

ARIZONA LAUNCHING JUNE 19

Dreadnought Will Cost About \$16,000,000 When Completed.

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WASHINGTON, June 7. — The super-dreadnought Arizona, now building at the New York Navy Yard, will be launched at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of June 19. On invitation of Secretary Daniels, the sponsor has been named by Governor George W. P. Hunt of Arizona, and will be Miss Esther Ross of Preston, Ariz.

As soon as the Arizona has been launched, work will be started on the construction of the super-dreadnought California, which was authorized by the Naval Appropriation act of 1914 and must be built at a Government yard. The California's keel will be laid on the ways from which the Arizona is to be launched. Much progress has already been made in manufacturing and assembling materials for the California.

The Arizona is to be a sister ship of the Pennsylvania, which was launched March 16 at the works of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. The Arizona is the fourth modern ship to be constructed by the Government at one of its own navy yards. The first of these was the Connecticut, which was launched at New York a little more than a decade ago. The Connecticut was followed by the Florida, and the latter vessel by the New York, which is the last vessel finished at the New York Navy Yard.

In the ten years that have passed between the launching of the Connecticut and the launching of the Arizona, the tonnage of the vessels is practically doubled. The Arizona will carry a main battery of 12 fourteen-inch guns and 22 five-inch rifles. She will have a displacement of 31,400 tons and will be 600 feet long, and her speed contract calls for nineteen knots.

The Arizona was authorized by act of Congress March 4, 1913, the limit of cost being \$7,425,000, exclusive of armor and armament. The keel of the vessel was laid on March 16, 1914. When she goes into commission it is estimated her cost to the country will have reached \$16,000,000 or more.

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