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The battleship which during the war carried the name of this Dominion, has been sold by the British Admiralty to the Government of Chile. The vessel was laid down in 1911 at Milwick for the Chilean fleet, but on the outbreak of war was requisitioned for the British navy. Three destroyers built for Chile, but taken over by the Admiralty in 1914, are also reverting to their original owners.

The purchase price of H.M.S. "Canada" is said to be \$10,000,000, and if that is the correct figure, the Chilean authorities may congratulate themselves on a genuine bargain. On the basis of present-day prices, the ship is worth twice this amount, though allowance has doubtless been made for the fact that we have had six years' strenuous service out of her.

Still, the Canada is in first-class condition, and has only recently returned from duty with the Mediterranean fleet. Although designed nearly nine years since, she is one of the most powerful fighting ships afloat. Various structural improvements made during the war have increased her initial displacement of 23,000 tons to about 32,000. She mounts ten 14-inch Armstrong guns, twelve 6-in. and many smaller quick-firers, and four torpedo tubes.

On completion in 1915, she was commissioned by Captain (now Admiral) W. O. M. Nicholson, and joined the Grand Fleet at Scapa on October 15 of that year. At the Battle of Jutland she was two ships astern of Jellicoe's flagship, Iron Duke, and at 6.30 p.m. her 14-in. guns opened on the German line with tremendous effect. In his despatch Admiral Jellicoe paid a high tribute to the "Canada's" gunnery, which, he declared, "materially assisted in forcing the enemy to retire."

The three destroyers which will accompany the "Canada" to Chile are the Botha, Broke and Faulkner.

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Who Was the Iron Mask?

There is one satisfactory aspect of what is perhaps the greatest enigma in history, the mystery of the identity of the Man in the Iron Mask. It happened so long ago that the imagination is at perfect liberty to disregard all evidence connecting him with a person of any interest and importance, and to give full belief in the most romantic stories. Two hundred and twenty years have passed since the masked prisoner was brought to the Bastille from the islands of Sainte-Marguerite, and a problem that has persisted

so long in undiminished vigor deserves a better answer than a Bulonde or a De Marbell or a Count Mattioli. If he had been any of these, why should he have been treated with such deference? Why was this man who was guarded with such secrecy, whose face was always covered with black velvet, and before whom even M. De Saint-Mars had to stand bareheaded? It was Voltaire, in his "Sicelie de Louis XIV," who first gave currency to the story, afterward delightfully perpetuated by Dumas in the "Viconte de Bragelonne," that he was a twin brother of the Grand Monarch, whose existence was suppressed for reasons of state.

A still more extraordinary twist to the same tale was unearthed a few years ago by M. Funck-Brentano, according to which the mysterious prisoner was not only a son of Louis XIII, and Anne of Austria, but the direct ancestor of Napoleon Bonaparte. This curious legend had it that the Man in the Iron Mask, while in confinement on the Island of Sainte-Marguerite, had been married to his father's daughter, and that there had been born to this union a son, who was smuggled over to Corsica, where his foster parents were simply told that he "came from good part," which, being translated into Italian, gave him the surname "Bonaparte." The right of Napoleon to the throne of

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