

neath the crushing blow of 10,000 tons of metal hurled against it at the rate of 18 miles an hour, did any of the crew or the officers lose their self-possession. Everything which has been laid down and provided for such an emergency was remembered and acted upon. Whether in trying to get out the collision mats or in the last desperate plunge shoreward, in which the half-sinking ship, with her forepart all under water, steamed towards the land—everything seems to have been done with the regularity and steadiness and cool courage that are the distinguishing features of the British navy. And in the last "Each for himself," which dissolved the organic whole of the disciplined ship's company into a mass of individuals each set free to seek his own safety in his own way, nothing seems to have been done unworthy the name and the fame of the British sailor. The papers are full of stories of the self-forgetting devotion of these blue-jackets to each other.

All seem to have been alike, from the admiral who sank with his ship to the chaplain who perished in saving others the midshipman who refused to leave the admiral and went down by his side, the brave fellow who freed the diver from his lead-laden sinkers, and lost his own life while so doing although he saved the diver's—and all the other incidents of heroic selflessness and comradeship that is stronger than death—these things are a priceless addition to the heritage of our land—From W. T. Stead's sketch of Admiral Tryon in Review of Reviews.

THE ROYAL NAVY.

Two more powerful warships added to it.

The Empress of India and the Grafton, the last types of battleship and cruiser completed at Chatham, were passed out of dockyard hands on Saturday, 5th, when the effective strength of the Royal Navy received two very important additions. Both vessels are being swept and garnished for the official inspection by Admiral Superintendent Morant, after which they will be turned over to the fleet reserve authorities to be kept in a seagoing condition until the order is given to commission them for active service. The Empress of India, a 14,150 ton barbette ship, was built at Pembroke under the historic name of the Renown (afterwards changed to the Empress of India), and was launched in May, 1891, by H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught. She was brought here about eighteen months ago in a most unfinished condition, so unfinished, indeed, that between £40,000 and £50,000 has since been expended upon her for labor and material in equipping and putting on the finishing touches to complete the ship for sea. This magnificent vessel has cost the country about £920,000 and for offensive and defensive purposes she is equal to any vessel in the world. She carries 42 guns, including four 13.5-inch calibre, 67-ton breech-loaders, ten 6-inch 5-ton quick-firing guns, and in ad-

dition an equipment of seven torpedo tubes—four on the broadside, one at the stern, and two submerged. The ship is fitted with engines of 13,000-horse power, which at her official trial propelled her at a speed of nearly 17 knots an hour, while her coal capacity is 900 tons, or sufficient to last a voyage of 5,000 miles steaming at a speed of ten knots an hour. Although the vessel is under orders to be commissioned, no date has yet been fixed, but it is believed that upon the return of the ships from the naval manoeuvres the pennant will be hoisted on board, and that she will be despatched to join the Channel fleet under Vice-Admiral Fairfax.

The Grafton, lying close by in the basin, is a first-class cruiser of 7,350 tons displacement, and is one of nine of the same class ordered under Lord George Hamilton's defence scheme. She was built by the Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding Company. The Grafton is a sister ship to the Hawk, built at this yard, and is now doing her first commission with the fleet on the Mediterranean station. She is a vessel which will undoubtedly prove a most useful as well as a formidable addition to the Navy, and one which any naval officer will be proud to command. She came here about four months ago to be fitted and completed for sea. Since her delivery she has been equipped with two 9.2-inch guns, ten 6-inch guns, all breechloaders; beside 16 quick-firing guns and four 18-inch torpedo tubes. The ship is lighted throughout with electricity, and is also equipped with two powerful searchlights. Her engines have an indicated horse-power of 12,000, which at her experimental trials off Plymouth recently gave her a speed of over twenty knots per hour. She is beautifully fitted, and the multifarious mechanical arrangements which have been made for expediting the work of both officers and crew contribute greatly to her value as a fighting cruiser, and do credit to the designer and builders. I hear that she will in all probability replace the Immortalite in the Channel squadron.

Preparations are at once to be made for laying down the first class battleship Magnificent at Chatham Dockyard. The full plans and specifications have not yet been received. She will be built in No. 7 slip, which is being considerably widened to allow of her construction. During the present year it is estimated that £179,509 will be spent upon the vessel.

