

EMBRYO QUEEN OF THE NAVY FAST NEARS HER COMPLETION

TAFT WARNS MONEYED MEN NOT TO HAMPER CANAL WORK

Work on the United States Protected Cruiser North Carolina, Now in Course of Construction at Newport News, Va., Is Far Ahead of the Contracted Time, and Launching Will Be Held in December, 1906, with Governor Glenn's Daughter As the Fighting Machine's Sponsor.

From Staff Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—The armored cruiser North Carolina, which will be one of the most powerful and swiftest fighting ships afloat, is now over twenty per cent. completed, and in little more than a year will be launched from the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company at Newport News, Va., where the keel was laid on March 21st last.

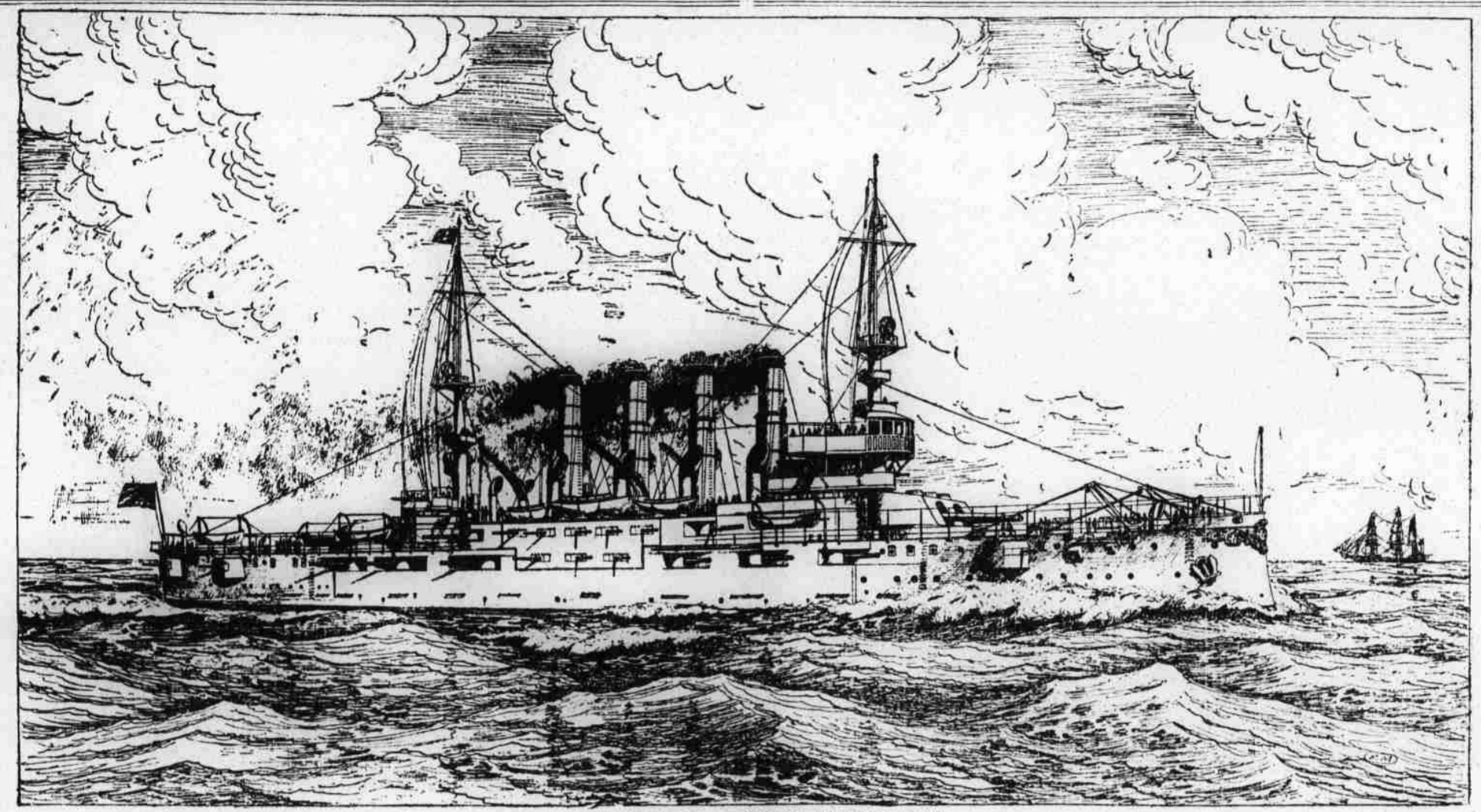
Interest naturally attaches, as the date for the launching approaches, to the fair young lady who will christen the man-of-war that is to bear the proud name of Carolina. While there is no official announcement on the subject, it can be stated on authority that the Governor's daughter, Miss Rebecca Glenn, will have the honor of christening the North Carolina when it takes to the waters of the Atlantic in December one year hence. There have been instances where the daughters of Senators christened men-of-war, named after States, notably in the instance of the Rhode Island, but so much friction resulted that the role of extending the courtesy to the daughters of Governors will hardly be broken again.

