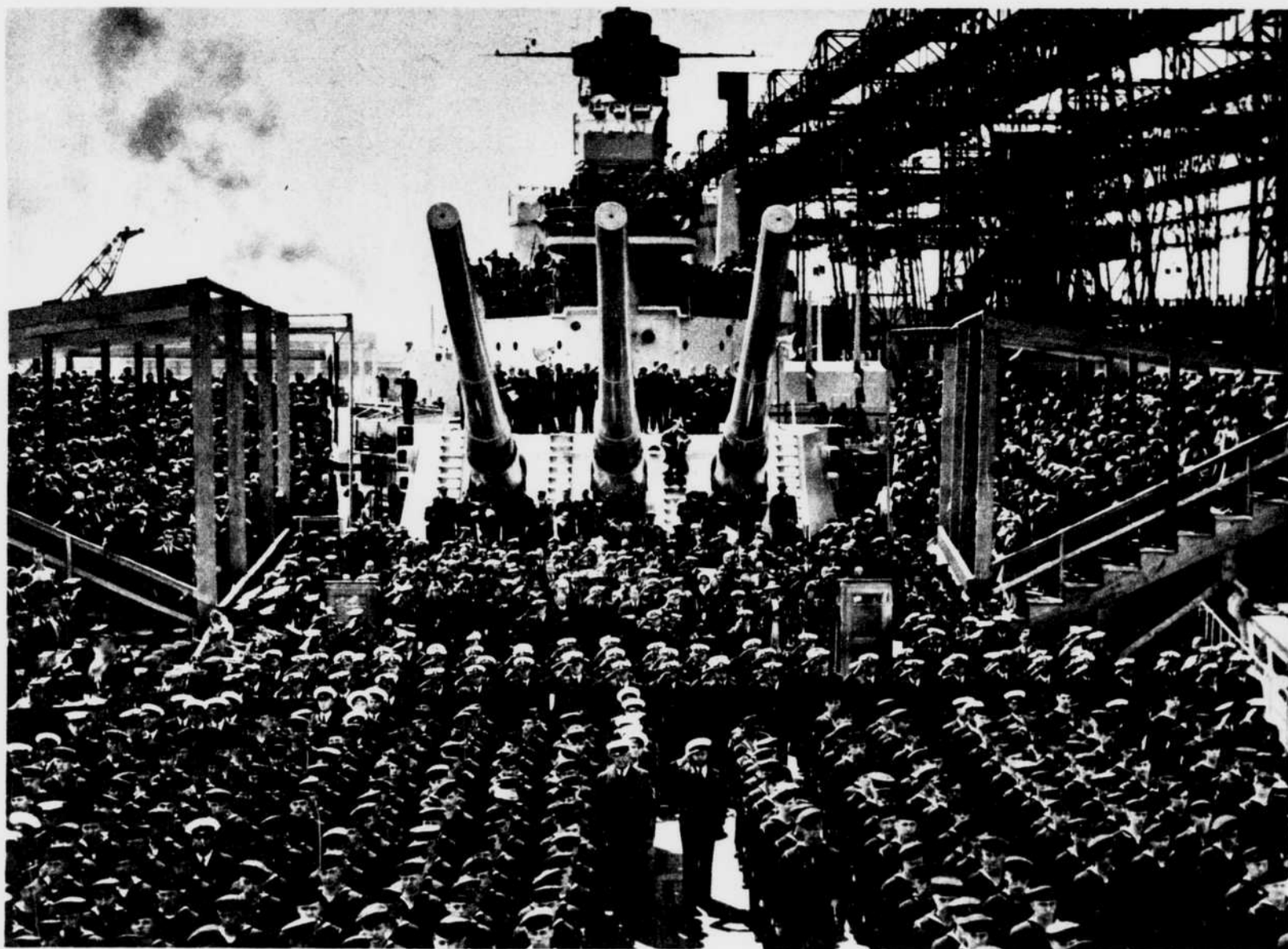


Ships for Fighting, Ships for Cargo



Uncle Sam's new dreadnaught North Carolina, mightiest floating fortress of the seas, joins the fleet. Dominating the scene down her deck as the battleship is commissioned at the Brooklyn Navy Yard are those three deep-throated 16-inch guns of the forward turret. She is the first battleship to come into service under the great naval expansion program.



