GIANT BATTLESHIP DELAWARE, MOST POWERFUL OF ALL MODERN FIGHTING CRAFT AFOAT, READY TO JOIN NAVY

Comparison Shows That Latest Product of Newport News Plant is Finer Ship Than Her Sister, the Fore River-Built North Dakota.

HAS GREATER STEAMING RADIUS; BURNS LESS COAL

Uncle Sam’s first dreadnought, the eighteen-and-a-half-knot battleship Delaware, the newest product of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company and the fastest and most powerful military ship in the world, is ready to take her place at the head of the giant Dreadnought battalions. The vessel has been completed for more than a year and is now at the present time receiving a few “tweaks” and final touches.

While no date has been set for turning the ship over to the navy department, that date will be determined in the shortest possible time. The vessel will be delivered for examination of men and then begin her final acceptance tests and covers her visit to the Atlantic seaboard. Then she will join the Atlantic fleet, which she will leave from the navmili winter quarters in the early spring of the year.

Capable of Great Speed. Although credited with only 18 knots on her trials in the spring, the Delaware is capable of developing a speed of 22 knots or greater in all seas. The ship is built for speed, and in trials she has covered 23.6 knots. This speed, it is true, was on a trial run, and while the ship was running at 20 knots, her speed dropped to 18.9.

Barnes Oil and Coal. There are many new features refigured in the Delaware that are not to be found on the other battleships of the United States navy. Among these is the equipment of the screws with oil instead of coal. This means that the screws will burn both coal and oil at the same time. This is a revolutionary, and the ship is expected to get up steam quicker than any other ship in the fleet.

All in general characteristics and description, the battleship Delaware is a new Navy ship. Her name has been changed to the United States. She is a faster ship than any other ship in the world, and in speed is especially high because she has been designed with a view to speed, and not for the sake of the world. The ship has been designed with a view to speed, and not for the sake of the world.

In addition to the main battery of naval guns, the ship has two secondary batteries. One of these is the main battery of naval guns, and the other is the secondary battery. The main battery is made up of the three 15-inch guns, and the secondaries are made up of the two 10-inch guns. The secondaries are used for defense in case of enemy attack, and the main battery is used for defense against the main battery of the enemy.

For Offensive Fighting. In offensive fighting, the Delaware is no less formidable an opponent than the dreadnought. The ship has been designed with a view to speed, and not for the sake of the world.