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## LONDON WARSHIPS WEEK.

Beneath Nelson's Monument in Trafalgar Square, London's "WarshipsWeek" is launched.

The target is £125,000,000, sufficient to provide a fleet larger than the entire Nazi Navy. A large model of the superstructure of a battleship, complete with heavy and A. A. guns, juts out into the square. It is from the bridge of H.M.S. TRAFALGAR that the huge crowd of Londoners hears the rousing speech of Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty.

From the word 'go' money came pouring in. Licking savings stamps had a lot of people reflecting on what might happen if the Navy didn't get more ships.

The results today remove all doubt. The second day of London's pageantry sees a mile-long procession passing St. Pauls Cathedral on its long parade through London's historic highways.

The A.T.S. has its own drum and bugle band. Detachments from all the armed forces and Civil Defence Services (nearly 2,000 strong) march through strangely silent crowd-lined streets. The undemonstrative Londoner is expressing his admiration in a much more practical way. He's out to break records.

Sir John Laurie the Lord Mayor takes the salute as a large contingent from the R.A.F. passes by.

The turn out and marching of the Women's Services are notable features of the parade.

And now reminiscent of those ever-to-be remembered Lord Mayor's Shows, come the lorry-drawn exhibits headed by a manned lifeboat.

The model of a wooden Man-o'-War with members of the crew in old uniforms.

The conning tower of an H. Class Submarine.

It's a great day for the youngsters. Their eyes stand out like organ stops when the big bombs go by. And by black-out time on that first day twenty-eight millions had come in - and although we didn't cheer, it made us feel good.