

LAUNCH OF THE ARK ROYAL.

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British shipbuilding and the air arm of Britain's Navy shared a triumph at Birkenhead when Sir Samuel and Lady Maud Hoare arrived for the launching of the world's greatest aircraft carrier. ~~All previous aircraft carriers have been old ships adapted --- the Ark Royal was built specially at a cost of £5,000,000, to carry a world's-record number of seventy planes.~~ The launching ceremony was performed by Lady Maud Hoare, who expressed the nation's pride at a magnificent achievement. But if British ships are tough, British bottles are tougher. After three attempts, a voice from the crowd called out --- "Don't forget there's a penny on the bottle!" And so Britain's wonder aircraft carrier took the water --- with cheers from the land and from the British Fortitude. That ~~should have been~~ ^{was also} the name of the bottle.

FUNERAL OF AUSTRALIAN V.C.

The ~~British~~ Empire mourned with London at the funeral of the Australian Gunner, Arthur Sullivan V.C., who died from a fall and not, as was thought at first, from collision with a bicycle. Twelve V.C.'s in civilian clothes marched in the funeral procession from Wellington Barracks to Knightsbridge. The route taken by the funeral cortege was lined with members of the public who came to pay a tribute to a brave man who was here to represent the Commonwealth at the Coronation and who died in circumstances so tragic.