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LAYING KEEL OF S.S. ALABAMA

At the Norfolk, Virginia, Navy Yard, they're laying down the keel of the battleship "Alabama" and many brave hearts turn out in the cold to watch the ceremony, and no wonder, it's an historical event in the local annals. Not for twenty years has a warship been built in these yards. She will be a 35,000 tonner costing about 15 million pounds and providing work for thousands until 1943. The rider plate is bolted in position and Senator Harry F. Bird guides the first rivet. America's big defence programme is given an emphasis with the laying down of the Alabama.