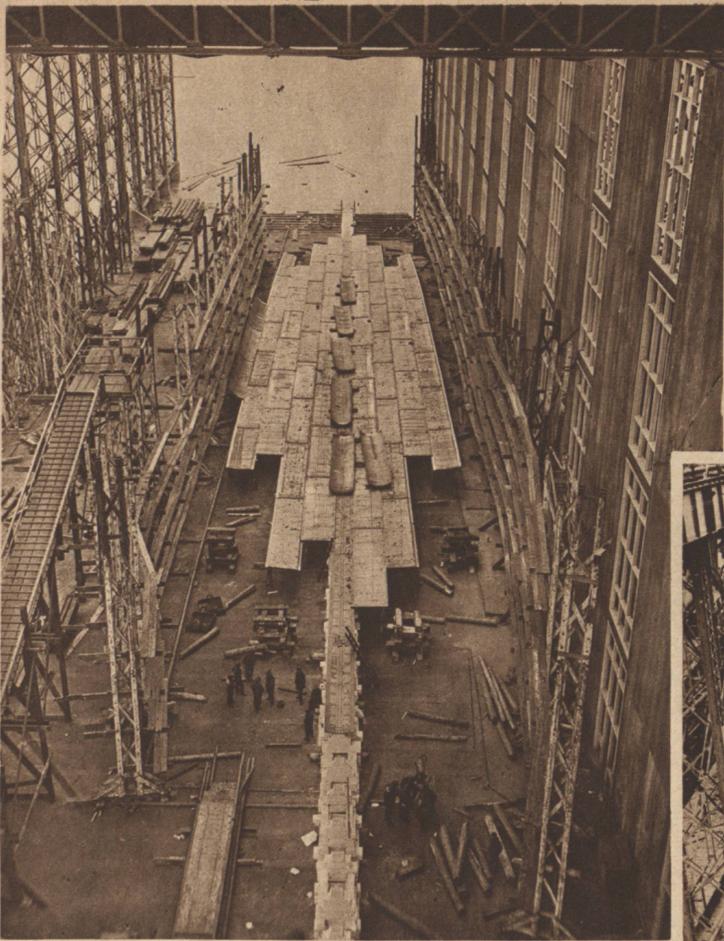


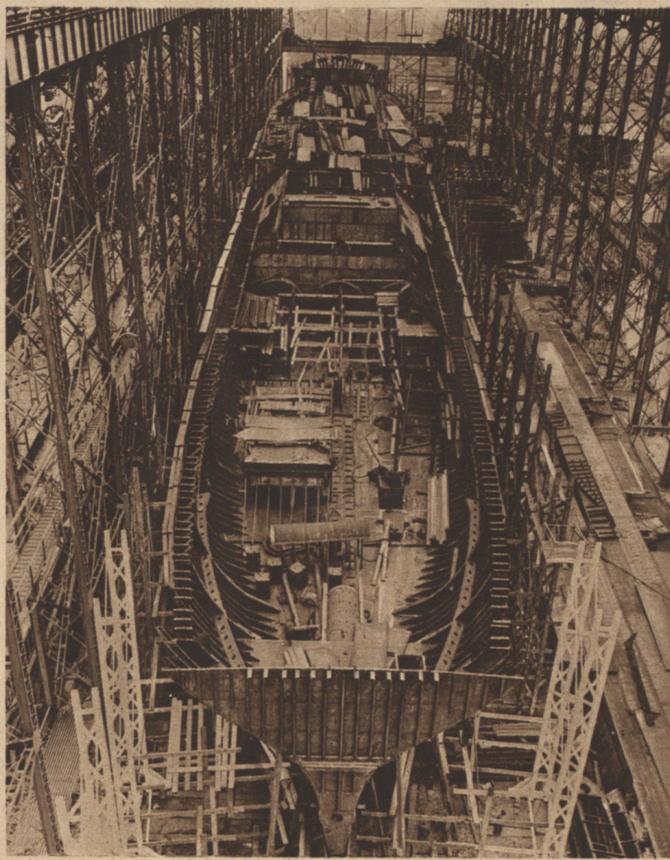
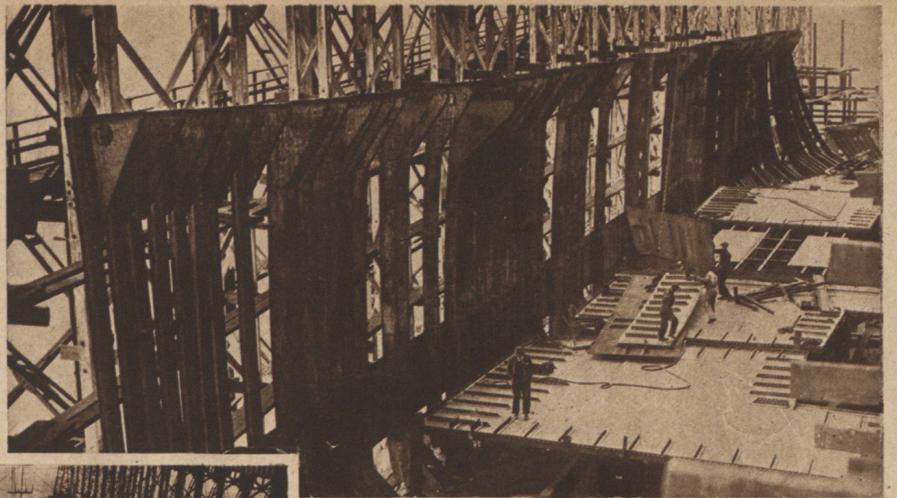
# Building our new steel merchant fleet

