

H.M.S. NELSON AGROUND.  
MISHAP TO FLAGSHIP.  
 BAD START FOR SPRING CRUISE.  
 -Portsmouth-

Picture.:- Forty fine ships of the Home Fleet start from--

--Portsmouth on their spring cruise. Magnificent "HOOD" leads the--

--van. This will be the most important peace cruise--

--of the Navy for several years. Here comes H.M.S. "NELSON", a giant among giants. Thirty-three-thousand, five-hundred tons displacement, with a complement of nearly fifteen-hundred officers and men, carrying the latest--

--marvels of scientific warfare, she has been called the wonder ship of the Navy.

Suddenly radio flashes spell out a dread S.O.S. An S.O.S.--

--from a British battle-cruiser, and the Admiral's flagship at that. The news is out. "NELSON" has gone aground. Tugs are rushing--

--to her aid. A mere shingle bank holds back seven-million, five-hundred--

--thousand pounds worth of Navy. The destroyer "CRUSADER" asks for orders, but can give no adequate assistance. The tide is falling, making the great 'NELSON'S' predicament more dangerous than ever. Admiral Sir W. Boyle calls for destroyers to pass at speed. Their wash--

--may save the stricken Colossus, and slide her over into deep water. "CAMPBELL" does her best and flies past her Admiral's ship. The wash--

--is tremendous, but the pride of the Navy remains firm and immovable. (PAUSE). To everyone's relief the next tide reflects the flagship, and she returned to dock for examination.