

WORKERS COMPLETE COURSE IN 20 HOURS

Three Young Men at Hog Island Master Air Gun Method in Record Time

Learning in twenty hours to make an air-gun pound rivets into steel ship plates was the feat of three young men now in the army of riveters at Hog Island.

HOLD TWO FOR SHIPYARD FIRE

Million Dollars Damage and Two Lives Lost at Orange, Tex.

Orange, Texas, July 4.—Two men were arrested last night by Government agents in connection with the fire which early in the day destroyed the Orange Maritime Corporation's shipyard with a loss of two lives.

SHIPYARD BATTERS EAGER

New York Team Keyed Up for Game With Chester

The New York Ship baseball team's batmen are itching for the first fray with the Chester team, still leaders of the Shipyard League at the New York grounds, South Camden, tomorrow afternoon.

J-BOAT TOLL IS TOPPED BY DAY'S LAUNCH TONNAGE

Continued from Page One the Kaiser's policy of sea frightfulness. Many records were smashed yesterday.

Philadelphia, the world's greatest shipbuilding center, had the honor of launching the largest of all the ships sent into the water on the Fourth of July.

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No speckmaking or other formalities attended the launching, but the shipyard workers, mostly workmen, many of them accompanied by their relatives and friends, bailed with cheers.

It required just one hour to launch the three ships, the honor of being the first falling to the destroyer Elliot, for which Miss Joan Elliot, widow of Lieutenant Richard McCall Elliot, in whose honor the vessel was named, and who lost her life when a depth bomb exploded aboard the ship when in collision off the French coast March 19 last with a British cruiser, was sponsor.

Destroyer Launched The destroyer Tiphon was named after the late Admiral Tiphon, and it was Miss Kate Tiphon, Brown of Richmond, Va., granddaughter of Admiral Tiphon, who did the christening.

At 11 o'clock, or just one hour after the Elliot slipped off the ways, the Santa Teresa, a single-deck passenger and freight ship built for W. R. Grace & Co. of New York, and taken over by the shipping board, started down the ways.

Nelson's Bow Smashed The Nelson was the principal sufferer, her bow being smashed in completely. One steel plate on the new ship was broken, causing a leak.

Workers from the ship plant were hurried to the Neponset in tugboats. The steel plate was temporarily mended. However, it was necessary for the new

ship to be pulled into drydock for repairs. Mrs. Leslie May Conroy, wife of Howard Conroy, vice president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, was the sponsor.

ALSATIAN MAIDEN ALABAMA SPONSOR AT TRAYLOR YARD

A descendant of an Alsace-Lorraine family was sponsor for the Alabama, a 500-ton vessel launched at the yard of the Traylor Shipbuilding Company of Cornwall.

With the sending of the Alabama down the ways, which was the second ship launched at the Traylor plant since June 1, patriotism was rampant in Cornwall.

As the ship started down the ways Miss A. Neese, the sponsor, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, performed the christening ceremony.

Speech by Mr. Harvey G. H. Harvey, manager of industrial relations of the Traylor Shipbuilding Company, in a short address told of the part this launching played in yesterday's nation-wide demonstration of American shipbuilding prowess.

Message of congratulations from President Wilson, General Pershing and Chairman Huxley of the shipbuilding board, were read by Lawrence A. Rupp, of Allentown, ex-District Attorney of Lehigh County.

Following the launching about 700 invited guests at the Chester shipyard on the spacious lawn of the Traylor club-house. A diamond ring was presented by Mr. Harvey to Miss Helen Scanlon.

Ten thousand persons saw the launching of the \$1,000,000 cargo carrier Scanlon yesterday morning at the yard of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden.

At 11 o'clock the launching party arrived and mounted to the stand that had been built at the bow "carrying a cluster of red roses." Miss Helen Scanlon, sponsor for the vessel, soon arrived with her father, M. J. Scanlon, president of the Brook-Scanlon Corporation, of the same name.

Our Greatest Fourth This year joined on the platform by M. A. Neese, president of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, H. A. Magoun, vice president, and Captain Thomas E. Y. Seddon, M. P. of the New Zealand division, who recently came from France.

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KEEL LAID IN 45 MINUTES

Vessel Is Started as Another Leaves Lake Ways

By the Associated Press Duluth, Minn., July 5.—Workmen of the McAlister-Duluth Shipbuilding Company today were obtaining a record in laying the keel for a new boat.

USE OF TRACTORS GROWS

Pennsylvania Fields Now Employ 1700, State Owes 35

By the Associated Press Harrisburg, July 5.—Men connected with the State government in Pennsylvania say there are about 1700 tractors employed in the fields this year and that the number will be materially increased by fall.

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Large advertisement for HELMAR CIGARETTES. The top half features a black and white illustration of a group of men in military-style uniforms, some in uniform and some in civilian clothes, holding up their hats in a celebratory gesture. Below the illustration, the text reads 'OUR VERY BEST FRIEND' and 'HELMAR TURKISH CIGARETTES'. At the bottom left, there is a graphic of a pack of Helmar cigarettes with the number '15' and 'cents' visible. The Helmar logo, featuring a woman's head in profile, is also present.