

LAUNCH OF H.M.S. BELFAST.

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A big crowd at Belfast watched the launching of a cruiser by Mrs Neville Chamberlain, who was accompanied by the Governor and ~~the~~ Premier of Northern Ireland. A bottle of Empire wine was chosen for the christening ceremony of H.M.S. Belfast. This was the largest cruiser yet built in the Belfast yards --- 10,000 tons of argument on the side of the British Navy. She will be in commission within the next twelve months --- Europe is requested not to start the war ~~before Christmas~~ till after Christmas.