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GREATEST BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED. Princess Elizabeth.

Christening:
That's all the Censor was able to leave us of the
~~first launching performed by Princess Elizabeth.~~ Severe
secrecy surrounded this ceremony of sending Britain's
greatest battleship down to the water --- something
over forty-thousand tons of fighting navy.

The reason for the security was that the new
battleship is either the Lion or the Temeraire or possibly
neither; therefore if the German naval staff are kept in
ignorance about which it is, it'll make them still more
mad at having just lost the Tirpitz.

4:45 PM. Th. Matthews.
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