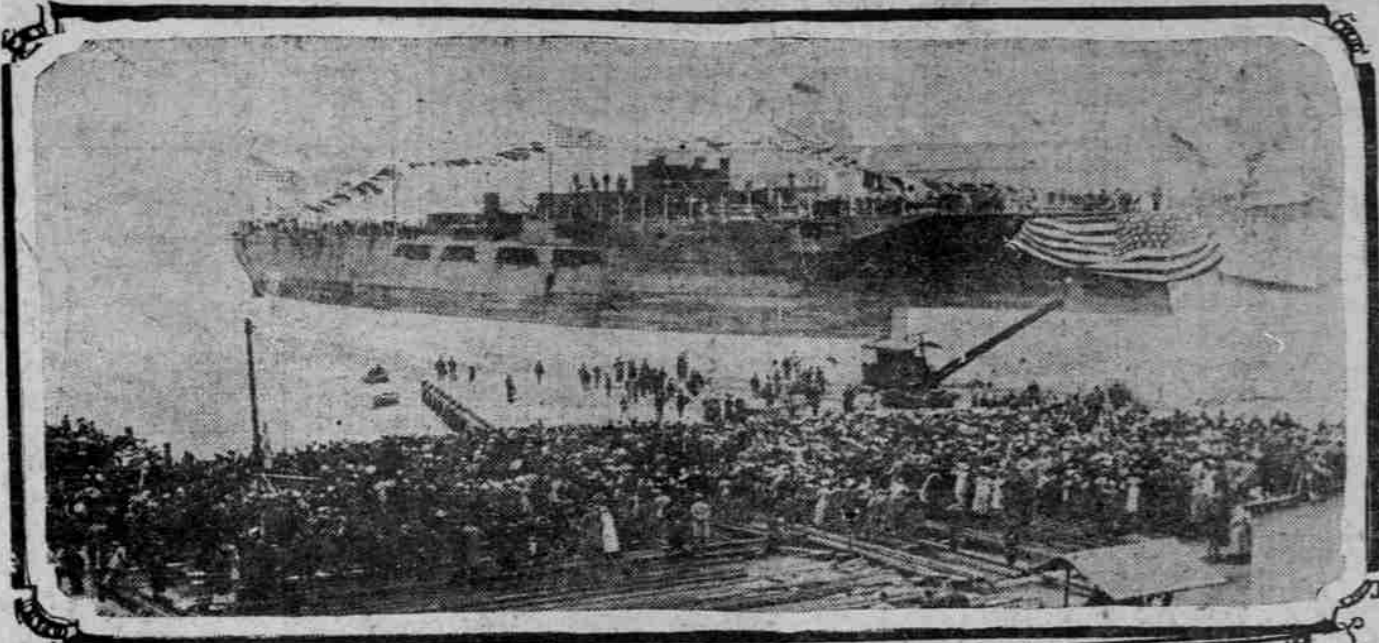
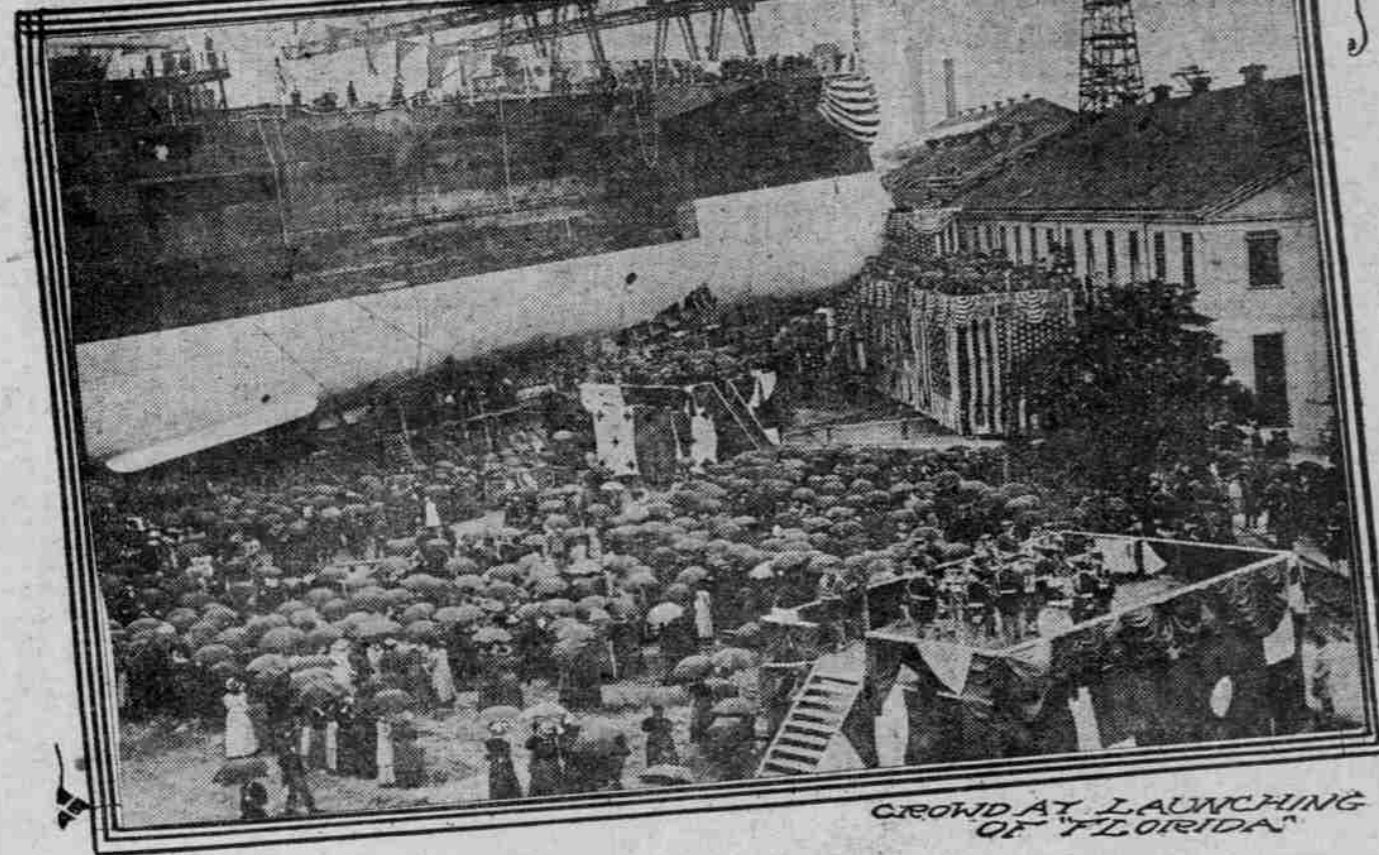


