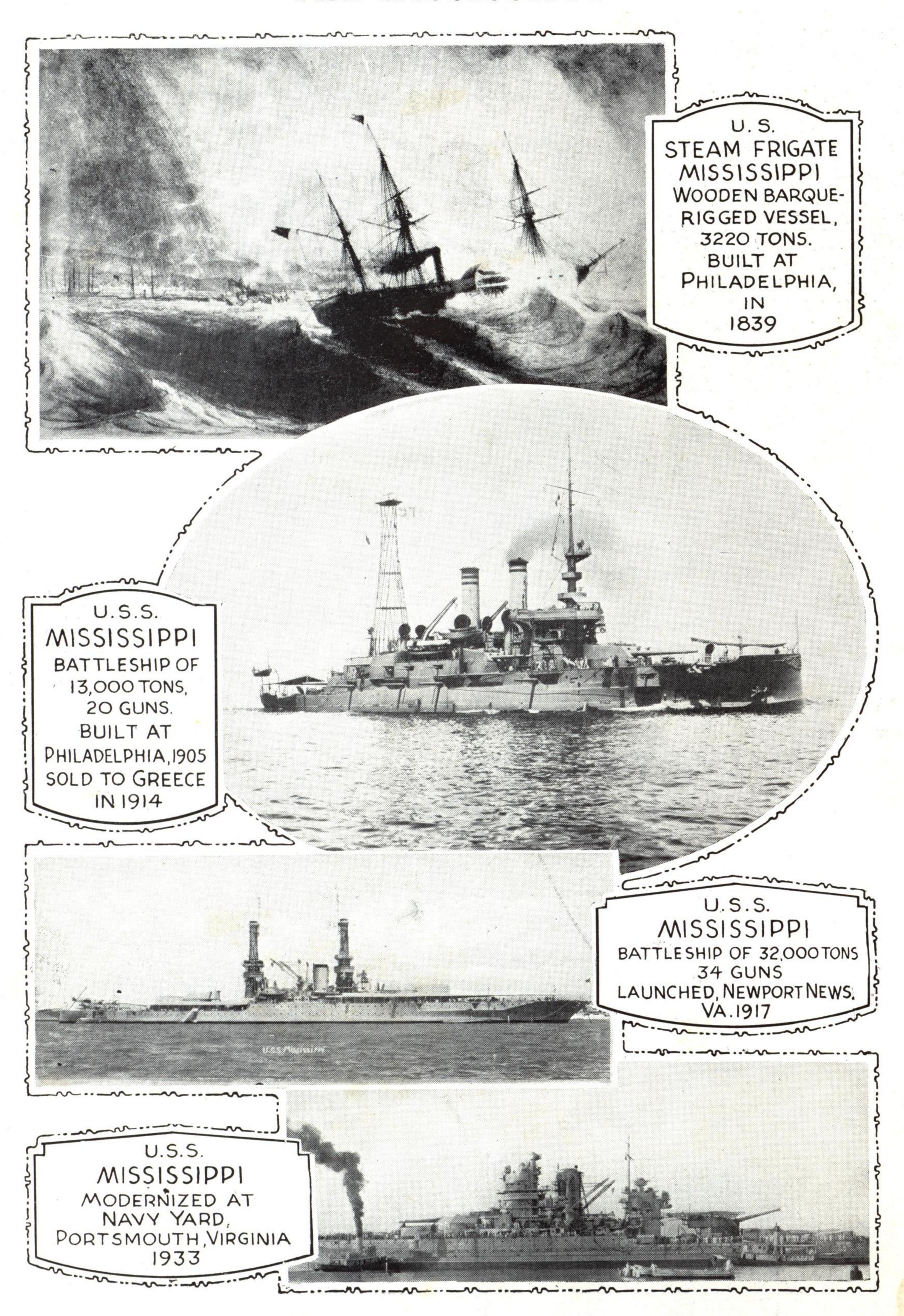
THE MISSISSIPPI



The U.S.S. Mississippi, Battleship Number 41, was authorized on June 30, 1914. The contract for her construction was signed on November 23,

1914. Her keel was laid at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia, on April 5, 1915. She was