

THE MIGHTY ARIZONA NOW A PART OF NAVY

**Ceremonies at Brooklyn Yard
as the Superdreadnought
Goes Into Commission.**

HAS TWELVE 14-INCH GUNS

**New Ship and Her Sister Vessel,
the Pennsylvania, Most Power-
ful Fighting Craft Afloat.**

The superdreadnought Arizona, latest addition to the United States Navy and the largest and most powerfully armed fighting ship ever built at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn, went into commission at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon while the bluejackets from half a dozen other dreadnoughts, the yard staff, and a large number of civilians looked on.

Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, Commandant of the yard, during whose administration so much Government work has been done there, read the orders from the Navy Department which made the Arizona an active unit of the Atlantic Fleet, after which Captain John D. McDonald read his own orders from the Navy Department to assume command of the superdreadnought. Then the band struck up the "Star-Spangled Banner," a big new silken flag was hauled aloft, and the Arizona was in active service.

For weeks past the crew of the Arizona had been assembling, most of the men coming from the battleships Kansas, Vermont, and New Hampshire, three ships of the predreadnought type which were transferred recently to the Atlantic Reserve Fleet.

The Connecticut, the sole remaining vessel of the predreadnought type now in the Atlantic Fleet, is destined to go into the reserve. The Atlantic Fleet has been reorganized, so far as its first fighting line is concerned, into an all-dreadnought fleet, and by this time next year, when the new Idaho and Mississippi go into commission, the fleet will form one of the greatest naval fighting forces in the world, with nineteen vessels of the dreadnought class comprising the four active battle divisions.

"Do you realize," said an officer of the Arizona yesterday, "that this one ship has more big guns than the Kansas, Vermont and New Hampshire combined, and that a broadside from the Arizona's twelve 14-inch guns weighs 6,000 pounds more than would a broadside from all the 12-inch guns on those three ships. Naturally, we got our crew from those ships. The Arizona is too big and important to risk a chance with a green crew, and the only sensible thing to do was to give us a trained crew, and the only place to get those men was out of the active fleet, and, as those three ships were going into reserve, where they belong, they furnished a majority of the men."

In the yard yesterday, when the Arizona went into commission, were the dreadnoughts Wyoming, flagship, the Delaware of the Fifth, the New York and Texas of the Sixth, and the Arkansas, Nevada and Pennsylvania of the Eighth Division of the Atlantic Fleet. There are the first line fighting divisions of the great fleet, under Admiral Mayo. Divisions one, two, three and four are the reserve organizations.

In addition to the wonderful main battery of twelve 14-inch guns, the Arizona also mounts twenty 5-inch guns, and a full battery of anti-aircraft ordnance. In the opinion of navy officers she and her sister ship, the Pennsylvania, are the two most powerful vessels of the dreadnought class in any navy in the world. No other vessels of the Atlantic Fleet mount so many guns of the 14-inch type. The New York, Texas, Oklahoma, and Nevada each mount ten 14-inch guns. On all other ships the big guns are of the 12-inch calibre.

It was said yesterday that the Arizona was still about 150 men short of her full fighting complement of 1,034 officers and men. These men, however, will be provided shortly, and, when the ship goes to sea a few days hence, she will be manned to her required limit. The entire turret force of the battleship Kansas, among them some of the

best marksmen and gunners in the service, are a part of the Arizona's crew.

The officers of America's newest superdreadnought are: Captain, J. D. McDonald; Lieut. Commanders, W. R. White, C. C. Bloch, S. H. R. Doyle, and Richard Henderson; Lieutenants, W. S. Anderson, C. R. Clark, V. V. Woodward, S. A. Clement, H. Belt, H. A. Badt, H. E. Knauss, G. Bradford, J. B. Glennon, H. G. Cooper, J. B. Rutter, E. C. Lange, O. C. Badger, G. M. Tisdale; Ensigns, D. P. Moon, W. C. Sutherland, W. E. Borden, Jr., G. F. Bunnell, A. D. Mayer, B. R. Holcombe, C. P. Cecil, W. E. Miller, G. F. Chapline, N. O. Wynkoop, J. H. Lawson, N. T. Lawrence, Jr., R. H. Jones, and L. Cooper; Surgeon, C. G. Smith; Assistant Surgeon, J. Harper; Paymaster, W. R. Bowne; Captain, M. E. Shearer, U. S. M. C.; Lieutenant, J. F. S. Norris, U. S. M. C.; Chief Boatswain, M. J. J. Farley; Chief Gunners, S. Danielak, A. D. Freshman; Gunner, C. Keene; Chief Machinists, M. S. Holloway, J. A. Oliver, J. L. McCormack; Chief Carpenter, J. Redington; Chief Pay Clerk, M. Gilman; Pay Clerk, W. R. Parker.