

SAN LAMBERTO TAKES WATER AMID CHEERS; LAUNCHING IS PERFECT

President Starrett, Among Visitors, Says Yard Has Prospective Contracts

Amid the shrieks of numerous whistles and the cheering of more than a thousand spectators, the giant steel tanker San Lamberto, built at the George A. Fuller company Carolina shipyard for the Eagle Oil Transport company, Ltd., of London, England, was successfully launched at the local steel shipyard yesterday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

The San Lamberto is the first of the two sister ships being constructed at the Carolina yard for the British Oil company to take the water. The second craft is expected to go overboard in a few weeks.

Promptly at the scheduled hour the key was released under the keel of the 5,200-ton tanker and, riding smoothly, the great ship, slowly at first, began her journey down the launchway into the waters of the Cape Fear. For an instant silence prevailed among the hundreds of spectators who had gathered at the yard to see the mighty craft go overboard. But as everyone realized that the big vessel had begun her initial journey, a tremendous cheer rent the air. The noise of the whistles and cheering continued until the San Lamberto had completed the trip down the launchways and had settled gracefully in the river.

As the great hull of steel quivered for its start, Mrs. de Colyer, of Mont Clair, N. J., the sponsor, crashed a bottle containing (?) upon the bow of the boat, saying, "I christen thee, San Lamberto." Upon the sponsor's stand with Mrs. de Colyer were a large number of officials of the George A. Fuller company, representatives of the Eagle Oil Transport company, and a number of invited guests, among them were many persons who came to Wilmington from the north especially to see the steel tanker launched. Immediately after the launching Mrs. de Colyer was presented with a huge bouquet of American Beauties.

The launching party arrived in the city yesterday morning aboard two private Pullman cars. In the party were Mrs. de Colyer were: Paul Starrett, president of the George A. Fuller company; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Carr, of New York city; D. H. Cox, of the marine architect firm of Cox, D. & Cox, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hopkins, the former a geologist of New York city; Sidney Paige, a geologist of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. T. J. Rider, of New York city; Miss Helen Brooks, of Washington, and Mrs. R. Meesters, of New York city.

At the union station yesterday morning the visitors were met by A. E. Skelding and C. J. Vaughan, officials of the Carolina shipyard; Lyman Delano and Percy R. Albright, officials of the Atlantic Coast Line. The ladies were taken for a sightseeing tour about the city and county, while the men were taken to the shipyard to discuss business matters. At 12:30 o'clock the launching party and a few invited guests enjoyed a luncheon at the yard mess hall. From there they went to the launching stand at the bow of the San Lamberto. After the ship had been docked all went aboard for an inspection, and after a visit to the Cape Fear County club the visitors departed on a northbound train at 7 p. m.

Paul Starrett Here
Paul Starrett, president of the George A. Fuller company, with headquarters in New York city, unexpectedly came to the city yesterday to see the San Lamberto launched. Asked at the shipyard yesterday afternoon if the company had signed any more contracts to build additional ships at the Carolina yard, he said that no new contracts had been made as yet, but that the company had two excellent prospects. President Starrett stated that he was highly pleased with the launching of the big oil tanker.

The San Lamberto, launched yesterday, is a ship of very pleasing lines. She is more than 400 feet in length, with proportional beam and draft, with boilers and engines located aft, the vessel will have an excellent carrying capacity. She will be used exclusively for transporting oil.

An unusual feature of the launching yesterday was that the big ship settled in the water with a splash that had been figured exactly to the mark by the marine engineers in the local office. Another feature was that just an hour before the launching here, another big tanker for the Eagle Oil company, and of the same type of these building here, was launched successfully at a shipyard at Staten Island, N. Y.

WILL LAY CORNERSTONE OF HOSPITAL TUESDAY

Leader of Colored Masons to Speak Here

The cornerstone for the colored Community hospital, near the corner of Seventh and Red Cross streets, will be laid with an impressive ceremony Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. J. E. Shephard, grandmaster of the colored Masons of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker of the occasion.

The colored Masons of the city will assemble at Gibben hall at 7 o'clock, and will march to the hospital in a body. After the laying of the cornerstone by Dr. Shephard, he will be entertained at a reception at Eastern Star hall.

Everybody is invited to attend the speaking of Dr. Shephard, who will make his address in St. Stephen's church. The hospital will be open for the reception in about a month, and already a large part of the instruments and equipment have been received.