# THROUGH WITNESSES CHRISTENING OF UNCLE SAM'S LARGEST BATTLESHIP

Thirty Thousand People Gather at Brooklyn Navy-Yard as Latest Dreadnought, Florida, Slides Into Sea—Vessel 68 Per Cent Completed at Time of Launching.



LAUNCHING OF "FLORIDA," BROOKLYN, N.Y.



CROWD AT LAUNCHING OF "FLORIDA"

NEW YORK, May 21.—(Special.)—Thirty thousand men, women and children assembled at the Brooklyn Navy-yard last Thursday to witness the christening of the United States dreadnought Florida, the Navy's greatest battleship.

# THOUSANDS OF NEW YORK ORPHANS TO ENJOY BIG AUTOMOBILE RIDE

Chance Remark of Little Waif Leads to Institution of Day on Which Homeless Children Are Given Treat. Dental Hygiene Council Ends Its Work—Born Slave, Now Rich.

BY LLOYD F. LONGERGAN.  
NEW YORK, May 21.—(Special.)—The "Orphan's Auto Day," a date looked forward to in every juvenile charitable institution throughout Greater New York, promises to be bigger and more satisfactory than ever this year. The advance indications are that fully 600 machines will be placed at the disposal of the committee, and this means that about 800 orphans will have the day of their lives.

Alex. Schwabach, a motor enthusiast, was driving his car away on town some years ago, and had a slight accident that caused him to stop for repairs. While he was working around his machine, a group of little orphans, out for a walk, passed by. They gazed curiously at Schwabach, and one child remarked to a younger companion:

"That is an automobile, Lizzie. I wonder if any of us will ever ride in one."

That remark kept running through Schwabach's head all the rest of the day. Then he communicated with some of his friends who own cars, and they decided to make things happy for some orphans anyway. They took a party for an outing, enjoyed the experience, talked up the scheme, and the result is the formation of the Orphan Auto day.

This year the little boys and girls will be driven all the way to Coney Island, given a fine luncheon at the expense of several rich committeemen, and the biggest guests at all the big shows including Dreamland and Luna Park. It is a day that the children talk of for weeks before it comes around, and for weeks after it is over.

