

ARIZONA LAUNCHING HERE EARLY IN JUNE

Great Celebration at Navy Yard
to Welcome the Huge New
Superdreadnought.

ATLANTIC FLEET TO ATTEND

Keel for the California, Still Biggest,
to be Laid When Present
Vessel Takes Water.

The new superdreadnought Arizona, of which more than 53 per cent. has been completed at the navy yard in Brooklyn, will be launched early in June, and as soon as she takes the water preparations will begin for the laying of the keel of the still greater superdreadnought California, which also is to be built at the navy yard. Contracts for the materials to be used in the construction of the California are now being let.

The launching of the Arizona is expected to prove one of the greatest naval celebrations in the history of New York. The time selected for the great ship to take her plunge into the East River is one when the entire Atlantic Fleet will be in New York waters, making it possible for 25,000 officers and men of that organization to witness the ceremony. President Wilson will be urged to go to Brooklyn for the launching. If he does

he will be the first President to witness a battleship launching in New York in the last ten years.

The Arizona will be the fourth of the great battleships built in the New York Navy Yard to be launched, the others having been the old flagship Connecticut, the dreadnought Florida, and the superdreadnought New York, the last named the new flagship of the Atlantic Fleet. When she goes overboard she probably will be about 65 per cent. completed, which indicates that it will be early in the Spring of 1916 before she is ready to take her place as a unit of the first superdreadnought division of the Atlantic Fleet. Her sister ship, the Pennsylvania, was launched at Newport News, Va., last Tuesday.

In addition to the President, those who are expected to witness the launching of the Arizona are Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, Admiral Fletcher, the commander in chief of the Atlantic Fleet, and his staff, the four Rear Admirals commanding the battleship divisions of the Atlantic Fleet, Admiral Dewey, Governor Whitman, and a large delegation from Arizona, including the Governor and the lucky girl who will be selected to name the superdreadnought. At fewest 20,000 persons from New York City, in addition to out of town guests, probably will be invited to attend.

The Arizona when she goes into commission will have a displacement of 31,400 tons. She will be 608 feet long, will have a speed of twenty-one knots, and will have cost the Government more than \$13,000,000 to build and equip. She will have a main battery of twelve fourteen-inch guns firing projectiles that weigh 1,400 pounds each, in addition to a secondary battery of twenty-two five-inch guns. Her crew will number about 1,000 officers and men.

Thrown Silks Fairly Active.

The thrown silk market is moderately active on inquiries for prompt deliveries, but there is little future business. It is noticeable, according to John Dunlop's Sons, that manufacturers are nearing the end of the supplies they bought last year, and are now compelled to come into the market as the occasion demands. Prices remain very steady, reflecting a similar condition in the raw silk market.