

DESTROYER TERRY PROVES VERY FAST

Little Warship Makes Approximately Thirty-four Knots an Hour on Trial.

ENGINES TURN UP 940 REVOLUTIONS A MINUTE

Yard Officials Think New Vessel Will Set New Speed Record for American Destroyers When She Has Official Speed Tests Next Week—Uses Oil As Fuel Exclusively.

Steaming over a mile course in the lower Chesapeake bay of Cherrystone light, near Cape Charles, yesterday, the new torpedo boat destroyer Terry, building at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company for the United States navy, attained what is believed to be the highest speed yet made by a destroyer of the American navy. Calculated from the revolutions of the screws, the tiny craft developed a speed of from 33 1/2 to 34 knots an hour. This is equal to approximately forty statute miles an hour—the speed of a railway locomotive.

Yesterday's test of the Terry was a preliminary to her official speed and endurance trials next week and the yard officials are highly jubilant over the showing made by the destroyer. They feel confident that she will easily exceed her contract requirements of 29 1/2 knots an hour on the four hours' official run and believe that if there are no unforeseen accidents the warship will set a new speed record for vessels of her type in the United States navy.

Not Computed Exactly. There was no way to compute exactly the speed of the Terry on the builders' trial yesterday as her screws had not been standardized. However, the yard officials were able to accurately estimate the speed by the revolutions by taking the required revolutions of the screws of the destroyer Roe, a sistership of the Terry, as a basis of calculation. On her official trials, the Roe was required to attain speed of 29 1/2 knots an hour.

On the high runs yesterday, the engines of the Terry averaged 940 revolutions per minute—160 more revolutions than required of the Roe to make the contract speed. One of the three turbine engines of the Terry developed as high as 975 revolutions per minute during the trial. So far as is known now the highest number of revolutions heretofore turned up by the engines of a destroyer of the American navy was 965, made only a short time ago by a destroyer built at the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Me.

Oil Burned Exclusively. Oil is used as fuel exclusively on the Terry. This fuel was being used in fire room No. 3 of the battleship North Dakota Thursday when the terrible accident occurred on that vessel in lower Chesapeake bay within only a few miles of the course over which the Terry was flying yesterday with the speed almost of an express train. There was no accident on the Terry and the oil burners worked perfectly, all of the steam necessary being furnished by the boilers.

The Terry is propelled by three screws, driven by turbine engines of the Parson's type. It is estimated that the vessel developed approximately 13,000 indicated horsepower on the runs yesterday. During the trial the Terry was manned by a crew of picked mechanics from the shipyard and Captain William G. Melvin, of this city, was in command. The yard officials aboard included Superintendent of Hull Construction Homer L. Ferguson, Superintendent of Machinery James Rowbottom, Assistant Chief Engineer Fred Palen and Chief Draftsman Harold P. Norton. Engineers Neils Christiansen and Jam's Williamson were in charge of the fire and engine rooms. The Terry left the shipyard early yesterday morning and returned about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Official Trial Next Week. The Terry will leave the shipyard

one week from tomorrow for the Delaware Breakwater to undergo her official speed and endurance tests. She will run the standardization trial on Tuesday, September 20 and on the following day she will have a twelve hours' endurance run at sixteen knots speed and on Thursday the twelve hours' endurance run at 25 knots speed will be held. The final four hours' forced draft run will be held on Friday. During the trial the ship will be manned by a crew of shipyard mechanics. The vessels will return here for fresh supplies of oil fuel on Wednesday night and Thursday night. This is the second turbine-propelled and oil-burning boat to be turned out from the shipyard, the other being the Roe, a sistership of the Terry.

STRONG EFFORT TO SAVE BIGGS FROM THE CHAIR

Joseph Daniels Among Those Interceding for Prisoner—Reports About Brothers Untrue.

A strong effort is being made to save the life of Richard Harding Biggs, the negro who is sentenced to die in the electric chair on September 23 for killing Annie Davis, also colored. A petition asking the governor to commute the sentence to life imprisonment has been prepared, and among those working in the prisoner's behalf is Joseph Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer. Biggs' father lives in Raleigh, and the younger man himself was employed by Mr. Daniels before he left Raleigh.

Attorney O. D. Batchelor, of this city, who has been asked by friends in North Carolina to do what he can toward saving Biggs from the chair, has received several communications in regard to reports published here to the effect that one of Biggs' brothers is serving a term in the penitentiary for killing a woman, and that another recently shot and killed a woman. These reports reached the police here from Raleigh, and were printed in this paper. As to the first report, Mr. Batchelor has a written statement from Mr. Daniels, to the effect that there is no truth in it whatever. There was some truth in the story that Dan Biggs shot a woman, but he did not kill her, and the following statement from a reputable law firm of Raleigh shows that the shooting was accidental:

Aug. 10th, 1910.

