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NOVEL LAUNCHES

Shipyards everywhere have never known such a time as the present. "We must have more ships off the slipways" is the demand. Just how some are taking the water is the subject of our story. At Norfolk, Virginia, they're launching sideways the all-welded steel hull of this oil tanker over a six foot drop. A very near thing to capsizing, but she makes it.

In South Africa, Durban builds its first Warship - a forty five ton anti-submarine vessel. Following the christening ceremony, a giant crane lifts the boat bodily off its stocks, and swinging it neatly across the wharf, lowers it into the water.

Two at a time is how this New Jersey Yard is launching 'em. General MacArthur's sister in law goes about the christening obviously determined to get the last drop out of the bottle. And there goes another fine destroyer.

No don't push, they'll be launching another soon; you can push that one.

CYPRUS ON THE ALERT.

The third largest island in the Mediterranean is British owned Cyprus lying athwart the enemy's route to Syria and the East. Only about 400 hundred miles from Crete, the Island's Garrison force is continually being strengthened, by the addition of Cypriots recruited from its population of over 300,000 people. British Army instructors, responsible for their training, are building up a fighting force capable of resisting any attack if and when the time comes. The experience of Crete demands that every man should be able to handle automatic weapons of all kinds.

The immediate future of Cyprus will be worth watching. Another island, but a possible stepping-stone to bigger things.