Photographed at the Camden, N. J., plant of the New York Shipbuilding Co., by Paul Thompson.

To the right, the side frame, ribs of the ship, have been erected, and the bulkheads, partitions, are under construction.

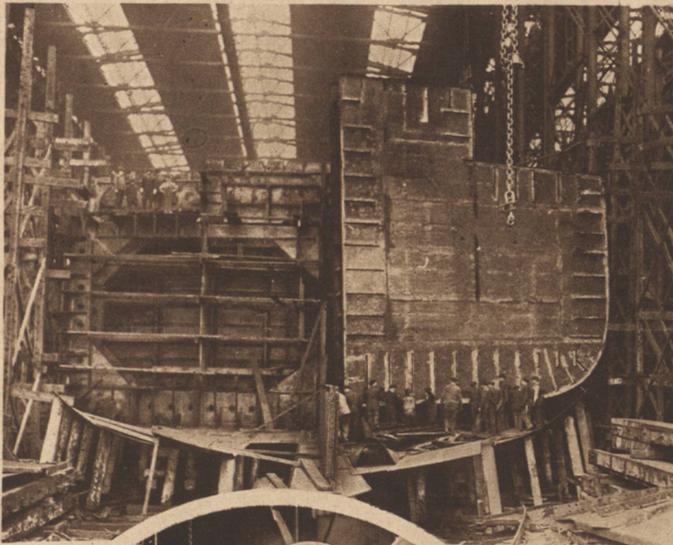


Laying the keel and bottom plates of the company's standardized type of steel craft.



To the left—One of the transverse, or crosswise, bulkheads is set into place. A bulkhead is the heaviest single item in the ship, excepting the boilers.

Above—The ship is now said to be "in frame." The boilers have already been placed.



Above—This is not the shop floor. It is the deck of an 8,000 ton standard merchantman. The parts, seemingly scattered aimlessly, are marked, and each will be fitted into its proper place.



Above—A workman chiselling the rough places from three propeller blades.



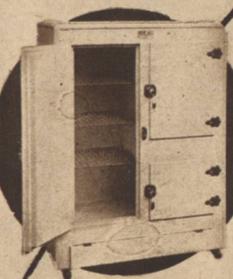
Launching the completed hull, christened the S. S. Franklin.

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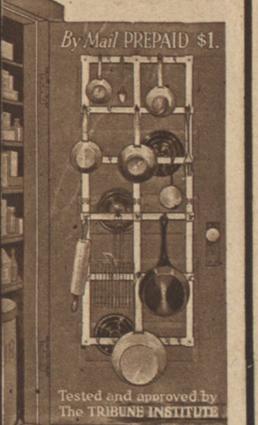
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