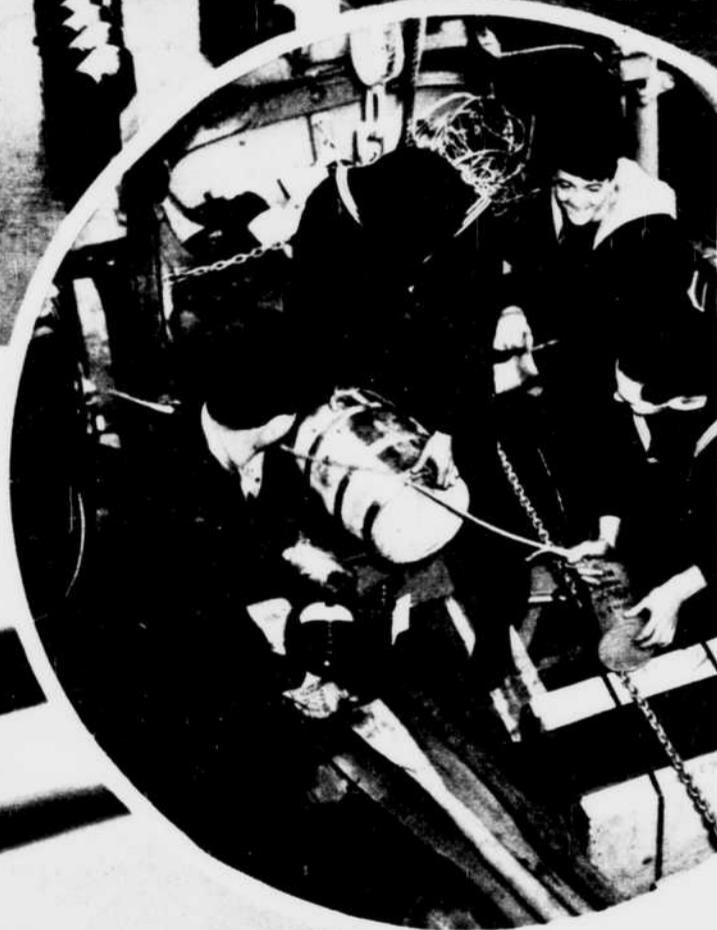
Lifeline of the anti-axis defense—ships and more ships. Here the 12,000-ton cargo ship Agwiprince hits the harbor water at Long Beach, Calif., with a great splash in a broadside launching. Her 14-knot speed would give her a big advantage over U-boats.



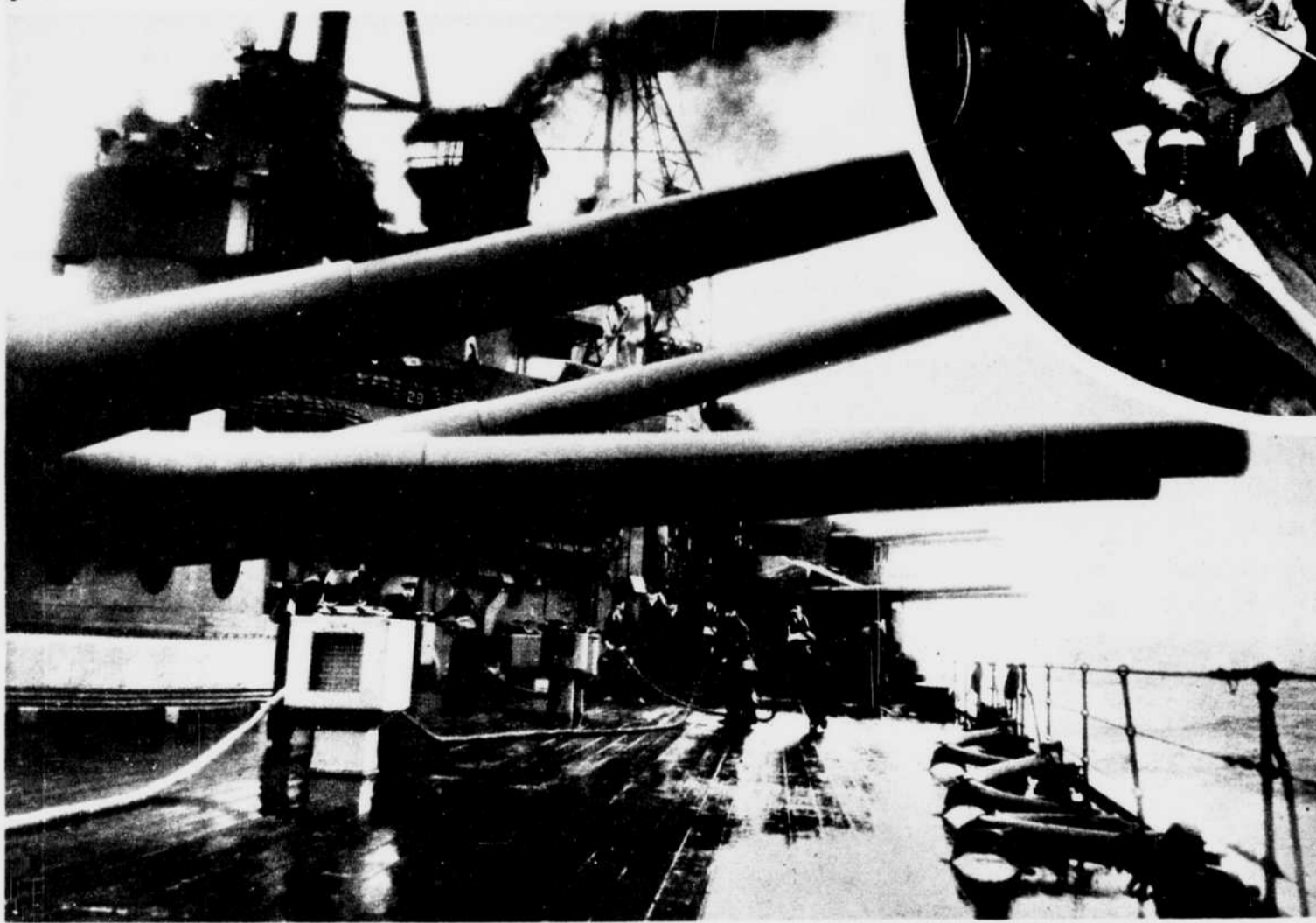
Decks awash in a rolling sea—aboard a Canadian armed merchant cruiser. The picture was made as the ship plowed through stormy seas on North Atlantic patrol.



