

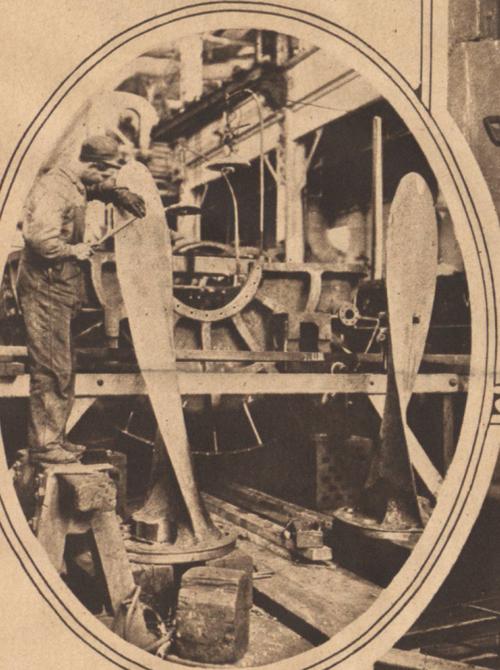
How
Uncle Sam
is spending
some of the
\$535,000,000
called for
by the
Navy
Bill.

Photographs taken at the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., by the Press Illustrating Service, Inc.

It is some punch that can cut a hole through a sheet of steel three-quarters of an inch in thickness. The great punch shown in the photograph is driven, of course, by steam, and dots out an elaborate tracery on sheets of steel that the men push and shove as the pattern indicates.



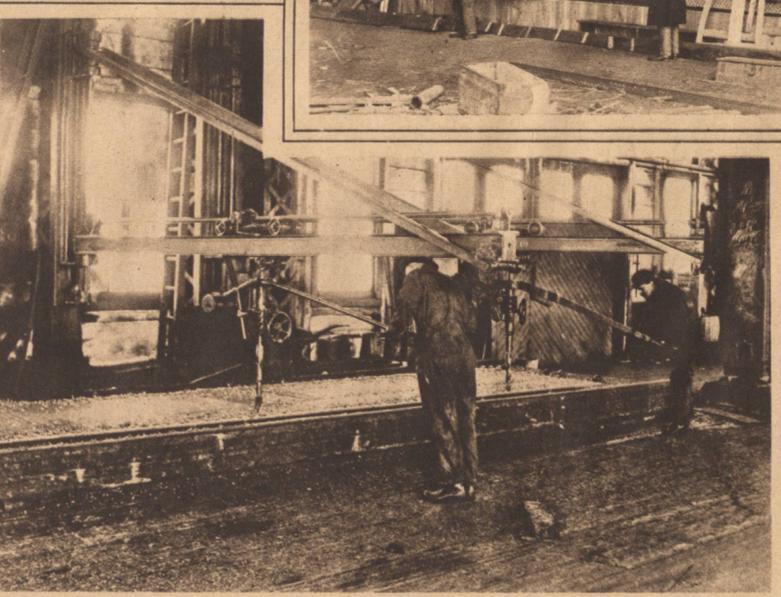
The photograph shows the giant hammer about to beat into shape the engine part, which has previously been heated to a white heat to make it more malleable. The man in the background is the director of the hammer's blows.



Here is a workman of average height, and yet the blade of the great propeller dwarfs him. These blades are from eight to ten feet in length, and weigh several pounds. Each propeller is supplied with three blades, so that the maximum of speed may be attained.



Ships are cut from patterns, just as your tailor cuts your coat, only Uncle Sam's tailor cuts his patterns in wood instead of in muslin or paper. You can see them in the photograph about to be stored away in the pattern room. When corrected to the minutest fraction of an inch, they are placed on top of the plating and the plating is marked and cut out.



Nothing illustrates better the necessity for every man to do his particular share in the gigantic work of ship building in the most skilled and painstaking manner possible than this photograph picturing the men who are reaming the rivet holes in the ship plating.



The flash from the forge supplied the light with which this photograph was taken, and threw into relief the face of the blacksmith, who looks as if he were playing "Yankee Doodle Dandy" with the tongs.

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