

WILMINGTON MAY YET LOOM UP LARGE IN SHIP BUILDING AMONG THE SOUTHERN PORTS

Construction of Concrete Vessels Experiment That Offers Big Possibilities
WOODEN SHIPS ARE BUILT
One Boat Already Launched With Another Soon to be Ready to Take to Water
STILL ANOTHER ON WAYS
An Industry Started This Year That May Mean Revolution

of long leaf pine, practically all of which is secured in this immediate section.
Cushman & McKown, a northern concern, began operations in Wilmington in July and now has under way a four masted schooner of 1,500 tons dead weight capacity, which is hoped to have ready for launching some time in March. The vessel will be double deck and equipped with all modern appliances, inclusive of hoisting engine on deck for working cargo aside from engine for operating anchors, pumps, etc.
In addition to this vessel, the shipbuilding firm is constructing for other interests a 500-ton harbor lighter which is expected to be ready for delivery within the next five weeks.
At the present time Cushman & McKown state that they have other business for undisclosed interests, but are not now in position to make any statement about this.

New Shipyard Ready.
The Nauli Shipbuilding Company, of which Mr. A. P. Nauli is general manager, several months ago leased the plant of the Camp Manufacturing Co., a large lumber concern, and have installed machinery for the building of vessels, and it is understood that the keels of four schooners are to be laid shortly after Christmas. A large force of hands is now employed at the yards getting timbers ready for building wooden ships.
The plant of the Wilmington Iron Works, now under lease by the Nauli interests, is equipped for building vessels up to 300 feet in length and as soon as the present ship is built by the Nauli company, are out of the way, it will either be leased to another concern or will be utilized by the present owners.

May Be Deciding Factor.
The building of concrete ships while now in an experimental stage may yet prove to be one of the deciding factors of the great world war. Admittedly the ability of the allies to turn out ships sufficient for their needs is probably the most pressing problem at the present time. Without ships the transportation of supplies and men to the front is impossible. How to get the ships in the quickest possible time is the question confronting the shipping board now.

Not Sure Solution.
A warning not to be too sure that the concrete ship is going to replace the steel one is put forth editorially by the Engineering News-Record (New York, November 15), which is of the opinion that "rosy expectations are pretty far ahead of present knowledge."
It says:
"One highly experimental ship of large tonnage is on the way at San Francisco. A small, motor driven vessel has been launched at Montreal, and several small ships have been built in Scandinavian countries. These represent the efforts of the engineers, designers and business men to solve the tremendous problem of adapting concrete to the wracking and sudden strains of a ship at sea. Quite soon they and the committees appointed to investigate the question will be able to report the progress of the hopefulness as the case may be, of the concrete ship. Until then the future will be veiled behind theory and experiment. For some time however, there must be an orderly development in the size of the ships experimented upon. There is no more relation between a concrete row boat or launch and the 3,000-ton, 15-knot freighter demanded in the present shipping crisis than there is between a toy airplane and a giant Caproni. Step by step up through the scow, the barge, and the small framed and formed hull must progress be made to be hoped for large vessel for ocean travel. This is the normal course of all engineering design. On account of these necessary intermediate steps, it seems as though there is at the present time a bigger field of practical work in the concrete barge for coastwise, river, or canal trade. Here the gap between present knowledge and desired results is not so great and the possibility of immediate use is much nearer. Improved design and construction make such vessels seaworthy and permanent, as many of the early one were not, some of the most serious problems of the big ship yard will be solved and at the same time some very necessary bottoms supplied."

Mrs. WENTWORTH FAISON IS FOUND DEAD IN HER ROOM
Warsaw, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Wentworth Faison, aged about sixty years, was found dead in her room at the home of Mr. George H. Heet, where she boarded, Thursday afternoon shortly after four o'clock. She had been confined to her room with a slight illness for two weeks, but her condition was not considered serious. When a member of the family entered her room to carry her nourishment, she was lying on the floor partially disrobed, and a physician being summoned, pronounced her death due to heart failure.
The deceased was a member of the prominent Millard family, and the daughter of a noted Duplin county educator, and was a talented musician. The members of her family, several brothers and sisters, now reside in distant states. She is survived by a nephew, one daughter, Mrs. Robert Hearst, of near Warsaw. The funeral services were held at Faison by Dr. J. W. Purcell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, and interment was in the cemetery, at that place.

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