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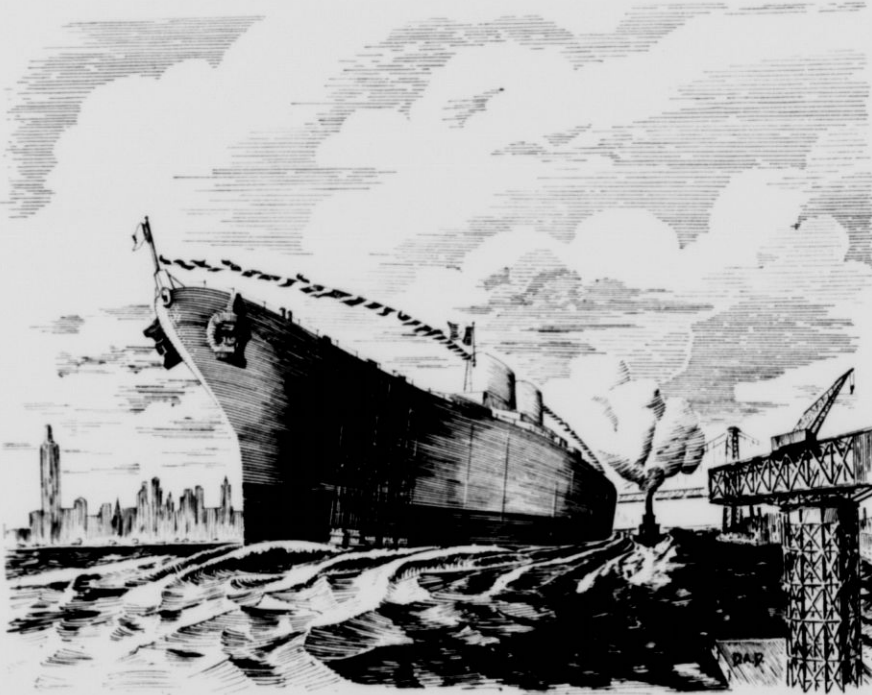
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World's Greatest Ship Ready to Launch

AS SHE'LL LOOK
TODAY

Mrs. H. A. Wallace to Christen U.S.S. 'Iowa'
Today, Seven Months Ahead of Schedule



Assistant Secretary of Navy Bard,
Mrs. Roosevelt Among Noted
Guests Expected Here

Today is the greatest in the history of the New York Navy Yard. With the launching of the U.S.S. *Iowa*, the largest, most powerful warship ever built will cleave the waters of the East River.

On shore, tens of thousands of Navy Yard employees will cheer the fulfillment of 25 months of toil on one of the most complex tasks yet undertaken by man. Joining the ovation will be many employees of contractors in the Yard.

Not the launching alone will be cause for their celebration, but also the fact that the *Iowa's* construction is seven months ahead of contract schedule.

Before the metal-encased champagne bottle thuds against the great vessel's bulbous bow, brief ceremonies will be held.

Guests to Speak

The thousands of workers, naval officers and guests present will hear short talks by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Ralph A. Bard, and other distinguished guests to be introduced by Rear Admiral E. J. Marquart, Commandant of the Navy Yard.

Although the President of the United States will be unable to attend, because of the pressure of official affairs, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will be present. Like the President, the Vice President, Henry A. Wallace, and the Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, were unable to accept invitations.

Launching at 10:36 a. m.

At 10:36 a. m., Mrs. Wallace, wife of the Vice President and sponsor of the ship, will say, "I christen thee *Iowa*, may God guard the *Iowa* and all who sail in her." Amid flying champagne the giant battlewagon will move down the ways.

Although it will be a simple wartime launching ceremony, the American people will be told of this great stride in the strengthening of their offensive strength. Three national radio networks will describe the proceedings, as well as a number of local stations. Press and newsreel cameramen will be present.

The Program

Music by the U. S. Navy Yard Band and the Shipfitters' Shop Band

Rendition of honors to distinguished guests

Playing of National Anthem

Invocation by Chaplain of Navy Yard

Introduction of distinguished guests by Commandant

Introduction of sponsor by Commandant

Christening of vessel by sponsor

Launching

The stop-work whistle will blow at 10:06 a. m. when all employees will take their designated vantage points from which to see the launching ceremonies starting at 10:15 a. m. One half hour from the actual launching, employees will return to work on the sounding of a second whistle. Washington, Clermont and Clymer St. Gates only are to be used by employees. This arrangement, as well as the fact that all employees will have a brief, common, lunch hour makes it advisable for everyone to bring an already prepared lunch to prevent congestion.

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