That the occasion of the launching will be an eventful one to North Carolinians is apparent, by reason of the proximity of the plant where the cruiser is being constructed. The launching of one of these modern fighting vessels, which have, with only rare exceptions, been named after Commonwealths, arouses the greatest patriotism and state pride. Interior States send delegations by the hundreds to attend launchings, so it is easy to see that a great part of North Carolina is going to be at Newport News a year hence when the five-million-dollar fighting machine named after the State is released from the ways.

While it cannot be stated with exactness when the North Carolina will be baptized, officials at the Navy Department say that the launching will probably occur during the month of December, 1906. On November the first of this month the cruiser had reached a state of completion a fraction above twenty-one per cent. She was a good way ahead of her sister ship, the armored cruiser Montana, which is only eighteen per cent. completed. These big men-of-war are launched when they are approximately sixty per cent. completed, and as the rate of construction is about three per cent. per month, it will be observed that the North Carolina, barring no mishap, will be ready for launching something like thirteen months hence.

The North Carolina is considered perfect from the standpoint of armored cruisers, and is to all intents regarded as effective as a battleship. While not quite so heavily armed as a battleship, the North Carolina will have the finest kind of armament, and will be able to speed as fast as the fleetest. In case of a battle at sea she could give and take, but would have the distinct advantage of being able to run away from a battleship or engage an enemy of this class at will.

The Montana and the Carolina alike (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)



U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA

Secretary of War, Under Whose Supervision Big Ditch Is Being Constructed, Recites History of Canal Commission, Its Work, and Various Problems That Have Presented Themselves Since President Roosevelt Determined to Build the Link Between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

St. Louis, Nov. 18.—Secretary of War William H. Taft tonight was the guest of honor at the monthly banquet at the St. Louis Commercial Club. President Charles Nagel presided and introduced Secretary Taft, who spoke on "The Panama Canal." He said: "Gentlemen of the Commercial Club of St. Louis:

It is a great pleasure to meet you again. My association with your club was begun at the time of the visit of the Cincinnati Commercial Club to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and was renewed at the time of the visit of this club to the silver wedding of the Cincinnati Club. On that occasion I remember having the honor of being adopted into your membership for the sole purpose of adding Louisville to a photograph.

Some president, Mr. Nagel, has suggested as a subject for my remarks tonight the Panama Canal, and I shall follow his advice. You can read much of the canal written by far more competent observers and critics, for I am neither an engineer nor a constructor of works. There is a phase of the subject, however, with which it has been my lot to have something to do. The canal is to be built by the Government of the United States. It must be built according to law. I shall attempt to review the history of the canal construction from the standpoint of an officer of the government charged by the President with the duty of general supervision over those appointed to do the work and the methods pursued by them.

It is sufficient to begin my history with the discussion in our Congress as to the preferred route for a canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Other things being equal of course the best route is the shortest, and that is neither Nicaragua nor Panama. The shortest route, not more than 50 miles, is across the Isthmus of Darien, by way of the San Blas River, 30 miles from the water to the water. The difficulty with this route is that it requires the tunneling of a mountain 1,500 feet high in such a way as to permit the passage of modern steamships. The length of the tunnel is more than five miles and at least 150 feet in height above the water. Modern engineering has as yet accomplished no feat equaling the digging of such a tunnel, and the best evidence seems to show that the interior of the mountain is not granite or some hard rock that would hold itself in place after tunneling, but is probably a shaly or volcanic substance requiring the Nicaragua route, which had and still has sincere and strenuous advocates, is much longer, being about 137 miles in length, and involves the extensive dredging and use of a lake some 110 feet above sea level.

The Panama route was but 46 miles in length from shore line to shore line, had been partly constructed, and was practically an existing railroad, an agency indispensable to construction in any canal. Congress, by a majority vote deliberately reached the same conclusion, and confirmed it in the so-called Spooner Act passed early in 1902, by directing the arduous task, if practicable, to buy the rights of the New French Panama Canal Company in the Panama Colon, on the north side of the Isthmus of Panama, at a small subside called Cristobal, and run in a southeasterly direction to its other (Concluded on Page 6, Column 1.)

DEMAND MADE FOR PURE FOOD LAWS

The President Asked to Put Recommendation in His Message to Congress.

OPPOSITION PRINCIPALLY COMES FROM WHISKEY MEN

Judge Pritchard Declares That He Does Not Try to Influence Appointments to Office—Congress May Investigate Life Insurance Campaign Contributions.

R. H. McNEILL.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—The President was asked today to include in his forthcoming message a demand for the passage of an adequate national pure food law. The request to the Chief Executive was in the form of a remarkable number of petitions, accompanied by documents bearing on the subject, signed by the food commissioners of Ohio, Connecticut, North Carolina, North Dakota and Kentucky, as well as by several other representatives of the food inspection departments of States, setting forth that State experience has proved that States cannot control the commerce in adulterated foods and drugs and laws are necessary; that honest food producers and all State inspection authorities want the Federal law.

