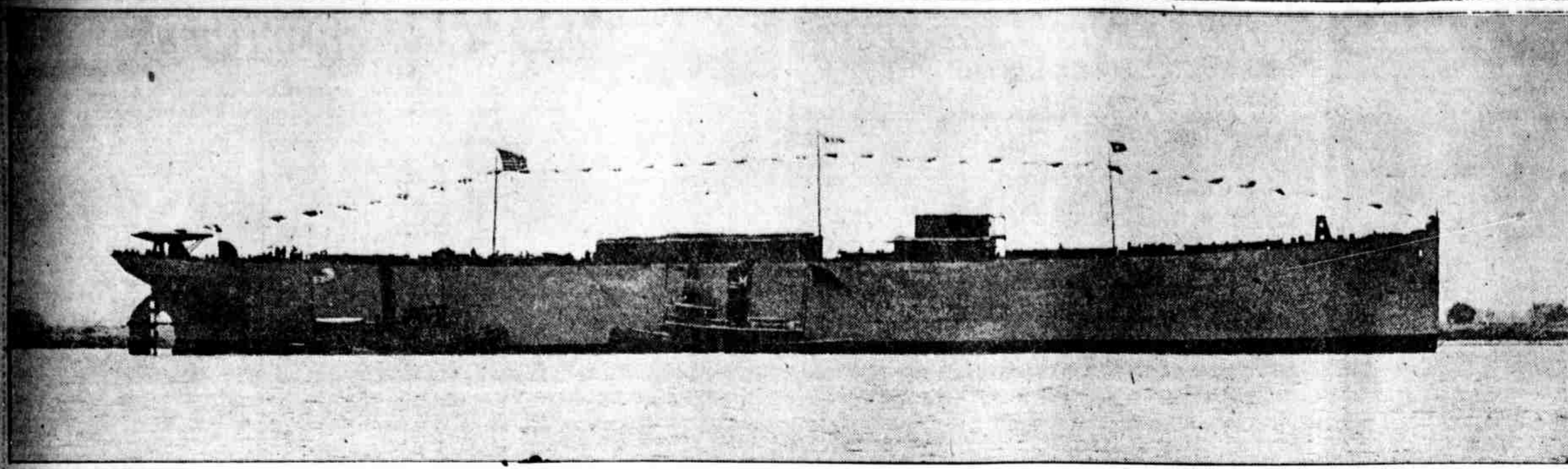
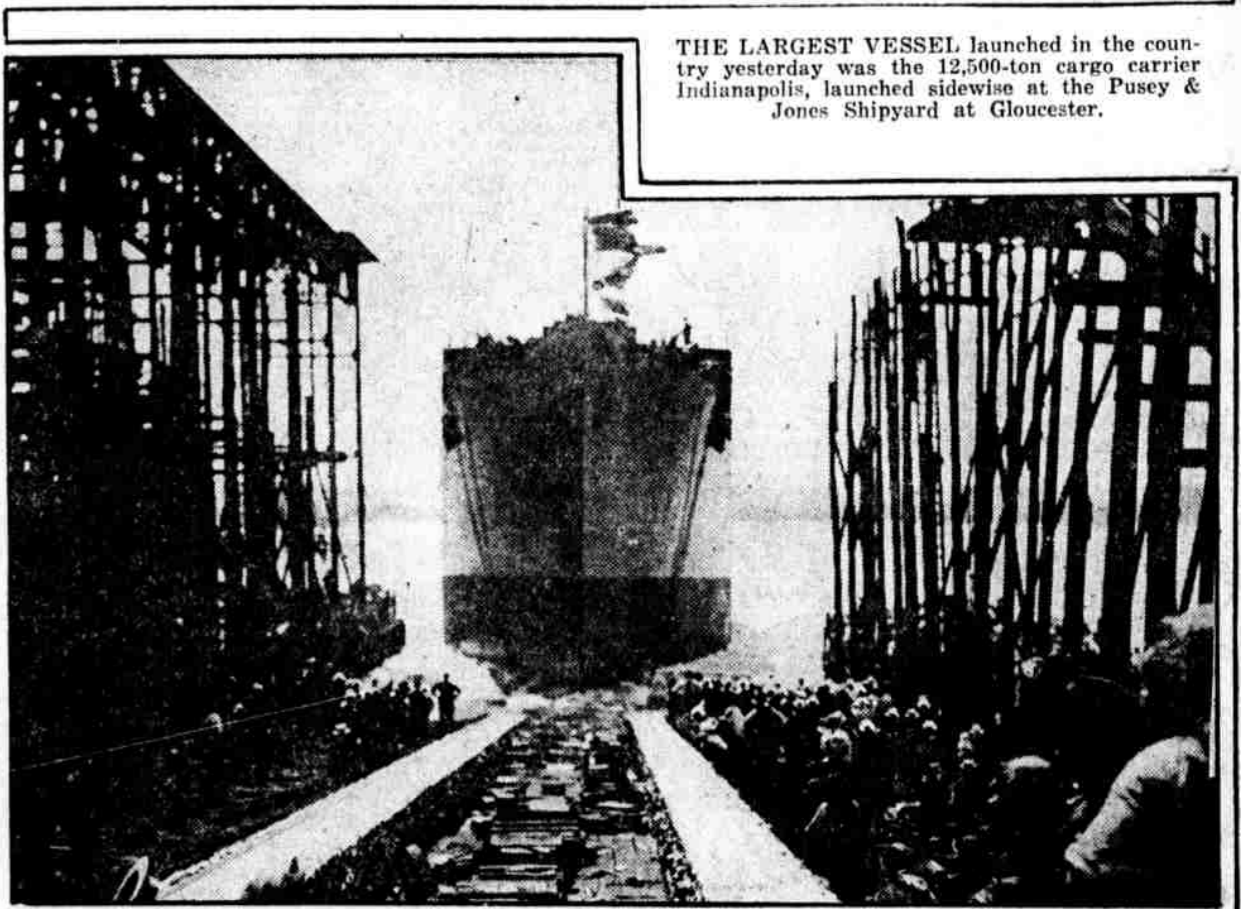
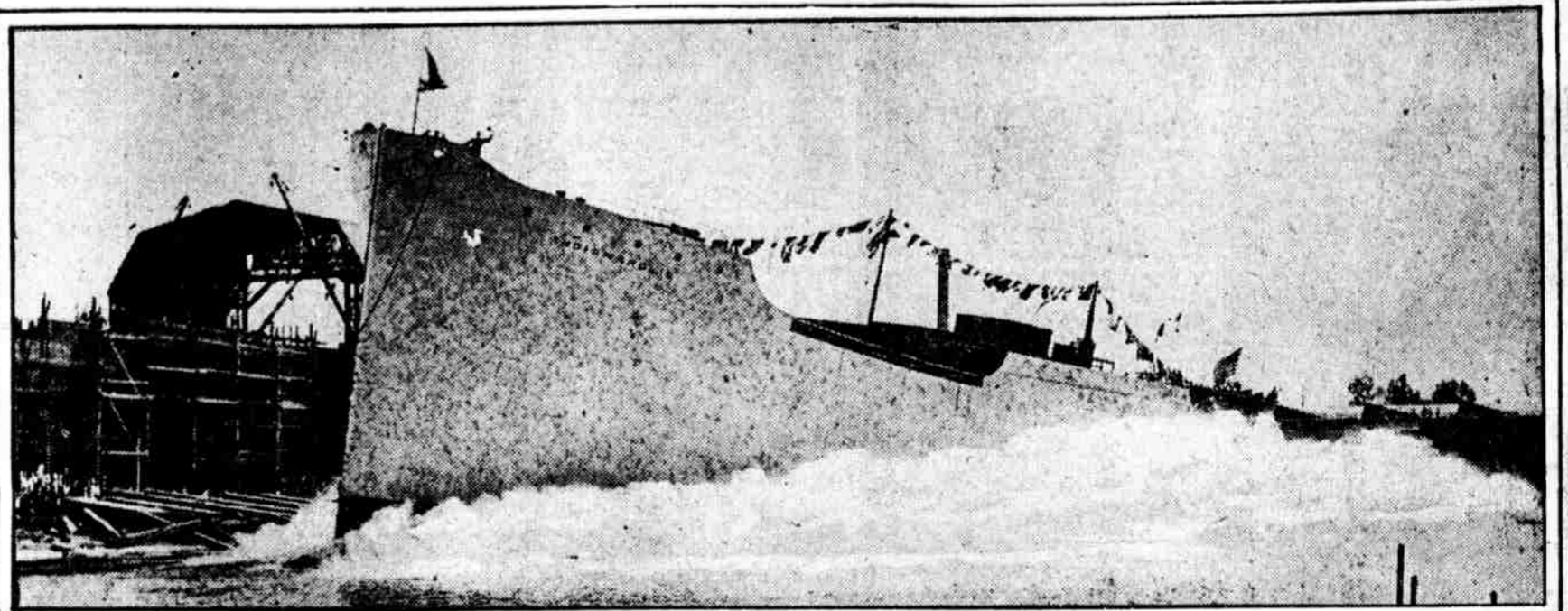
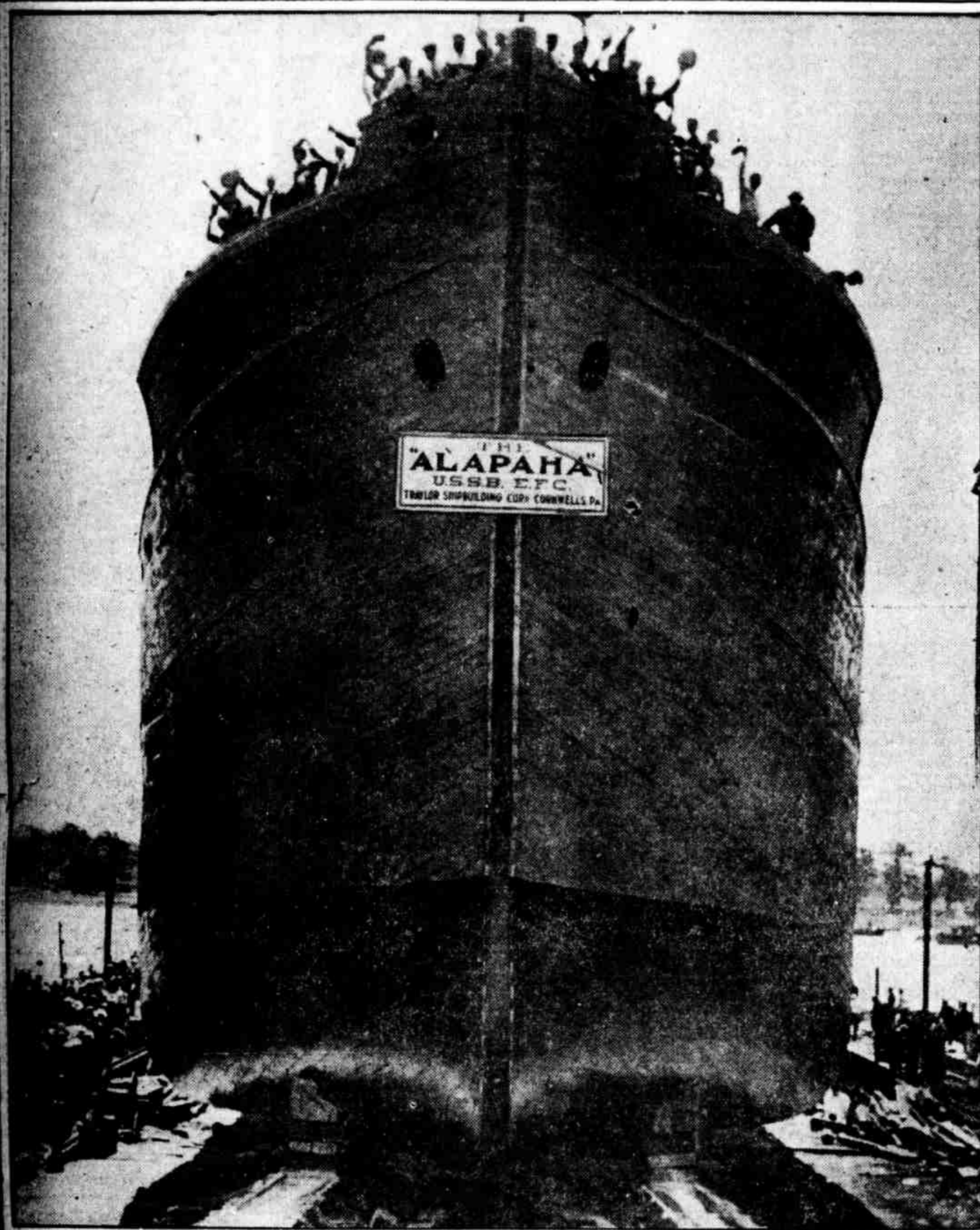


FOR A NATION LITTLE GIVEN TO SHIPBUILDING BEFORE THE WAR, HERE'S A RECORD WORTH WHILE



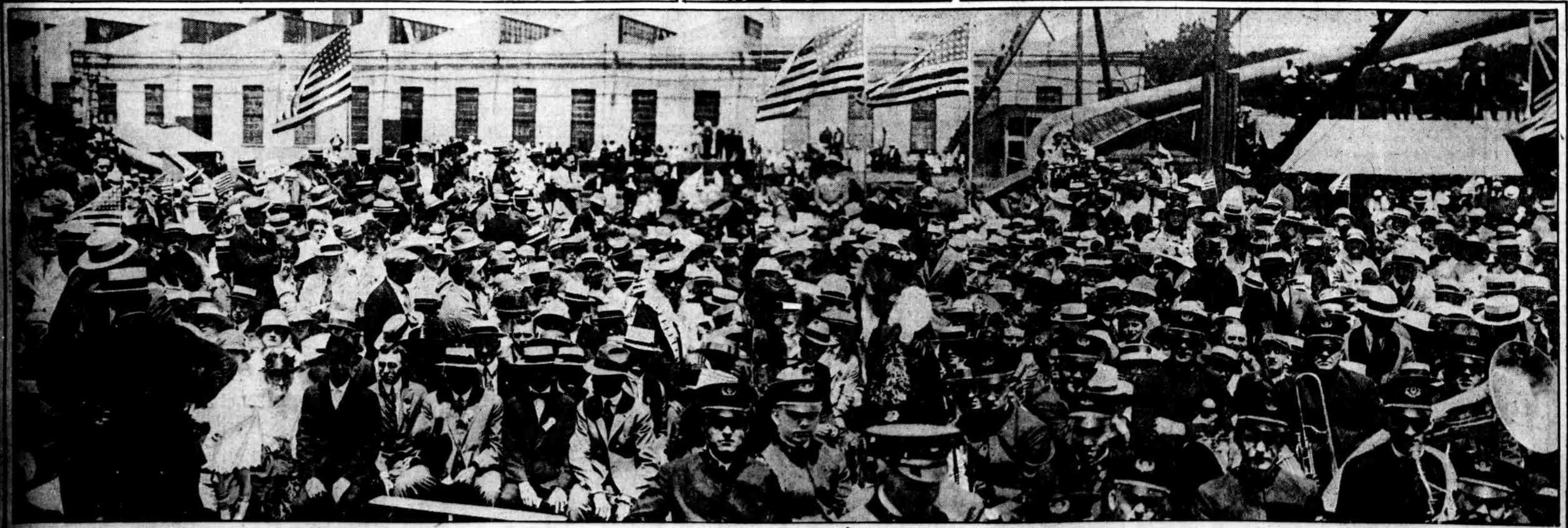
THE ONLY MISHAP in all the Fourth of July launchings on the Delaware was met with by the great transport and cargo carrier Neponset, which was rammed in midriver after its launching at the Sun Shipbuilding Company by the tanker Nelson. Above, the Neponset; to the right, President Pew, of the Sun Shipbuilding Company, and Mrs. Pew.



THE LARGEST VESSEL launched in the country yesterday was the 12,500-ton cargo carrier Indianapolis, launched sidewise at the Pusey & Jones Shipyard at Gloucester.

THE ONLY WOODEN SHIP LAUNCHING along the Delaware yesterday was that of the Alapaha, which left the ways at the shipyard of the Traylor Shipbuilding Corporation at Cornwells. Above, the Alapaha; to the right, Miss Jeanne D'Alton, sponsor of the vessel.

THE QUIETEST CELEBRATION of Independence Day at any of the Delaware River shipyards was at Cramps', where a transport and two destroyers left the ways. The photograph shows the launching of the transport.



A MERRY THRONG of shipbuilders, their families and invited guests witnessed the launching of the wooden ship Alapaha at the Traylor Shipyard. The photograph shows the crowd awaiting the address of Governor Brumbaugh, who also spoke at the first launching at the Traylor Shipyard a few weeks ago.