55-DAY LAUNCHING BREAKS WORLD RECORD

Skinner & Eddy Send 8,800-Ton Ship Into Water in Five Days Less Than Best Previous Time.

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SEATTLE, Wash., April 20.—Winning back the world's launching record by an achievement that will startle every maritime nation, including Germany, the Skinner and Eddy Corporation this afternoon launched the 8,800 ton steel steamship, West Lianga, for the United States in fifty-five working days from the date of the keel laying.

This clips five days from the previous world record for speed in launching, which was made by the Columbia River Shipbuilding Company of Portland, with an 8,800 ton steel ship last month.

For nearly five months previous to the Portland record the Skinner and Eddy plant had held the world's launching record, sixty-four working days, having sent three 8,800 ton ships into the water on that schedule. The Portland plant cut this record to sixty-one working days.

The West Lianga record of fifty-five working days brings back the world launching pennant to the Skinner & Eddy plant. The West Lianga went into the water amid the greatest demonstration ever seen on the Seattle waterfront.

Mrs. Knoff, wife of A. E. Knoff of the United States Steel Products Company, named the record ship, smashing the bottle as the Skinner and Eddy band burst into "The Star-Spangled Banner."

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