REV. MR. SIGMON WILL PREACH AT ST. PAUL'S
Rev. Mr. Sigmon, of Columbia, S. C., will conduct services at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church this morning and evening, on account of the absence from the city of Rev. J. C. Seegers, the pastor, who is in Chicago, attending an evangelist meeting.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE VEILED PROPHETS

Sepa Grotto In Annual Session Makes Some Changes In Its By-Laws

Sepa Grotto No. 78, Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, has elected officers for the ensuing year and made some changes in the rules and regulations of the grotto. Following are the new officers named, Friday night, in the chapter room of the Masonic temple: Monarch, C. A. Williams; chief justice, J. E. W. Cook; master of ceremonies, Chas. E. Newcombe; treasurer, E. M. Beary; secretary, S. L. Boyd; Marshal, captain of the guard, sentinel and orator are to be appointed. Monarch E. E. Graham installed the officers named.

The by-laws were amended to fix the annual meeting for the last Saturday evening in January of each year. Semi-annual sessions will be held the first Friday in June, and special sessions at the call of the monarch, notices being mailed each member.

The auditing committee, E. L. White, S. L. Boyd and H. I. Springs, found the reports of the secretary and treasurer satisfactory, revealing a healthy condition of the grotto's business affairs.

The following resolutions were prepared by Prophet C. B. Newcombe and presented by Past Monarch P. B. Bell: Section 1—There shall be a committee of seven, composed of the monarch, chief justice, master of ceremonies and four members of the grotto, to be known as the advisory council. The monarch shall be chairman thereof and the secretary of the grotto shall be the clerk.

Section 2—The four members of the advisory council shall be selected by the grotto as follows: Immediately after the adoption of this article the grotto shall elect two members to serve until the annual meeting in 1922 and two members to serve until the annual meeting in 1923; and at the annual meeting of the grotto, two members of the grotto shall be elected for two years.

Section 3—The powers, duties and authority of the advisory council shall be as follows: To have charge of and be responsible for all details obtaining to the preparations for conferring of degrees; fixing dates for ceremonials and providing a program therefor; to make such expenditures as may in its discretion be necessary for the success and proper accomplishment of the work and for the current expenses of the grotto; to arrange for entertainment; to employ such help and assistance as may to the council seem proper and expedient for the conduct of the work and for the ceremonial or entertainment; to keep written records of its meetings and to make contracts for rent and of paraphernalia.

The four members of the advisory board were elected as follows: Rev. F. D. Dean and Paul B. Bell for two years; Horace T. King and Dr. W. C. Mebane for one year.

PER CAPITA EXPENSE OF CITY MIS-STATED

Mayor Moore Corrects Chapel Hill Calculations

In a statement for The Star, Mayor Moore directs attention to inaccurate figures recently sent out from Chapel Hill in connection with a comparison of per capita expenditures of numerous cities. Instead of a per capita expenditure of \$29.94 annually by the city of Wilmington, he said, calculations based on the city's budget and a population show the correct figure to be \$19.68. The mayor refers, incidentally, to the important fact, as shown in the Chapel Hill story, that all of our expenditures are directed to a very little on parks and means of recreation. His statement follows:

"In your issue of the 27th, under the heading 'State Cities Spend Less,' in a communication directed at Chapel Hill, comparative reference is made to cost of municipal governments in North Carolina as against an average of some 146 cities of relative importance. I note that the expenditure of the city of Wilmington for its government is given as \$29.94 annually per capita. There is evidently a serious error in the print or in the calculations or basis used.

"The budget of the city of Wilmington is \$656,835.00 for the year ending May 31, 1921. The population of the city of Wilmington, United States census for 1920, is given as 33,242. It is evident that the average per capita for our city is less than \$20—\$19.68 to be accurate. Included in the budget figures is an appropriation of \$18,000 per annum for the cancellation of bonds.

"An average of budgets for the last ten years, figured by an average population, would indicate a still lower per capita cost. But the above is sufficient. One statement in the article referred to is worthy of note—that all of our cities are spending too little in parks and means of recreation."

SMOKE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS TO FRANK ROSS, GROCER

Timely discovery yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock of fire in the grocery store of Frank M. Ross, 228 Market street, probably saved the large stock of groceries in the establishment and the building from destruction. The fire department answered the call sent in by William P. Sanders, who discovered the blaze in the rear of the store. The flames were extinguished by the chemical apparatus.

Mr. Ross estimated that his stock was damaged to the extent of \$3,000 or \$4,000, mostly from smoke. The building was full of smoke when Mr. Sanders opened the door yesterday morning and the smoke was intense that it blackened almost everything in the store.

OFFICERS ELECTED
The annual meeting of Sepa Grotto, No. 78, Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, was held in the Masonic temple Friday night and the officers who will serve during the ensuing year were elected as follows: Monarch, C. A. Williams; chief justice, J. E. W. Cook; master of ceremonies, C. B. Newcombe; secretary, S. L. Boyd; treasurer, Eugene M. Beary. Rev. Frank A. Dean, Horace Higginbotham, Paul B. Bell and Dr. William C. Mebane, were named an executive committee to handle all business matters to come before the order during the present year.

