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Preparations for the Royal River Pageant--

July 17th. '53.

Full steam ahead in the Port of London, as preparations for the Royal River Pageant before Her Majesty the Queen, are completed. ¹³

Inaugurated by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Rupert de la Bere, (seen ~~here~~ with Sir Douglas Ritchie), two hundred vessels make up the three-mile long procession. ¹¹

The display (one of the biggest held on the Thames) embraces every aspect of life on London's river, throughout the centuries. ^{TO ANOTHER}
^{PART OF THE DOCK FOR A} link with the present, ^{AND OVER TO ANOTHER} a model of the "Gothic", the liner which will carry the Queen on her forthcoming tour of Australasia. ¹