

## Keels of Two Ships Laid at Mare Island; Third Destroyer Is Named at Bremerton

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27 (AP).—The navy celebrated Navy Day on the Pacific Coast today by laying keels for two new destroyers at Mare Island here and naming one at Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash.

Cost of the fighting ships will run about \$3,000,000 each, with hundreds of skilled craftsmen receiving employment until 1936, when completion is expected. The activity is part of the new program to bring the navy to treaty strength.

All three of the destroyers are named for Civil War heroes. The craft at Bremerton is named for Rear Admiral John L. Worden, who as a young lieutenant commanded the Union ironclad Monitor in its battle with the Confederate ram Virginia. He was the first of the navy family of the "fighting Wordens."

At Mare Island the Smith will be

named for Lieutenant Joseph Bryant Smith, born in Maine in 1826, who was killed when his command, the Congress, was sunk by the Confederate ram Merrimac at Hampton Roads on March 6, 1862.

The Preston will be named for Lieutenant Samuel W. Preston, who was born in Canada and became a midshipman from Illinois in 1858. He was captured at Fort Sumter, was exchanged three years later, and met death in the attack on Fort Fisher in 1865.

The Mare Island craft are of the 1,500-ton class and will replace ships now with the Pacific armada.

The dirigible Macon soared over spectators at Mare Island during the ceremonies today. Sturdy fighting planes from her hold dropped to the ground, picked up flowers and confetti, and returned them to the Macon, where they were used as "bombs" and tossed below.