One of the little Canadian corvettes that are "pinch-hitting" for destroyers. Cheaper and quicker to build than destroyers, they are designed as poison to U-boats.



It's only water—in the Canadian Navy. The traditional British Navy rum ration isn't followed as these sailors on a Canadian corvette stock a lifeboat with water cask and other provisions.



Britain's new battleship, H. M. S. King George V, which brought Lord Halifax, British Ambassador, to this country, is back on the "other side," ready for anything. To keep that way this tow-line drill is shipboard routine. Those four 14-inch rifles are mounted in one turret.

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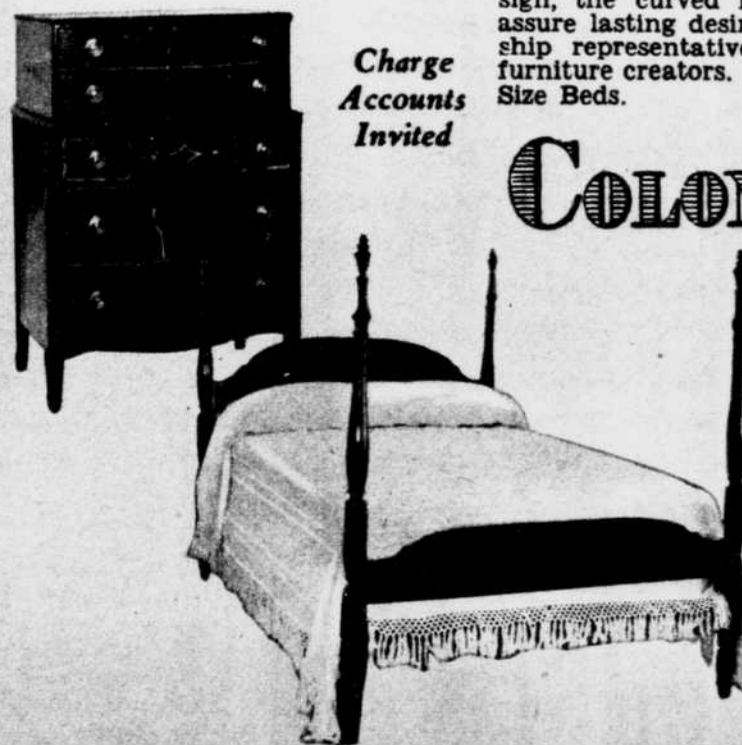
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