

# Hamilton's Kin Here Christens a Cutter

## One Craft Is Named After First Treasurer and the Other After Secretary of Tyler

The great-great-granddaughter of America's first and greatest Secretary of the Treasury and the wife of a present Assistant Secretary of the Treasury held the center of a floating stage at the Brooklyn Navy Yard this afternoon in ceremonies formally christening two new Coast Guard cutters.

The cutters, each 327 feet long, displacing 2,000 tons and built at a cost of \$2,400,000, were named the Alexander Hamilton and the John C. Spencer.

The Alexander Hamilton was christened by Mary Schuyler Hamilton of Elmsford, N. Y., a direct descendant of the nation's first Treasury Secretary, and the John C. Spencer was christened in honor of President John Tyler's Secretary of the Treasury, who lived at Hudson, N. Y., by Mrs. Stephen Gibbons.

### Already Launched

The ladies had to be agile in smashing their bottles of champagne, too, because both cutters were built in the Navy Yard's huge No. 2 drydock and had already been launched by the simple expedient of letting the waters of Wallabout Basin flow into the dock.

The ceremonies took place at 3:30 p.m. on a floating platform with a host of Coast Guard, Treasury Department, Navy Department and city officials clustered about the dock.

Rear Admiral Harris M. Laning, commandant of the Third Naval District and the Brooklyn Navy Yard, serving as master of ceremonies, introduced two speakers. Brief addresses were made by Rear Admiral Randolph Waesche, commander-in-chief of the United States Coast Guard, and by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Stephen Gibbons.

### Invocation by Dr. Fleming

The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Frederic S. Fleming,

pastor of Trinity Church, where the remains of Alexander Hamilton are interred in the shadow of the Wall St. skyscrapers.

The sponsors then smashed their champagne bottles on the cutters' prows, and the vessels were officially named. Following the ceremony Admiral Laning tendered a reception to the sponsors and their guests at the commissioned officers' mess.

A 30-piece Coast Guard band from the station at New London, Conn., provided music during the ceremony.

### LaGuardia Attends

Secretary of the Treasury Henry L. Morgenthau, who had been expected to attend the christening of two vessels in honor of former Treasury secretaries from New York, which is also his home State, was detained in Washington by the opening of Congress.

Mayor LaGuardia and Borough President Ingersoll were among those present. Capt. James F. Hotel, commander of the New York division of the Coast Guard and captain of the Port of New York, represented the local Coast Guard stations.

Capt. Harvey Johnson, engineer-in-chief of the Coast Guard, and Commander F. A. Hunnewell, Coast Guard construction chief, represented the Washington office, along with Admiral Waesche. Admiral Waesche's aides, Lt. Com. George Gelly and Lt. W. J. Smith, were also present.

### Not Yet Completed

Capt. Charles Dunn, industrial manager of the Navy Yard, under whose supervision the cutters were built, and Capt. Roe R. Adams, captain of the yard, represented the Navy Department at the ceremonies, along with Commander F. M. Earle, who was in charge of arrangements.

The cutters, neither of which is yet completed, will remain at the Navy Yard for several months while their motors and interiors are installed. Thereafter the Alexander Hamilton will report for duty at the San Francisco Coast Guard station, and the John C. Spencer will be stationed at Cordova, Alaska.