

# NAVY SAVES MILLION BY BUILDING ARIZONA

**U. S. Constructors Finish New  
Superdreadnought in Con-  
tract Time.**

**HAS TWELVE 14-INCH GUNS**

**New Ship and the Pennsylvania Are  
the Largest Vessels In  
the U. S. Navy.**

The superdreadnought Arizona, which shares with her sister, the future fleet flagship Pennsylvania, the honor of being the greatest and most powerful fighting ship ever built for the United States Navy, is, with the exception of a few minor details, completed and ready for service, the last rivet having been driven on Friday, the day on which the contract stipulated the Arizona should be finished. Furthermore, the navy yard constructors who built the Arizona have won the thanks of the Navy Department by building the ship at a cost \$1,000,000 less than independent ship contractors had estimated.

To Naval Constructor J. E. Bailey, the builder of dreadnoughts, and his assistants, Commanders Earl P. Jessop and S. R. H. Doyle of the Naval Engineering arm, goes the honor of having effected this great saving to the Government, a saving which even the bureau chiefs in Washington did not think possible. Constructor Bailey also directed the construction of the dreadnoughts Florida and New York, and the New Mexico, which will soon be ready for launching. As soon as the New Mexico is in the water the construction corps at the navy yard will immediately start work on another big superdreadnought, the Tennessee.

The contract for the construction of the Arizona was signed and awarded to the New York Navy Yard on Sept. 15, 1913, but it was not until March 16, 1914, that the keel was laid. Seven months later the first of the armor plate was riveted into position, and on June 19, 1915, the great ship was launched in the presence of the largest crowd that ever assembled at a similar ceremony in this country. The Arizona is 608 feet long, and displaces 31,400 tons.

Her main battery consists of twelve 14-inch guns of the latest types, all of which can be fired in a single broadside either to port or starboard, the projectile weight of such a broadside being approximately 17,000 pounds, or eight and one-half tons of steel. In addition to her mighty main battery the Arizona is armed with a complete battery of small calibre guns, in addition to a full complement of anti-aircraft guns. The manning force of the Arizona will number 1,000 officers and men, and her first commander is to be Captain J. D. McDonald, former Fleet Chief of Staff under Admiral F. F. Fletcher. Commander W. B. White will be the executive officer, and Commander Doyle, who superintended the construction of her engines, will be the chief engineer.

With the addition of the Arizona to the Atlantic Fleet that organization will include six first line ships, all mounting guns of the 14-inch type, the other vessels so armed being the Pennsylvania, the Nevada, the Oklahoma, the Texas and the New York, all of them with the exception of the New York and Texas being recent additions to the first line of the navy. In addition, the fleet also includes five dreadnoughts mounting 12-inch guns, namely, the Wyoming, Arkansas, Florida, Utah and Delaware.

The Pennsylvania took her place in the fleet last week. The Arizona will be commissioned next month and should be at her place in the first line by Christmas.

## V. P. BREESE WED DANCER.

**Judge of Dogs Married Carlotta de  
Felice Last Monday.**

Vinton P. Breese, a well-known judge of dogs, and Miss Carlotta de Felice, known on the stage as Mme. Carlotta, were married last Monday evening at the Dutch Reformed Church in Newark, N. J., and managed to keep their secret until yesterday, when their marriage became known.

The bride has danced in Europe and America and has recently been appearing on the screen. She is fond of dogs and it was at an exhibition where she was showing some Yorkshire dogs that she first met Mr. Breese, who was judging. They were introduced by Mrs. William C. Thompson of this city, who was among the few friends at the wedding. Wex Jones, who owns a bull terrier kennel, acted as best man.

## Malba Water Carnival and Dance.

A water carnival and dance was held yesterday by the Malba Field and Marine Club, Malba, L. I., at which there were swimming and diving exhibitions by members of the Whitestone Swimming School. Mrs. R. Siglow made a high dive with her hands and feet manacled with chains. Miss Katherine Brown, and H. L. Grieser and Miss Grieser also gave exhibitions. About 300 guests attended the dance in the evening.