It is an interesting sight to see the automobile parade on its way to Coney Island. The long line of cars practically hold up traffic along the route, as the machines, full of happy children, skim by. Some of the most expensive machines in the city are in the parade, and also some of the cheapest. But the children do not care which kind they draw. The mere idea of being in a car that is going is happiness enough for them.

Unique Crusade Successful.  
The Dental Hygiene Council which has been holding a unique crusade in the Metropolitan building, shut up shop yesterday, and its projectors are highly pleased with the result of their work.

The idea of the Council is to arouse parents and children to the necessity of caring for their teeth. It is also trying to have free dental clinics established in connection with the public schools for poor children. There have been daily lectures, illustrated by stereopticon views, one of the most interesting being a set showing how children in Massachusetts are given a regular tooth brush exercise, the same as they are taught any other course of study.

There are 60,000 school children in New York City, and a medical examination of 57,000 has shown that defective teeth more than doubles all other physical infirmities. Nearly 65 per cent of the children examined were found to be "dental apples," unable to get anything like the real value of their food. Of 600 children who went to the clinic of the Children's Aid Society Industrial School, only 14 had sound teeth, and these were sadly in need of a dentist's attention.

Some parents with a love for statistics

Miss Elizabeth Fleming christened the ship. The Florida's launching demonstrates that Uncle Sam's workmen are competent to construct his dreadnoughts. The battleship is now 68 per cent completed, something remarkable at the time of launching.

The engines of the Florida will consist of ten turbines of the Parsons type, six go-ahead and four astern turbines, which will be driven by steam generated from 12 water-tube boilers with furnaces which have been constructed for the consumption of coal or oil fuel.

Unusual Case Decided.  
A law suit very much out of the ordinary, was decided in the courts of Queens County a few days ago. The victor was Primus Van Dorn, a feeble negro, 75 years old. He was born a slave, but

with his father escaped from the South away back in 1848. Then the family settled in Springfield, Long Island, just outside of the limits of the present city, and started to make a living as farmers. When Primus was 21, he branched out for himself, first buying an acre and a quarter, and later increasing his holdings to four and a half acres. He paid \$50 for the entire tract, and since 1896 has remained in undisputed possession of the property. The land is now worth easily \$15,000.

The heirs of one John Conseyea tried to eject the aged negro, but their efforts

more promptly halted by Justice Aspinall, whose decision was vigorous and easy to understand.

Charles Wagner, who lives at 207 First avenue, was a victim of cruel and unusual punishment, inflicted in the name of the law.

Of the city's breathing spots is Stuyvesant Park. Recently a gang of young men have been enjoying themselves in the park, through the park, armed with long sticks. Whenever they encountered a sleeper, they aroused him by the simple method of beating him over the head. Strange to say, the sleepers complained, and the result was that a strong force of police were sent to the scene, and instructions that sticks were barred. Whereat the sleepers rejoiced.

But a morning or so ago, the gang of young toughs turned up with bags of ancient eggs, and pelted everyone in sight.

They did not bother Wagner at first, as he was walking quietly by. But when he stopped and told them that they should be ashamed of themselves, they promptly turned their ammunition on him and gave him a glorious egg shampoon.

Fortunately several policemen rushed up, and arrested the rascals. Then they directed Wagner to come along as the complainant. He started with them to the station house, and on the way tried to repair some of the damage to his countenance and clothes, by the use of a pocket handkerchief.

"Stop that," yelled one of the policemen, "leave yourself as you are. We want the judge to see how badly you have been handled."

Four Wagner protested, but his objections were overruled. Egg spattered from head to foot, he was obliged to parade through the streets, and thence into court, followed by an admiring throng. It was fully an hour and a half before he could obtain permission to remove the remains of his hat.

"This is not a free country any more," Wagner remarked, as he dashed out of court, headed for the nearest Turkish bath.

Sprinkles During Hard Rain.  
The other day while the rain was pouring down, an employe of the Park Department stood watering the grass in front of the marriage license bureau in City Hall Park.

"Don't you know enough to come in out of the wet?" somebody asked him. "Isn't the rain enough for the grass?" "Cut it out," said the man, still spouting away with his big hose. "I am paid to water this grass, and I mean to water it, rain or shine."

# MORE FARMERS WANTED

No Danger of an Oversupply for Years to Come.

Wall Street Journal.  
There is no great danger that the supply of farmers will be a drug on the market for some years to come. The Treasury Department's actaries estimate the population of the country now at 90 million. At an average consumption of 85 bushels of wheat a year for each person,

George Summers and "Uncle Hiram," representing the return of Theodore Roosevelt and his son, Kermit, from Africa. The tariff, the war between the Bullinger and Pinchot forces, the prohibition question, and other political topics receive consideration from the clowns.

