



H.M.S. ACHILLES

en must have been the signal flown at the Devonport Naval Base, Manoeuvre well executed," and the cheers of their comrades as they came past.

CIVIC WELCOME.

Speaking on behalf of the Prime Minister, Mr. Savage, the Government and people of New Zealand, Mr. Fraser extended a hearty welcome to the ship's company at the civic reception. He said that, knowing officers and men, it was expected that they would live up to the very highest traditions of the Royal Navy, but in this great battle they had exceeded anything that could have been expected either by enemy or friend.

Mr. Fraser read cables from the British Government and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia joining in the welcome.

"A feeling of pride swept through the land when news of the victory off the River Plate was known," said M. Pouquet, Consul for France, who said he shared in the admiration for the exploit. He said that France had not forgotten the soldiers of New Zealand, who had endeared themselves to the inhabitants of her towns and villages 25 years ago. "This battle is only another proof of what New Zealanders still can do and will do. They can do any business," added M. Pouquet, who received loud applause.

It is glad to send to the captain, officers and ship's company its expression of deep admiration for the magnificent victory off the River Plate."

CHEERS FOR CAPTAIN.

As Captain Parry rose to speak, saluting the crowd, there were loud cheers, and when the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was started by someone in the crowd it was taken up with enthusiasm. This was fol-

lowed by more cheers, so that it was some minutes before Captain Parry could begin to speak. He kept the crowd enthralled with his description of the experience of the ship's company during the battle, and spoke in most generous terms of the quality and morale of the men.

At the conclusion of the speech the Mayor (Sir Ernest Davis) called for three cheers for Captain Parry and his officers and men. This was taken

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CAPTAIN PARRY

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