CANVASS FOR NURSES' HOME TO BE STARTED HERE FEBRUARY 15TH

Mr. Elliott to Direct Campaign for Buiding Fund of \$100,000

In order to provide a nurses' home, something vitally essential in the successful conduct of a large hospital, and to meet urgent needs, certain public-spirited citizens of this city are to launch a drive for \$100,000 to provide such an addition at the James Walker Memorial hospital. The date of the inauguration of the campaign has been set for February 15th and plans are already well under way, headquarters having been opened in the Home Savings bank building. From the headquarters the campaign will be directed and persons may call there for any information regarding the needs of the hospital and the necessity of waging a campaign at this time.

It is stated upon the authority of those who have devoted much time to the management and upbuilding of the institution that a campaign would not be waged at this time if it were not for the absolute necessity of meeting the needs of the hour and without delay. It was the urgency of the cause that induced George B. Elliott, general counsel for the Atlantic Coast line railroad, to lay aside stress of work and consent to become general chairman of the campaign. Mr. Elliott declared that he was impelled to do so by reason of the urgent nature of the case and that he felt certain that when the people of the city and county fully realize the situation they will promptly and liberally respond. He set forth the object of the campaign as threefold:

"First, the board of managers of the hospital has in mind the vital necessity of enlarging the circle of those who shall render effective service to the institution. The James Walker Memorial hospital has served the community for the past twenty years and in all its history has never made a public appeal for funds. The hospital has helped everybody and now needs everybody's help. The management of the hospital has been under the care and direction of a few public-spirited citizens who have served without remuneration and at a considerable expenditure of time and money. Now in its needs the hospital appeals for the support of the whole community.

"The second object is to wipe out a deficit of approximately \$30,000.00 incurred wholly in making necessary permanent improvements and repairs in the past six years. The indebtedness of the hospital is not due to expenditures in the running expense of the institution. By careful management and through generosity of a few citizens the management has always been able to meet the current operating expenses.

"The third imperative need is \$75,000 for a nurses' home. This is made necessary by reason of the crowded condition of the hospital. The nurses are now occupying rooms badly needed for surgical and medical cases and the release of these rooms will give additional revenue estimated as sufficient to offset the expense of maintaining the new nurses' home."

General Chairman Elliott expects in a short time to announce the personnel of the executive committee to have charge of the campaign.

Trinity, 27, Wake Forest, 21
RALPHIGH Jan. 28.—Trinity tonight defeated Wake Forest in one of the snappiest basketball games played in the capitol this season. The Methodists piled up 27 points to 21 scored by their Baptist opponents.

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DURHAM "Y" FIVE TO PLAY THE RAINBOWS

Excellent Team Will Meet Locals In the Y. M. C. A. February 7

The Durham "Y" five, acclaimed the best basketball team in the state, will play Wilmington's best, the "Rainbows," Monday night, a week hence, or February 7, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, and it is believed that the basketball fans and fannies of the city will provide a record-breaking attendance for this game.

The Durham quintet has been regarded for several years as being the best basketball team in North Carolina, and the success this team has had during the present season is the best it has ever had. This will mean that the local "Rainbows" will have to "run some" to win the game here.

The line up of the "tobacco boys" team to Wilmington, Leo Mangum, Brick Starling and Capt. Sis Perry; this trio has made a record in basketball and other sports in this state. Mangum was a star young pitcher for the Pittsburgh Nationals, Brick Starling threw the goal for Trinity college last year in the game that won the state championship, and Capt. Perry is a former Carolina star. Cline, the Durham captain of the State A. and E. college team last year, who piloted his team within a game of the state championship, will play right guard and will be assisted by Edgar Hefflin, former Durham High captain and an All-State high school guard. Foots Knight, hero of many a high school college and Y. M. C. A. basketball midget, forms the forward. "Rainbows" and Luddy Harris, two first string subs, who have been giving the regular players a tight run for their respective positions, will accompany the team to Wilmington. C. R. Clark, director of physical education, will be in charge of the Durham team.

The Durham five recently completed a week's trip, on which it played the Norfolk Navy team, University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, Spartanburg Y. M. C. A. Trinity college and the State A. and E. college.

