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**A FLAGSHIP AT THE BATTLE OF THE STRAND.**

Before the disastrous clash in which the lighthouse at the northern end of the Strand was destroyed, the flag-ship sank. The event was so extraordinary as to attract the attention of all who were present. The ship was commanded by Captain Jones, who, in the course of the engagement, was struck down by a heavy shrapnel. The ship was the Vesta, and the battle was fought between the Vesta and the Eton, which was commanded by Captain Williams. The Vesta was a new ship, and the Eton was an old one. The battle lasted for several hours, and the Vesta was heavily engaged. The ship was seen to sink at sunset, and the crew were rescued by the Eton. The loss was great, and the event was a melancholy one for the nation.