But apart from the actual performances, which the visitors to the big show see, the circus has a business end that will command the respect of men of affairs, not to speak of an organization requiring brains and capital.

The Sells-Floto circus, which comes here tomorrow for a two days' engagement, requires two trains of 20 cars each to transport it from point to point. Its list of performers and assistants foot up 800 men and women. Five cars are loaded with the canvas, which makes 10 tents in all, and the big main tent seats more than 3000 people. It takes 500 ushers to seat the audience and at every meal served in the eating tent a fair average list of those who partake would number 700 persons.

The operating department includes a general manager, manager, traffic manager, treasurer, auditor, general press agent, with two assistants; local contractor, three managers for the three advertising cars sent ahead, a manager of brigades, an advertising inspector, an excursion agent, manager of privileges, manager of side shows, superintendent of canvas, of trains, of animals, of draft stock, of ring stock, a veterinary surgeon, two superintendents of wardrobe, an equestrian director and his assistant.

Added to these an expert lawyer travels with the show, it being his business to adjust all legal complications. A duly qualified physician, with all the paraphernalia of a field hospital, is on hand at every performance in the event of accident or sudden illness.

For the show in question there are altogether 300 performers, 25 clowns, 18 elephants, 12 camels and dromedaries, and counting the ring stock, nearly 500 horses. Of these the show proper owns about 400, but all the great riders and ring performers bring their own animals and they in turn must be looked after, the contracts being especially strict in that respect.

It takes daily six tons of hay, 175 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of corn, six tons of straw, 20 bushels of bran, and two or three carcasses of beef, together with 500 bushels of vegetables, to satisfy the wants of both man and beast. In the cooking tent 200 pounds of beef are necessary daily for the performers, staff and help. In addition to this, of course, we dispose of ourselves and ourselves as occasion presents itself; 300 dozen eggs, 300 loaves of bread and about six barrels of fruit are purchased. The head chef has eight assistants. It requires experts in every department so it is needless to say that the business end of a big show is prodigious. That's the word.

# CIRCUS MOST PROGRESSIVE OF ALL MODERN ENTERTAINMENTS

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ONE OF LIONS IN MENAGERIE OF SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS.

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The man who tells you that all circuses are alike, will never lay the foundation for a race of philosophers. Be-

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It will take a little less than 500,000,000 bushels to supply white bread for the country, to say nothing of other varieties. This means something more than 100 million barrels of flour to be ground, distributed and baked into bread for delivery at the consumers' tables.

But this is only one of the many demands which a population moving rapidly toward 100 million souls makes every day of the year. The country consumes probably not less than 20 million head of livestock a year. This includes cattle, hogs and sheep, but takes no account of poultry and poultry products, nearly all of which have to be supplied from the farms of the country.

The two branches of farming which require the least labor for their successful prosecution, and the most thinking, are those which have much to do with the increased cost of living. They are poultry and poultry products and livestock growing. Within an hour's ride by rail from nearly every Eastern city there are lands which lend themselves readily to occupation for those purposes. With modern facilities for transit to and from the cities and towns the possibilities of development of these particular sources of future supplies would seem at this

particular time to be especially inviting. As for the alleged drawback that schools and other institutional advantages are inferior in rural and suburban communities, there are some serious doubts in the matter. City schools are crowded because of having to work by the whole-

sale, in contrast with the personal attention which is possible and practicable in the rural and suburban schools. Moreover, the conditions of living make greater for the physical if not for the moral advantage of the rural over the urban life.

# "Land of Opportunity"

This is the accepted slogan for Oregon, and according to records of sales of farm lands made in the last few years, investors and home-seekers show their faith in the prediction.

A tract of 2000 acres, located most favorably in the line of rapid development in the Willamette Valley, 30 miles east of Portland, 15 miles from Gresham, is offered for sale by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at a low price per acre on favorable terms.

A projected railroad line is to pass through or near this tract, a county road already furnishing means of entry and exit for vehicles, including automobiles.

In the wooded portion 22,000,000 feet of good saw timber stand ready for the woodsman's ax, and the timber at present prices would go far toward paying for the entire tract. There is a lumber mill within three miles in operation.

There are fully 900 acres of level or gently sloping farming land, available when cleared, and from 700 to 800 acres of fine grazing land now waiting the farmer or dairyman.

Two good-sized creeks, with numerous tributaries, furnish an abundance of water.

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