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The week's third ship story--

--comes from Chatham. The usual bottle smashing christening--

--is performed by the Mayoress of Deptford, who names His Majesty's Sloop "Deptford". It is hardly a launching ceremony.

The ship is actually being--

--floated out of the dock, taken in tow by tugs, and piloted--

--through the dock gates to the Medway. Consternation was caused--

--by the vessel slewing round and nearly hitting the dock entrance wall, but--

--as spectators watched with fearful--

--thrill, the disaster was averted, and everybody--

--breathed again. I said breathed ! Look at that flag !