

THE ROYAL RIVER PAGEANT

Mobilised at Greenwich was the fleet of 150 vessels setting out ~~up the~~ Westminster in the River's contribution to the celebrations of Coronation year.

20 In early times the history of the Thames was largely the history of London, if not of England herself. Boats in the historical tableaux included the barge of Good Queen Hess. Queen Elizabeth II review/the procession

40 from the Festival Hall pier. The historic Great Twelve Livery Companies of the City of London gave a royal cheer as they passed by.

The three fighting services were represented.

~~(left fire) Civil Defence had an idea all its own, the only walker in the procession.~~

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98 The Viking attack on London in 1013.

Elizabeth I with Drake, Hawkins and Raleigh.

(next) Bringing us almost to modern times was the boat depicting great figures of the Victoria Age.

The idea of holding the Pageant came from the Lord Mayor, Sir Rupert De la Bere, who is also Admiral of the Port of London, one of that determined band who dream of making the river once again a great highway of London traffic.

160 London takes the Thames for granted. It was this day reminded that the river flowing through the capital city of the Commonwealth is the most famous in the world. It was raining, as it always seems to be this summer, when the Queen left the pier, after reviewing the greatest Pageant seen on the Thames for 400 years.

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