Northwest.

Washington, Feb. 4.—In response to a recent senate resolution, the secretary of war has compiled a list of regular army officers on the retired list who are detailed for service with the national guard in the several states, and at educational institutions. Thirty-one of these retired officers are in the service of the national guard in separate states.

UNCLE SAM OWNS RARE PORTRAITS

The Government Maintains Long Quests for Pictures of Officials Dead and Gone.

From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington. Washington, Feb. 4.—Visitors who, strolling thru the government building here, see portraits of occupants of each of the cabinet offices from the foundation of the government, the signers of the Declaration of Independence and other notables, do not realize what a long and tedious task it was for Major Peabody, an officer of the state department, to make these collections.

Trade in Norway remained slack all thru 1904. The money market was gradually gained strength, and capital has accumulated in the private banks to such an extent that when the Norges bank raised its discount in October to 5 per cent, the private banks decided to keep their deposit rate at 3 1/2 per cent.

As a result of Major Peabody's labors in bringing to completion these lists, the government now has likenesses of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence and all but three of the men who framed the federal constitution.

John Gaillard of South Carolina, who was president pro tem of the senate nearly a century ago, gave the searchers for his descendants, who constitute one of the prominent families of the south. Four hundred newspapers, in a Washington news room, were searched by a press agency, called attention to the government's desire for this man's likeness.

The well-known strengthening properties of iron, combined with other tonics and a most perfect nerve, are found in Carter's Iron Pills, which strengthen the nerves and build and improve the blood and complexion.

NORWAY IS STRICKEN WITH ANOTHER DISASTER

Avalanche and Tidal Wave in Nordfjord Shocks Christiania—A Business Review of 1904 in Norway—Statistics of the State Liquor Trade—Distinguished Visitors in the Capital City.

Christiania, Norway, Jan. 17.—Another disaster has befallen this unhappy country, before the memories of the Alesund fire and the Norge shipwreck had begun to grow dim in the public mind. The mails and wires have just brought the first intelligence of a huge avalanche, followed by a death-dealing tidal wave, in a remote corner of Norway, in which fifty-nine persons lost their lives in a most tragic way.

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SCENE OF THE RECENT AVALANCHE AND TIDAL WAVE IN NORD FJORD, NORWAY.

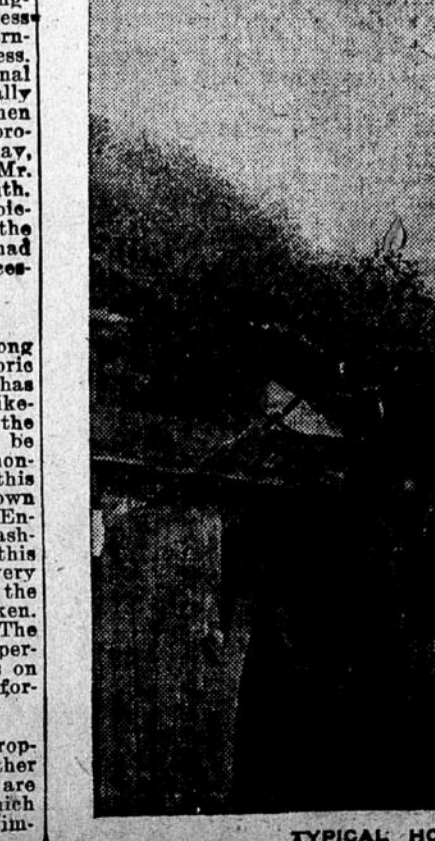
Some idea of the force of the wave may be obtained from the fact that a bridge at the other end of the lake, nearly four miles away, was demolished. The fishery of large herring, which had been rather dull in the closing

expedition to Greenland, Mylius Frisch and Mr. Rasmussen, were guests of honor at the Geographical society meeting last Friday evening. They were welcomed by the president, Professor Fritthjof Nansen. Among the distinguished persons present were Otto Sverdrup and Carsten Borchgravn, both men well known in connection with arctic and antarctic discoveries, and Hjalmar Johansen, who was with Fritthjof Nansen "farthest north."

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