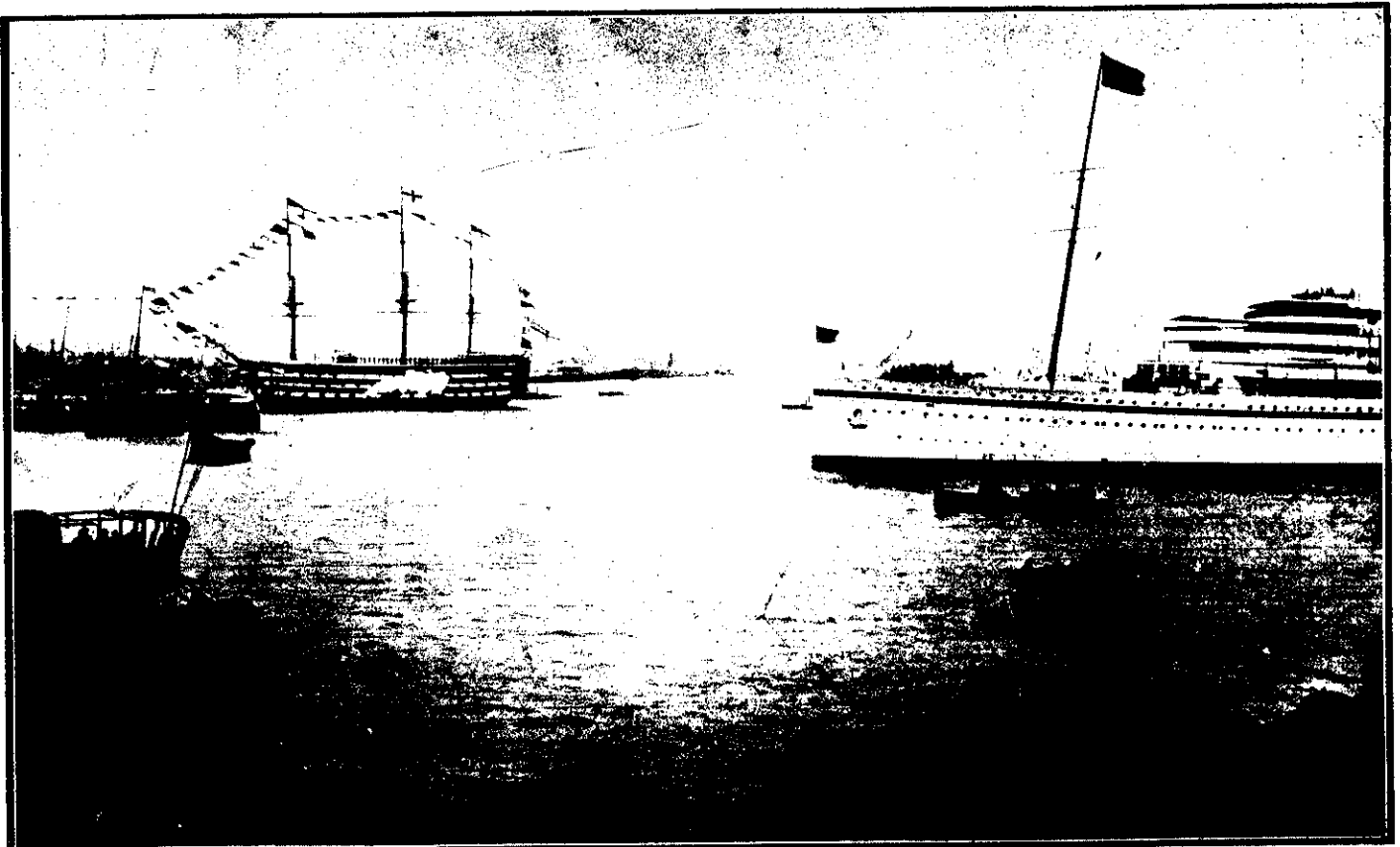


**GREAT PANAMA CANAL NEARING COMPLETION—ONE OF THE ENORMOUS LOCKS.**

According to the reports of the U.S. Government engineers the long dreamed of waterway through the Panama Isthmus will be ready for traffic eighteen months before the official opening, which has been fixed for January 1st, 1915. The photograph is an elevated view of the Miraflores upper lock, and shows the construction of the gigantic lift sills.



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**NELSON'S HISTORIC SHIP THE VICTORY SALUTES THE KING-EMPEROR.**

An interesting incident connected with the departure of the King and Queen from Portsmouth on their voyage to the Durbar was the firing of the Royal Salute from the grand old Victory lying off Gosport Hard, as the Medina steamed out of the narrow mouth of the famous naval port.