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LATEST ADDITION TO UNCLE SAM'S NAVY GLIDES INTO DELAWARE RIVER AT NOON

BATTLESHIP UTAH LAUNCHED TODAY

MISS ALICE SPRY IS SPONSOR

WILL BE A FLAGSHIP AND CARRY A COMPLEMENT OF A THOUSAND AND ONE MEN

ALL UTAH PROUD OF BIG WARSHIP

And They Have a Right to Be Proud of This Fighting Machine.

GOVERNOR SPRY AND PARTY NOW IN CAMDEN

Utahs and Former Utahns in the East Will Witness Launching.

Special to The Tribune.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 22.—The latest addition to the great fighting machines of Uncle Sam's navy, the battleship Utah, will, if all goes well, glide into the waters of the Delaware at 12 o'clock tomorrow noon.

Today is the birthday anniversary of Joseph Smith, the founder of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints, he having been born at Sharon, Vt., on December 23, 1805. It appears to be a coincidence, therefore, that the date for the launching of the battleship occurs on this great Mormon church anniversary—by accident or design, is not known. Persons from Utah who are here, when seen declined to discuss the matter. But nevertheless there are many who are skeptical.

Everything in readiness for the launching of this latest and fastest battleship. The party from Utah are here, and Miss Alice Spry, the handsome daughter of the executive of Utah, will act as sponsor.

Gov. Spry and Party Arrive.

Gov. Spry and party arrived today. The members of the governor's party are: Gov. and Mrs. William Spry, Miss Alice Spry, Miss Lita Spry, Henry Satter, president of the Utah senate; W. W. Stewart, member of the state board of corrections, and Mrs. Stewart, and Mrs. John C. Sharp, Frank H. Hove, assistant secretary of the income; Senator and Mrs. Reed Smoot, Senator and Mrs. George Sutherland, Congressman and Mrs. Joseph Powell. They are guests of President Day May of the New York Shipbuilding company.

In addition to the gubernatorial party there are a number of Utahns in various departments of the government at Washington here, and tomorrow morning there will arrive a number of former Utahns, but who take New York their home, and also a number of missionaries of the Mormon church who are in western cities, who will also attend the launching.

All Records Broken.

In the construction of the Utah all records regarding the building of a battleship in the United States have been broken. Only a little more than two months ago the keel of the battleship Utah, the great fighting machine was laid, and when she glided into the water tomorrow afternoon she will be about 60 per cent completed. As it is said, is marvelous construction. Every citizen of Utah should be proud of this latest addition to the navy of Uncle Sam. A sister ship, the Florida is now building at the New York navy yard.

Utah a Monster Ship.

In order that readers of The Tribune can form an idea of the immensity of the battleship Utah, it may be said that could the Utah be laid down in Exchange Place in Salt Lake, between the big skyscrapers there, with her bow looking into Main street, she would be able to point her nose away above the roof of the first building across Main street, while the guns would be on a level with the windows of the eighth story of the Boston and Newington buildings. The great vessel would extend almost from Main street to State street, while her two great towers, which will be used in getting lights on the twelve-inch gun, would tower 120 feet higher.

Cost Eight Millions.

The contract for the construction of the Utah was signed November 9, 1908, in the New York Shipbuilding company of this city. The contract price was \$3,946,000, and as much more will be added by the government in the way of guns and armor and other equipment, which will make her cost \$8,500,000. Here are some facts about the Utah:

Facts About Warship.

Keel laid March 15, 1909
Launched Dec. 23, 1909
Displacement 35,100 tons
Length 521 ft. 4 in.
Beam 68 ft. 6 in.
Draft 35 ft.
Propelling machinery Parsons's marine turbines, developing 30,000 horse power, driving four screws.
Armament
Two 14-inch main batteries, each with two guns.
Five 5-inch secondary batteries, each with two guns.
Ten 3-inch anti-aircraft batteries, each with two guns.
The Utah will be a flagship, and will carry a complement of 1,001 men.

