

HISTORIC NAMES IN THE BRITISH NAVY

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In the present navy of England are many historical names and a list of the modern battleships of that country varies but slightly from one of a century ago.

The Iron Duke had a namesake that was rammed and sunk by the Vanguard off the Irish coast on September 1, 1873. Her sister ship, the Marlborough, perpetuates the name of the ship that led the line in the battle between the fleets of Rodney and the Comte de Grasse in the West Indies on April 12, 1782, while a later vessel of the same name was commissioned in 1862. This vessel and her sister ship, the Victoria, were the last of the old steam line of battleships of the British navy. The old St. Vincent was a wooden ship of the line and was borne on the naval list until a few years ago.

IN NELSON'S FLEET.

Nelson's fleet had a Colossus and a Neptune. The latter fought valiantly against her French and Spanish namesakes at Trafalgar. The Superb was the flagship of Sir Home Popham off Rochefort in 1815, when Napoleon surrendered. The Collingwood was in the squadron commanded by Sir George Tryon when that officer was lost in the sinking of the Victoria on June 22, 1893.

Vanguard was the name of Nelson's flagship at the Nile and a second vessel of the same name took part in the bombardment of St. Jean d'Arc on November 3, 1840. Another of Nelson's fleet at the Nile was the Orion, commanded by Sir James Saumarez. This ship had also taken part in the battle of Cape St. Vincent on February 14, 1797.

VERY OLD NAME.

A very old name is Centurion, and a vessel bearing this name fought the Spanish Armada. A later Centurion was Lord Anson's flagship in his cruise around the world in the middle of the eighteenth century. Another vessel of this name was the flagship of Admiral Seymour in China during the Boxer Uprising.

Conqueror and Monarch are very old names in the British Navy. It was on board the Monarch that Sir John Byng was shot for his failure to defeat the French off Minorca in 1756. A 64-gun ship named Africa took part in the battle of Trafalgar and later formed one of the squadron that chased the U.S.S. Constitution off the Jersey coast in 1812.

The Dreadnought, which has given her name to the all-big-gun battleships, had a namesake at Trafalgar and also in one of the vessels of Admiral Tryon's squadron in 1893.

THE AGAMEMNON.

The Agamemnon recalls the name of the 64-gun ship which Nelson commanded in the Mediterranean under Admirals Lord Hood and Hotham. The Agamemnon subsequently served under her former captain at Copenhagen and was lost off Buenos Aires in 1807.

A Bellerophon was at the Nile, Copenhagen and Trafalgar. In the last battle she lost her captain, John Cooke. It was on the Bellerophon that Napoleon surrendered to the English in 1815, while a still later ship of the same name was in the attack on Sebastopol in 1854.

The Temeraire, immortalized by Turner's painting, followed the Victory at Trafalgar and well earned her title, "the fighting Temeraire." An armored cruiser bearing the name of Shannon commemorates the crack frigates that fought and captured the U.S.S. Chesapeake off Boston on June 1st, 1813.

AMPHION OF DAYS PAST.

Another frigate that operated on American coast in 1812 was the Southampton, a name borne by one of the present day English cruisers. Another cruiser is the Lowestoft, whose namesake raised the siege of Quebec in 1776. H.M.S. Amphion, the first vessel lost in the present conflict, bore a famous name.

It was the frigate Amphion that led the offshore squadron in the battle of Copenhagen and her captain, Edward Riou, was killed. A later Amphion was blown up with great loss of life about sixty years ago.

The Prince of Wales of Nelson's day was Admiral Sir Robert Calder's flagship in the action off Ferrol in 1805, while the Formidable flew Lord Rodney's flag in the battle with Comte de Grasse.

BORNE BY MANY.

The name London has been borne by vessels of the English navy since the Dutch wars. In the third Anglo-Dutch War of 1673-1674, a London flew the flag of Admiral Sir Richard Sprague, who was killed while shifting his flag from the London to another vessel during an action with the Dutch under De Ruyter. Another

London was Admiral Sir Hyde Parker's flagship at Copenhagen, while the present London was the flagship of King George V., then the Prince of Wales, at the coronation naval review in 1902.

H.M.S. Queen was the first vessel launched during the reign of Queen Victoria and the Venerable served as the flagship of Lord Duncan in the battle of Camperdown October 11th, 1797. She was subsequently foundered with a large part of her crew.

FIRED FIRST SHOTS.

The last shots of the War of 1812 were exchanged in the Indian Ocean in July, 1815, between H.M.S. Cornwallis, flagship of the East Indian Squadron, and the U.S.S. Hornet, Master-Commandant James Biddle. Mistaking the Cornwallis for an admiral, the Hornet got within gun-



shot of the line-of-battle ship and it was only by throwing overboard all her guns and most of her stores that the American vessel escaped from her huge adversary.