To Whom It May Concerned: It having been represented to us that some newspaper in the city of Newport News, Va., has published as a news story that one Dan Biggs, brother of Richard Biggs, shot and killed a woman we say upon request, in order that this story may not influence any case against Richard Biggs, that said story is not true in its whole. It is true that Dan Biggs accidentally shot a woman. That he has been arrested but has been tried only for the offense of carrying concealed weapon and fined and discharged. The woman is well of the wound inflicted. Dan Biggs is now at liberty and is employed by the same firm with which he has been for the last seven years.

Very truly,
HARRIS & HARRIS.

Tendered a Surprise Party.

A surprise party was given last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. W. H. Redford, 1915 Twenty-seventh street, in honor of Miss Ella Moore, of Richmond, who is visiting Mrs. Redford. Those attending were: Misses Sadie Wade, Eulalie Veilins, Marguerite Sibley, Vivian Abdel, Hazel Hill, Audrey Drummond, Hunter Morris; Messrs. Franklin Perkins, Vernon Neblett, Murdock Butler, Hunter Williams, Edward Scull, Frank Lenz, Jr.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS.

Chamber Wants Representatives of Foreign Countries in Body.

The Chamber of Commerce has decided to invite all the governments of foreign countries having consuls or vice-consuls at this port to accept honorary memberships in the body. Certificates of honorary membership will be issued to each of the countries, and the local representatives of such governments will be welcomed at all meetings of the chamber.

Will Attend Funeral.

A number of Newport News people will go to Richmond this morning to attend the funeral of Edward P. Ayers, who died Friday at the Elizabeth Buxton hospital. The services are to be held at the Clay Street Methodist church this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Those who will go from this city to attend are: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bohlen, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Joyner and Harry Bowers.

Magruder Camp Meeting.

Magruder Camp No. 24, United Confederate Veterans, will hold its regular meeting at the city hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the meeting of the Virginia Grand Camp at Norfolk, October 18, 19 and 20.

Captain Pettus Assigned Here.

Captain Harry L. Pettus, quartermaster, U. S. A., has been ordered to this city on official business pertaining to the United States army transports which are out of commission at the shipyard.

Miss Hundley Re-opens Studio.

Miss Frances S. Hundley re-opened her Piano Studio at Hotel Pocahontas Sept. 9th. All pupils who have not engaged lesson hours and wish to do so, will please report as early as possible.

Ambulances—Call W. E. Rouse.

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SNATCHES POCKET BOOK

Negro Pulls off Daring Robbery in Broad Daylight.

PURSUED AND CAPTURED

Max Levinson and N. Suttle Run John

H. Thomas Down After Exciting Chase of Several Blocks—Purse is Recovered.

After a brief, but exciting chase, in which a score of men and boys participated, John H. Thomas, a negro who is charged with snatching a pocketbook from James Jordan, also colored, at Jefferson avenue and Twenty-fifth street about 5:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was captured within a few blocks of the scene of the crime. Max Levinson and N. Suttle get the credit for bagging the alleged criminal and they turned him over to Police Sergeant W. T. Webb. Thomas is now behind the bars at the police station with the charge of highway robbery against him. He probably will get a preliminary hearing tomorrow morning in the police court.

According to the stories of eye-witnesses—and there were a half hundred of them from all accounts—the alleged robbery was pulled off on a car of the Citizens Railway, Light and Power Company. Thomas is said to have boarded the car at the corner and to have pulled his pocketbook out to pay his fare. Jordan, who was on the car, is alleged to have snatched the pocketbook and leaped to the street on a dead run.

Crowd Gives Chase.

Max Levinson, N. Suttle and many other men who saw the crime committed, gave chase. Thomas liked up Jefferson avenue to Twenty-sixth street and turned down that street toward Warwick avenue. While he was making fast time, Levinson and Suttle proved too fast for him and they pounced on him after he had gone about two blocks.

Sergeant W. T. Webb was nearby when the alleged theft occurred and he took charge of the prisoner. Thomas was pursued so closely that he did not have time to drop the pocketbook and it was found on him after his capture. The purse, which contained several dollars, was turned over to the owner and Jordan, who lives on Ivy avenue, was summoned to appear in the police court tomorrow morning as a witness in the case.

SOCIAL-PERSONAL.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. C. Jones, who were married at Warm Springs, Va., on August 31, will return today from their wedding tour and will be at home to their friends in this city.

Miss E. A. Turnbull, daughter of Congressman Turnbull, of Lawrenceville, Va., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. L. Moncure, in this city.

Mrs. Charles Parker and sister, Mrs. Harrison, are visiting in Charles City county.