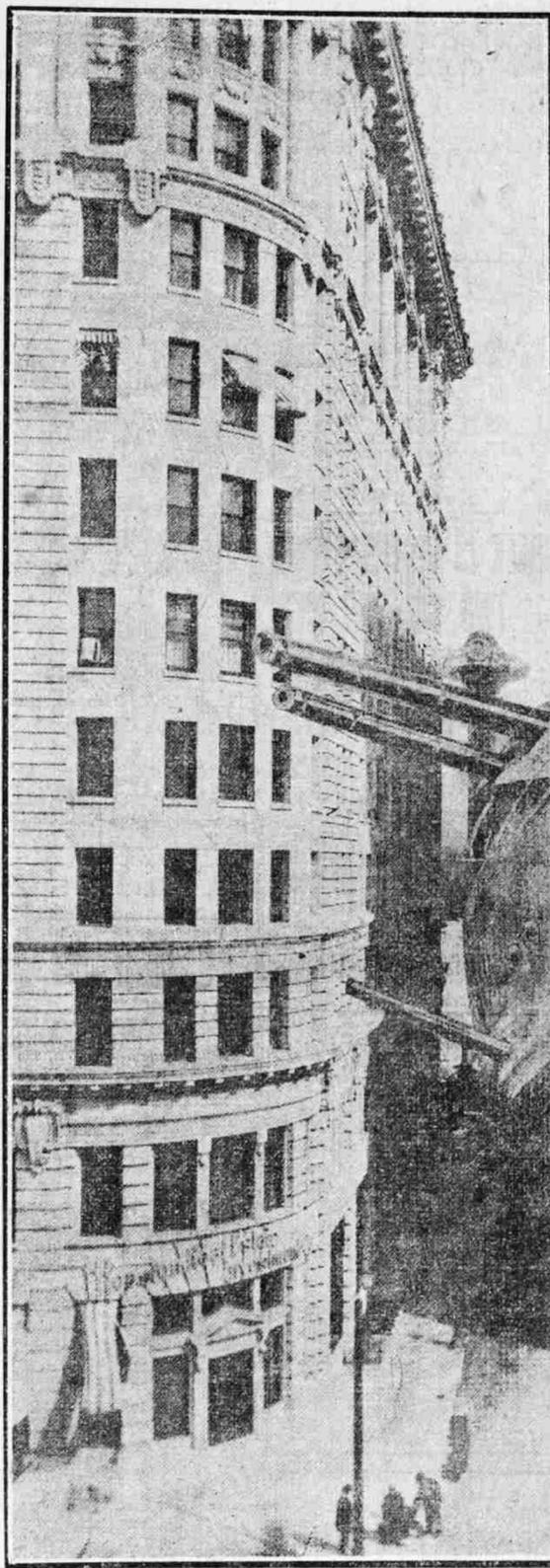
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List of Invited Guests.

The guests who have been invited to be present at the launching include the following: Governor Spry, and party; Senator and Mrs. Reed Smoot, Senator and Mrs. George Sutherland, Congressman and Mrs. Joseph Powell, and many others.

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Greater Utah
Greater Salt Lake
Skyscrapers
Battleships
Progress
Prosperity



BATTLESHIP UTAH

MANIAC MURDERS WIFE AND CHILD

Driven Suddenly Insane, Fresno, Cal., Rancher Kills and Wounds in Frenzy.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 22.—Stricken with sudden insanity, G. C. Chouvard, a rancher, killed his wife and one child, wounded three others today and ended his own life under the wheels of a railway train a few hours after the kitchen range protruding breakfast when her husband entered carrying a heavy hatchet. Without a word, he split her skull with one blow. Leaving her lying there, he entered the bedroom, where his children lay asleep. In rapid succession, he struck while they were sleeping in their beds. George, aged 14; Claude, aged 12; Gladys, aged 9, and an infant daughter, Nellie, Claude is dead and Gladys is dying, while the others will recover.

TESTING BIGGEST GUN IN THE WORLD

Results Said to Be "Highly Satisfactory," but Special Powder Is Required.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—"Highly satisfactory" is the statement of officials at the navy department today in describing tests of the 14-inch gun now in progress at Indian Head, Md. Five shots have been fired, and one or two more will be necessary before this gun, the biggest in the world, is finally "proved."

THREE WARDLAW SISTERS MUST STAND TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The three mysterious Wardlaw sisters must face trial in Essex county, New Jersey, all charged with the murder of Mrs. (Mrs. W. M. Spry) the East Orange bathtub victim. The Essex county grand jury at Newark this afternoon reported that two indictments had been found against all three. The proceedings before the grand jury were brief. Chief of Police Bell of East Orange told of finding the body. William Kinley, a hand-writing expert, told of the "suicide notes" he had examined.

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MURDERS THREE AND THEN TAKES OWN LIFE

Miner of Pittsburg, Ky., Slays Wife, One Man and Mother-in-Law.

LONDON, Ky., Dec. 22.—A triple murder and suicide occurred at Pittsburg, a mining village in this county, late today, when William Murray, a miner, 25 years old, shot and killed Elbert Cole, Mrs. Murray, wife of the slayer, Mrs. Murray's mother, and then killed himself. Murray's objections to the alleged attention of Cole toward Mrs. Murray are given as the motive. Cole, who was a son of Assistant Mine Inspector Perry C. Cole, was 22 years old, and was the manager of a general store in Pittsburg. Murray entered the store and opened fire on Cole, killing him almost instantly. He then went to his home, a short distance away, and shot his mother-in-law as she was leaving the house, and then opened fire on his wife, who was returning from a neighbor. His wife fell just outside the yard, and he pulled her inside and fired another shot through her heart. When found by the sheriff, the wife, mother-in-law and husband were in a heap together in one corner of the yard. The woman had died instantly, but Murray lived an hour after he shot himself. He refused to make any statement.