While the Wilmington "Rainbows" can not boast of having any college graduates in the line up, the team members have graduated and won their degrees in the art of basketball by proven ability and their victories of eight out of ten games is offered as ample proof that they are qualified basketball players. Although the star midget forwards of the "Rainbows," Schuster and Griffith, will very likely be out of the game on account of injuries received in the Wilson game a few weeks ago, Bill Montgomery, piloting the "Rainbows" has two excellent forwards in Charles Bell and Chris Gerdes, who are fast players and unusual good tossers. Herman (Big Six) Gerdes takes care of center, as he is in a class by himself. "Shorty" Gore and Bill Montgomery two giant "Rainbow" guards, it is believed will be able to stay any two forwards Durham may select. Gore and Montgomery have thrown many goals this season that the men they guarded threw. Only a little over two goals each per man have been thrown on this pair per game this season.

The team members request that every basketball fan and fannie support them by their presence at this game on the night of February 7, not only for the privilege of witnessing two top teams in action, but also for the purpose of assisting the home team to pay the heavy expenses necessarily incurred in staging such an important basketball game.

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UNION MEN INVADE CONTRACTING FIELD

Promise Saving of Twenty Per Cent by Eliminating the "Middleman"

J. M. Maughlin, president of the Building Trades council, which is fighting the proposed reduction in wages paid carpenters, painters, masons, plumbers and other commercial builders, announced yesterday that the union men had already begun figuring on building contracts and that a call at the office of the council, No. 26, Garretts building, would convince a prospective builder that he can be saved at least twenty per cent on the cost of all building by placing the work directly in the hands of the union men.

Asked if there had been any further developments among the union men regarding the twenty per cent cut in wages as proposed by the contractors, President Maughlin last night said that the local union of electricians met on Friday night and, like the carpenters, painters and steel workers, resolved not to accept the reduction as proposed for February 28.

Under the caption, "Facts in Regard of the Cost of Building," Mr. Maughlin last night handed the following statement to The Star for publication: "Prospective builders are invited to call at the office of the Building Trades council, room No. 26, Garretts building, where they can be convinced of a saving of at least 20 per cent on the cost of all building.

"Competent men can be secured to supervise the construction, and competent mechanics can be secured for your work.

"Why not eliminate the middleman and keep the price of the overhead expense in your own pocket? A contractor who will figure a fair profit on actual cost of material and labor is necessary in the building field; but the profiteering contractor who pads his figures on material and labor and proceeds to add an exorbitant profit, is a menace to the public in any community, and any organization of contractors who agree to figure in this manner is nothing but a drain on the funds which should be expended in building."

BOYS TO HEAR STATE Y. M. C. A. SECRETARY

J. Wilson Smith, of Charlotte, state Young Men's Christian association secretary, is to address the regular Sunday Boys' Mass meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Smith has the reputation of being one of the best speakers in North Carolina and as his subject will be of unusual interest to boys, a large audience is expected. The meeting will be held in the gymnasium of the local association.

As a special feature of the mass meeting, the male quartette of Calvary Baptist church will render a number of selections. The quartette is composed of Messrs. Carey P. Herring, J. E. Allard, C. V. Lewis and R. H. Smith.

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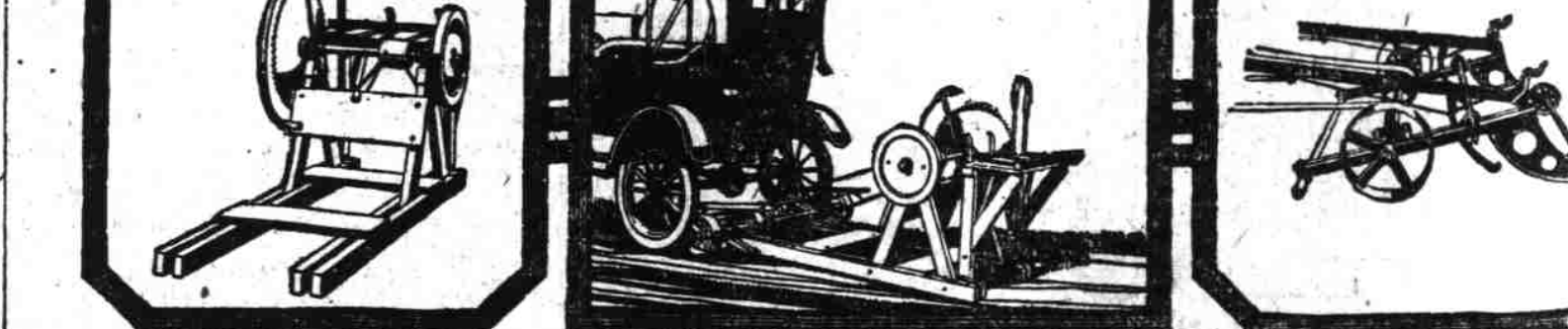
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