Miss Mary Evans has returned from James City county, where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. E. N. Nettles and children, who have been visiting relatives in Washington, D. C., have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Abbe and daughter are visiting friends in Richmond.

Mr. W. C. Tompkins will leave today for an extended trip through the North.

Rev. H. W. Dunkley, who has been spending the month of August in Halifax county, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Meredith, of Tarboro, N. C., are visiting their son, Mr. G. A. Meredith, 1210 Twenty-sixth street.

Miss Novella E. Nance, of this city, and Miss Belle CLOPTON, of Norfolk, have returned from a trip to Niagara Falls and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Kerlin and daughter, Miss Nellie Kerlin, who have been spending the month of August in Newton, N. J., and other northern cities, have returned home.

Mrs. Willard Bailey and children have returned from an extended visit in the mountains of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Anderson, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mr. Anderson's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kopp, in North End.

Miss Elizabeth Kaufman, of Newton, N. J., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Isaac Kerlin, on Forty-eighth street.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Reynolds are expected to return home today from Gordonsville. Mrs. Reynolds has been spending several months with relatives in the mountains of Virginia.

Miss Beatrice Evans, who has been spending two weeks with relatives in

Petersburg, has returned home.

Miss Rena Scott has returned from Ohio, where she spent two months at her former home. Her sister, Mrs. B. H. Hinman, accompanied her and will spend a month here.

Miss Blanche Hopkins has returned from Nelson county, where she visited relatives.

Miss Katherine Ryan left yesterday for Isle of Wight county, where she will spend two weeks with relatives.

Miss Mae Strallman and brother, Mr. Frank Strallman, who have been visiting Mrs. George Madders, on Twenty-eighth street, have returned to their home in Petersburg.

Miss Ada Smith left last week for Farmville to enter the State Female Normal Institute.

Mr. Walter C. Hopkins, who has been spending the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hopkins, in East End, has returned to the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. M. C. Weaver will leave today on an extended trip to Philadelphia, New York and other northern cities.

Miss Hazel Thompson, who has been spending the summer with relatives in Richmond, returned here yesterday to resume her work as a teacher in the city public schools.

Miss Anna E. Foley, who has been spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. T. E. Hopkins, in East End, has returned to her home in Philadelphia.

Miss Mabel Moran will arrive here today from Richmond, where she spent the summer months.

Mr. L. T. Stoneburner, Jr., who has been spending several days with friends in this city, will return today to his home in Richmond.

Mrs. William A. Simpson left yesterday for Scranton, Pa., where she is to spend several months with relatives.

Miss Lilly May Olsen is visiting relatives in Richmond.

Miss Estelle Hall, of Richmond, has arrived here to spend the winter.

Miss Bessie Hudson, who has been visiting relatives in Charlottesville, has returned to this city.

Miss Linda Cogbill, who has been spending the summer months in Petersburg, has returned home.

Miss Bertha Fletcher, who has been spending the summer with relatives in Fredericksburg, has returned home.

Miss Jane Selator has returned from Baltimore, where she was the guest of relatives.

Miss Myra Wilson has gone to Wadesboro, N. C., to spend the winter.

Mrs. W. Berryman, 227 Thirty-third street, has as her guest, her daughter, Mrs. W. CLOPTON, of Norfolk.

Mr. Charles H. Tall is now convalescent at his home in Lasalle avenue, after an illness of six months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Praley, who have been visiting Mr. Praley's brother, Mr. W. G. Praley, at Riverview, will leave tomorrow night for their home in Philadelphia. This is the first time Mr. Praley has been in this section since the Civil War.

The cost of laying a transatlantic cable is about \$1,200 per mile.

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The Symbolism Didn't Appeal. "Charlie," sorrowfully sighed the young lady in the parlor of the concrete house on Washington avenue, "it is nearly 12 o'clock."

"Yes, Belinda," was the breathing response of her poetical companion, who was sitting on the sofa beside her. "The minute hand is craving closer to the hour hand, and when the time of midnight is chimed the two hands will be even as one. Oh, darling Belinda," he continued as he literally simulated the action of the minute hand, "may not the coming together of those two hands be symbolical of us?"

She broke away and stood firmly on her feet. "No, Charles Henry Smith," she retorted angrily, "those two hands will remain as one but a single second, and then the minute hand will divorce itself and go on its way alone. No, Mr. Smith, a minute hand that doesn't stick isn't the kind of symbolism I want!"—Chicago News.

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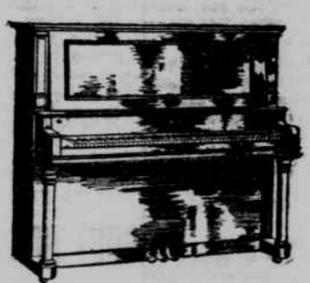
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