BODY OF LEOPOLD IS AT REST IN TOMB

Funeral of Departed King of Belgium Conducted With Pomp and Ceremony.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.—The body of Leopold II, king of the Belgians, was today placed in the royal burial vault in the Church of St. Mary, at Laeken, the suburban residence of the royal family. Near it rest the remains of his queen, Marie Henriette, the Princess Josephine and the young Duke of Brabant. The funeral and burial were conducted with all the pomp and ceremony of which the state was capable, despite the which expressed by the mourning in his will that the obsequies should be of the simplest. A holiday has been proclaimed, and thousands of persons filed the streets during the services. Early in the day the body was taken from the royal palace to the Cathedral of St. Michel and Ste. Gudule, where impressive funeral rites were held. From the church the cortege moved to Laeken, where repose the bones of Leopold II, Queen Louise and those of Leopold's immediate family. A torrential rain, accompanied by a driving wind, ushered in the day, but as the cortege left the royal palace and moved in the cathedral, the downpour ceased.

SCHLEY BELIEVES IN DOCTOR COOK

Calls Upon Peary to Submit His Proofs to the University of Copenhagen.

MERE MATTER OF JUSTICE, SAYS RETIRED ADMIRAL

Veteran Sea Fighter Has Himself Had Much Experience in the Far North.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Reaffirming his complete confidence in Dr. Cook, Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, retired, today called upon Commander Peary to submit his proofs that he reached the north pole to some scientific body other than the National Geographic society.

This, the admiral declared, should be done at once in the interest of justice and to establish beyond question the claims of Peary.

The admiral believes that the same body which threw out and repudiated Cook's data should be permitted to pass upon the data submitted by Peary to the Geographic society.

As Matter of Justice.

"The Danes are the best posted body of men in the world on Arctic matters," he said. "The consistency of the University of Copenhagen should be given the opportunity to examine the Peary proofs, for in that way they would be submitted to the same test that was applied to those of Cook. The consistency which was regarded by the civilized world as more than friendly to Dr. Cook showed by its action in turning down the explorer that it holds the scales of justice, as it sees them, evenly and honestly."

Moreover, Admiral Schley believes that the submission of the proofs to Copenhagen should be insisted upon by Peary, whatever the attitude of the National Geographic society may be. It was suggested to the officer that the society some time ago officially declared its intention to let scientific bodies of reputable standing examine and test the Peary proofs when they had been passed upon by the society.

Promise Not Fulfilled.

"But the organization has not done it," he retorted quickly. "So far there has been shown no disposition to carry out its avowed intentions, has there?"

Admiral Schley declined to say on what grounds he took exception to the finding of the scientists of the University of Copenhagen in regard to Cook's claims. He merely reaffirmed his belief in the explorer, adding that he believed also that Peary, too, had gained the top of the earth.

The importance of the admiral's demand is increased by the fact that he has had wide experience in the far north. In 1884 he was in command of the Thetis expedition which resulted in the rescue of Lieutenant Greely and six men who had been cast away at Cape Sabine, and whom the civilized world had practically given up for lost. For his service Admiral Schley was given a captain's service, was awarded a gold watch and a vote of thanks by the Maryland legislature, and a medal of honor by the Massachusetts Humane society.

Knows the North Well.

Shortly after his return from the Thetis expedition, Captain Schley published a book, "The Rescue of Greely," which recounts his struggle in the frozen region.

Members of the National Geographic society declined to discuss the suggestion of the retired naval officer. The society is still smarting under the rebuff which curtly reply from the University of Copenhagen to its request that a committee representing the society be permitted to present when Dr. Cook's data was examined. While recognizing the right of the Danish scientists to decide such a request, American savants feel that the Danes were needlessly brusque in their declination.

NANSEN SAYS COOK IS PRACTICALLY DEAD

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 22.—Frikthof Nansen, the Norwegian Arctic explorer, today broke his four-day silence and talked of the Peary-Cook controversy.

"It is my opinion," he said, "that Cook is no longer interesting. He is practically a dead man and ought to vanish from the consideration of the world. I never trusted him, for the first report he made did not inspire confidence, especially his statements concerning the distance of four hundred seconds from the pole. This proved that Cook was ignorant of the simplest principles of astronomical observations. Even his later reports contained nothing of value. On the contrary, they were filled with improbabilities and contradictions."

"From the first I was unable to support Dr. Cook. I therefore preferred to keep silent. As for Peary, I never doubted his veracity, although I did not approve of his behavior after his return. However, it is easy to understand his indignation. At least he is a man, and there is no comparison between him and Cook."

COOK STILL RELAY TO RETAIN DEGREES

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—It is not believed that either the University of Copenhagen or the Royal Geographical society will withdraw the honors which they conferred on Dr. Frederick G. Cook. Officials of the university say that the institution did not bestow the degree as a reward for the discovery of the pole, but merely in recognition of Dr. Cook's Arctic explorations. The Royal Geographical society takes the same ground.

Club May Fire Cook.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Members of the Arctic Club of America tonight adopted a resolution to refer the question of firing the membership of Dr. Frederick G. Cook to the board of directors, with power to act. It was said that charges could be preferred against Dr. Cook by some members and presented to the directors for consideration.

Peary Is Silent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—It has no comment to make on Admiral Schley's statement. This was the brief written statement sent out by Commander Peary tonight from the banquet hall at the Waldorf-Astoria, where he was a guest of the New England society.