The Sixth Fusilliers Matches.

The annual matches of the Sixth Fusilliers Rifle Association took place at the Cote St. Luc Ranges on Saturday August 12th.

The great event of the day was the competition for the "Cartridge Box" silver medal and for the Walker cup. In both these contests things were close up to the finish, and after the Battalion match had been fired in the morning it was simply a guess, and no more, to tell who was going to win the medal, as three of the competitors were tied for first place, while four others, among them the ultimate winner, Sergeant Marks, were only two points behind. This only increased the interest, especially when the open match was fired, when the returns showed that

the totals of Pioneer Reid and Sergeant Marks were the same, 147; but as Marks had made one more point in the last match than Reid, under D. R. A. rules, which governed the meeting, he was the winner. No one congratulates him more than the donor, for the reason especially that he was one of the members of the team who brought back the Carlslake trophy to Montreal, for which the medal was given for competition. Pioneer Reid, however, wins the D. R. A. medal, he having made the largest aggregate scores in matches 3, 4 and 5. The Walker cup competition for a cup presented by Robt. Walker for the best tyro who has never won a prize of \$5 or over at any meeting, brought out a surprise and showed that all the shooting qualities of the Drysdale family are not confined to Sergt. "Jack," of the Garrison, but that his younger brother, William, promises to give him a sharp chase for his laurels. For a tyro his work on Saturday was splendid and would do credit to a first-class shot. In the Battalion match he made 82, in the Association 52, and in the open 57, making his total 192, which gave him a good lead over his companions. This is Drysdale's second year at the ranges, although he commenced in 1891, winning \$4 at the D.R.A. meeting, but since then he has never won any prizes. This, to a great degree, can be accounted for by the fact that in 1892 he did not fire at all.

The results in detail were as follows:

Maiden stakes. Open to all members of the regiment who have never won a prize at any previous rifle meeting; 5 shots at 200 yards.

Prize.	Pts.
\$4—Pte. Lang, Co. 6 - - - -	22
3—Pte. Harris, Co. 3 - - - -	18
2—Pte. Howes, band - - - -	13
2—Pte. Watt, Co. 1 - - - -	12
2—Pte. Hewman, Co. 1 - - - -	12
1—Corp. Kucen, Co. 1 - - - -	11
1—Corp. Higginbotham, Co. 1 - -	10
1—Corp. Mann, Co. 3 - - - -	9
1—Pte. Grimsdale, Co. 4 - - - -	8
1—Pte. Holt, Co. 5 - - - -	7
1—Pte. Blackmore, Co. 2 - - - -	6
1—Sergt. Rosser, band - - - -	6

Standing match. Open to all members of the regiment; 7 shots, 200 yards.—

Prize.	Pts.
\$4—Col. Sgt. Marks, Co. 5 - - - -	26
3—Sgt. Armstrong, Co. 6 - - - -	25
2—Col. Sgt. Riddle, Co. 1 - - - -	23
2—Pte. J. Watt, Co. 1 - - - -	23
1—Sgt. Todd, Co. 1 - - - -	23

Battalion Match. Open to all members of the regiment; ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots each.—

	Pts.
Col. Sgt. Pratt, Co. 6 - - - -	89
Corp. Ward, Co. 5 - - - -	89
Sergt. Todd, Co. 1 - - - -	89
Pte. T. Scott, band - - - -	88
Pioneer Reid, Co. 6 - - - -	88
Pte. Jehu, band - - - -	87
Col. Sgt. Marks, Co. 5 - - - -	87
Sgt. Armstrong, Co. 1 - - - -	86
Staff Sgt. Lavers, band - - - -	83
Col. Sgt. Riddle, Co. 1 - - - -	83
Col. Sgt. Howard, Co. 2 - - - -	83
Pte. Drysdale, Co. 1 - - - -	82
Corp. Gibb, Co. 1 - - - -	81
Pte. Lang, Co. 6 - - - -	81
Sgt. Morrice, Co. 6 - - - -	80
Pte. J. Scott, Co. 1 - - - -	80
Capt. Chambers, Co. 6 - - - -	79
Pte. Harris, Co. 3 - - - -	74
Corp. Farrar, Co. 6 - - - -	70
Pte. Cameron, Co. 1 - - - -	70