H.M.S. Drake, well known in American waters, was the name of the first ship taken by Paul Jones after an engagement off the Irish coast on April 20, 1778. Caesar and Hannibal formed part of Sir James Saumarez's squadron at the battle of Algeiras, July 5, 1801, and the latter vessel was blown up. The present Caesar was the flagship of Lord Charles Bessborough when the British fleet was mobilized in 1904 after the attack on the North Sea trawlers by the Russian fleet. A Britannia flew the flag of Rear Admiral, the Earl of Northesk, at Trafalgar and a later Britannia was the flagship of Sebastopol in 1854. On January 15, 1815, the American frigate President, Captain Stephen Decatur, was captured off New York by a British squadron composed of the Majestic, Endymion, Tenedos, and several others.

INTERESTING VESSEL.
An interesting vessel of the old navy was H.M.S. Canopus. There is strong proof that the original Canopus was the U.S.S. ship-of-the-line America. The America, our first line-of-battle ship, was on her completion presented to the King of France to replace the Magnifique, which had been wrecked off Boston. The America was taken into the French service and renamed Franklin. The Franklin was captured at the Nile and was commissioned in the English service and renamed Canopus.

It was on board the Ocean that Lord Collingwood died in 1809. H.M.S. Donegal was the flagship of Sir Richard Strachan, one of Nelson's squadron commanders, while the Monmouth fought against Suffren in In-

