

# How the Faker Faked

THE HEARST AFTERNOON SHEET FELL DOWN MISERABLY TRYING TO PHOTOGRAPH THE LAUNCHING AND RESORTED TO ITS CUSTOMARY TRICKS OF YELLOW JOURNALISM

The Seattle Daily Star was the only paper in Seattle to print half-tone cuts made from actual photographs of the launching on the day that the Nebraska slipped from her ways into the water. And the Star is the only paper of the several that were represented by photographers at the launching which secured an actual photograph of Miss Mickey breaking the bottle on the bows of the big battleship. How the Star's pictures were secured, how they were rushed to the etching plant, and how the Star was enabled to have on the street an edition of its paper containing a full story of the launching, with reproductions of actual photographs in just two hours after the launching occurred is another story.

The story here to be told is how the Hearst afternoon fake foisted upon the public a "fake" picture of the launching, and how that "fake" was made fully 24 hours before the big warship made her initial plunge into the waters of Elliott bay.

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Several days before the launching the Hearst faker, in order to make sure that it would have a "photograph" of the big vessel slipping into the water, sent out on a tug-boat a photographer. The man with the picture machine secured a position out in the bay directly in front of the Nebraska, lying on her ways under the big shed where she was built, and the surrounding wharves and boats lying at them.

Then the picture was turned over to the artist, the man employed for the purpose of making the photograph machine tell lies. He immediately got busy with his little brush, bottle of India ink and his Chinese white.

First the big boat lying on her ways was painted out and then, in her place a picture to show the Nebraska sliding out from under the shed off her ways into the water.

Unfortunately this artist man who makes the photograph machine a liar was not up on marine matters and, unfortunately, he was not taken down to see how the Nebraska lay on her ways and how she would have to come off the ways and out from the shed stern first. In fact he knew so little about vessels that he did not know the stern from the bow of a ship, so he painted in a Nebraska coming out from under the shed ahead on.

As a matter of fact, the Nebraska, like all big vessels are, was launched stern first.

Another unfortunate thing was that this picture-maker who makes the lens tell things that are not so had been reading in the Times and P-O, of a great tidal wave which the Nebraska was going to throw up when she struck the water, so with his brush loaded down with Chinese white he painted in beautiful white spray dashing 30 or 40 feet high from the "bow" of the boat as the stern struck the water.

Actual photographs, as published in The Star and as taken by hundreds of amateur photographers, show the Nebraska striking the water stern first and striking it so easily that the only spray which was thrown up was a white ripple but about two feet in height.

Another thing which the "artist" overlooked was that had the "fake" been taken from the position it represents that it was, and had the Nebraska struck the water with the velocity it is represented to be going in that "fake" the man who took the picture would never have been able to get out of the way of the on-rushing mass of steel.

That much for the Nebraska herself. At the time the photograph on which the "fake" was based was taken, several days before the launching, of course, there were not 50,000 people on the docks and wharves near the scene and there were no big excursion boats loaded to the rails in the vicinity.

So the prevaricating picture man again dipped his brush into the India ink and little dabs of black all over the wharves made the cheering crowds there.

A few swipes of the brush, with a little Chinese white thrown in for high lights, made excursion steamers on the scene. Then some more dabs of black on the decks of these imaginary excursion steamers loaded them to the rails with people.

All those who were out on the water and saw the launching from that view point knew the "great Times photograph" was a fake the minute they laid eyes on it. This story is told for the multitude which was not fortunate enough to get out onto the water and on whom the Times tried to foist its "fake" as the real thing.

It's all right for the kernel to be enterprising, but the next time he should not let his artist believe the stories he prints about tidal waves, and it would be much better to get an artist who is versed in marine matters, rather than a boy born and reared in an inland town.

A member of Gov. Mickey's staff, who called at The Star office and ordered several sets of launching pictures, saw the Hearst fake and remarked that it was an insult to the intelligence of a three-month-old child to print a picture like that.

All through the events leading up to the launching the Hearst sheet kept up its consistent faking methods. Thursday it printed a "fake" certified check for \$100,000 and announced that it was a fac-simile of the one which would be presented to Moran Bros. company as the subsidy raised by the citizens of Seattle. A picture of the check that really was handed to Mr. Moran was printed in the Post-Intelligencer this morning.

At 2:30 p. m. yesterday, half an hour after the launching, the "faker" again got busy and rushed out a "FOUR O'CLOCK MAIL EDITION" with this startling information about the launching: "As this edition of the Times goes to press word comes that the Nebraska has just started down the ways!" This statement in a four o'clock edition, mind you, and the battleship was launched at two o'clock!

SARTORI DENIES IT. According to H. Sartori, owner of the 17 cattle which were condemned by the state veterinarian, only five of them were found to be actually affected with the disease after being killed at Tacoma yesterday in the presence of three army meat inspectors, who declared that 12 of them were perfectly healthy, and that no trace of tuberculosis could be found in two others. The 17 cows were condemned as a result of a tuberculosis test.

CLEVER PICKPOCKETS. A pickpocket stole a purse from C. W. Murphy's inside coat pocket last evening while the latter was in the act of boarding a car at the turntable on Yeater Way. The purse contained \$5 and some papers. Murphy reported his loss to the police.

C. M. Maxwell, formerly manager of Carstens Bros. slaughter houses, filed suit in the superior court today against that concern to recover \$20,000, which he claims is due him for his services for promoting the Carstens Packing company, incorporated last November. He also claims that his salary for several months has not been paid.

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