FEDERATION SUSTAINS PRESIDENT GOMPERS

Resolutions Censuring the Labor Organization's Chief Are Voted Down.

Pittsburg, Nov. 18.—With surprising dispatch, the American Federation of Labor convention has finished its first week and accomplished much of interest to its members.

Korea Adopts Japanese Protectorate.

Seoul, Nov. 18.—The Korean cabinet today agreed to adopt the proposition for a Japanese protectorate over Korea, made by Marquis Ito.

TRYING TO MAKE GAPS IMPOSSIBLE

Additional Indictments Against Greene and Gaynor and Associates.

THEY NOW STAND INDICTED ON FOUR DISTINCT CHARGES

A Feature of the Proceeding Was the Presence of Greene and Gaynor in Court—They Were Brought in From Jail Under Guard.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 18.—Two additional indictments charging embezzlement and receiving money of the United States that was alleged to have been embezzled by ex-Captain Oberlin M. Carter, were returned in the Federal Court tonight against Benjamin Greene and John F. Gaynor, Ed. H. Gaynor, William T. Gaynor and Michael A. Conolly.

TREATHS ON LIFE OF PRINCE LOUIS

New York, Nov. 18.—Now that the stay of Prince Louis of Battenberg in this city is so nearly over the fact was allowed to become known today that the Prince has received numerous anonymous letters threatening his life and that he deemed them serious enough to call the attention of the police department to this and also to ask protection.

FATAL HUNTING ACCIDENT.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 18.—By the accidental discharge of a shot-gun in the hands of one of a hunting party of five, in Green county today, James Maloney was killed and Wallace Carter was shot through one thigh. Maloney was a member of one of the most prominent families in Green county.

NORWAY'S RULER IS TO BE KING

Prince Charles of Denmark Elected to the Throne of the Kingdom.

STORTHING PRESIDENT SOUNDS THE KEYNOTE

Party Differences Sunk in Speeches Cordially Supporting the Government—Prince Charles Adopts a New Name Upon Accepting the Crown.

Christiania, Nov. 18.—The words of President Berner after the Storthing's unanimous election of Prince Charles of Denmark as King of Norway this evening: "This decision of the Storthing is the keystone of our independence which has been constructed this year," appropriately expressed the feeling animating all Norwegians, Republicans or otherwise, at the conclusion of the long struggle leading to the enrollment of Norway in the European States. The Socialist pastor, Erkesen, and State Advocate Gasterberg emphasized the unity of national conditions by sinking party differences in speeches cordially supporting the government.

SEA-LEVEL PLAN FOR GREAT CANAL

The Two Oceans to Be Connected Without Intervention of Locks.

THREE MONTHS OF WORK BEFORE REACHING DECISION

Majority of American Consulting Engineers Were in Favor of Lock and Dam Construction—Foreigners Were Without Prejudice or Bias.

Washington, Nov. 18.—By a vote of 8 to 5 today the board of consulting engineers of the Isthmian Canal Commission placed itself upon record as favoring the construction of the Panama Canal on the sea-level. This decision represents the outcome of nearly three months' hard work. Early in September the engineers gathered from all parts of the world to assist the American engineers in the decision of the momentous question of constructing the Panama Canal at sea-level or at a greater altitude involving a system of locks.

TEDDY JR. KNOCKED OUT ON GRIDIRON

President's Son Game, But Badly Used Up in Football Game With Yale.

TORPEDO BOAT SUNK AND MANY MISSING

Collision During a Practice Night Attack on a German Cruiser.

Kiel, Nov. 18.—Torpedo boat "S-120" collided last night near Buek with the small cruiser Undine. The torpedo boat sank and one officer and thirty-two seamen were missing.

Movement to Hold Cotton.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 18.—W. H. Seymour, president of the Alabama branch of the Southern Cotton Association, today issued a call for a meeting of the association to be held in Montgomery November 30th. Action will then be taken in support of the movement to hold 5,000,000 bales of cotton for 15 cents.

ACQUIRE GUNS AND BULLETS

Truth in Reports of Conspiracy Against the Cuban Government.

LIBERALS AND RADICALS REST UNDER SUSPICION

Police Searching for the Person Who Rented the House—Other Installments of Arms Believed to Be Hidden at Various Places in the Island.

Havana, Nov. 18.—The truth in the reports it plots to overthrow the government was revealed in part today. The government received a confidential report to the effect that an ostensibly vacant house in the Cerro suburb was being utilized as a secret depository for arms and ammunition and ordered the secret police to investigate. The police found forty-one rifles, twenty-one carbines, thirty-five packages each containing a thousand cartridges and some barrels filled with ammunition. Considerable suspicion is directed toward the Liberal and Radical leaders.

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Military Attache Transferred.

Mexico City, Nov. 18.—Captain Fourrier, military attache of the French Legation, has been transferred to Washington in the same capacity.