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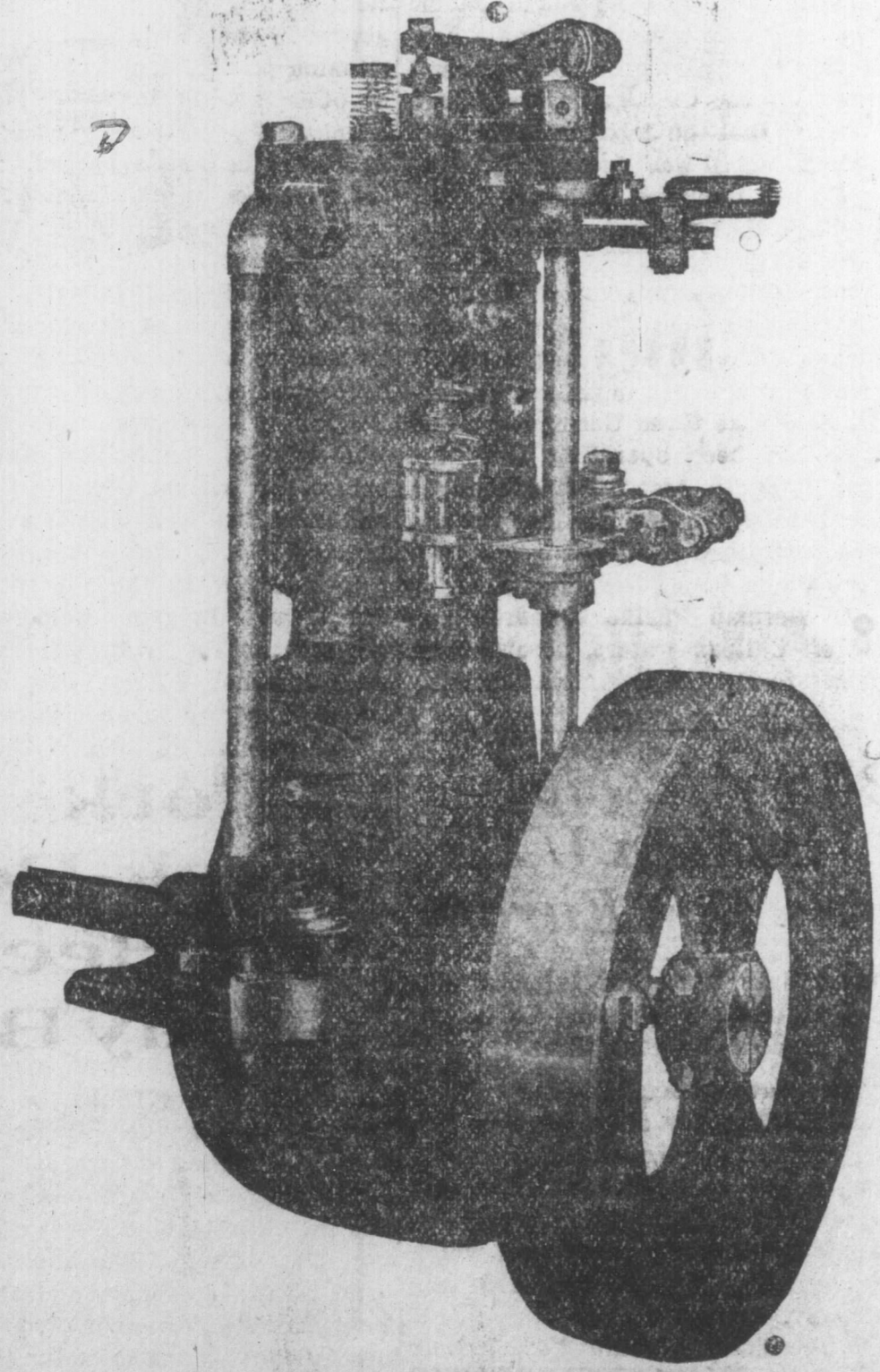
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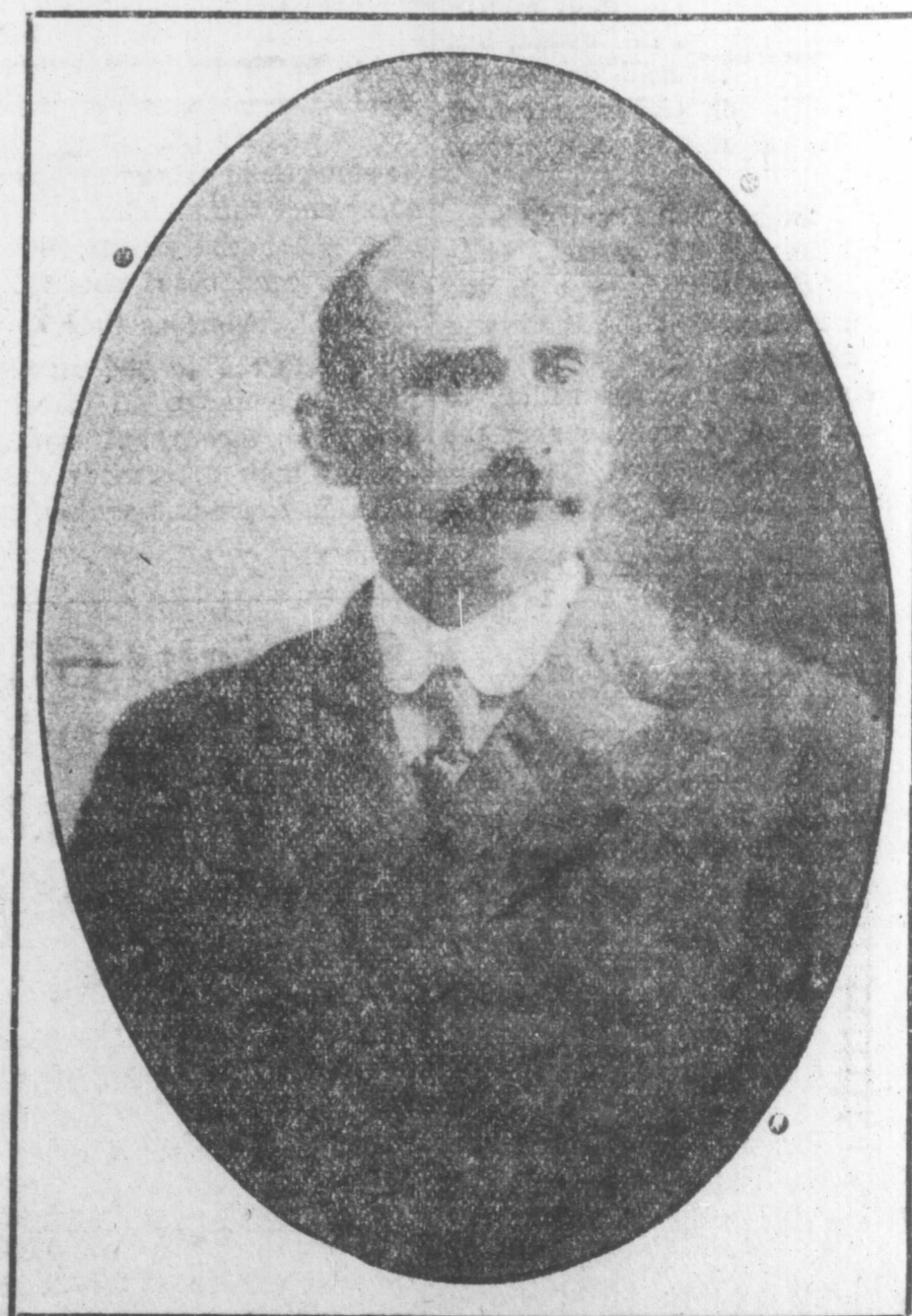


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