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SEA LION SEES LIFE.

The animals went in two by two, boarding the Queen Elizabeth (River Thames version) at the Festival Pier. This modern style Noah's Ark was to publicise the gala performance which the circus was giving in aid of Variety Club charities. It looked like a boat with a load of mischief.

Finding his sea-legs won't be easy.

Long Legs ought to lie down flat, or he'll damage the bridges. All aboard, and it's on with the Lift Afloat and Farewell to the Land. It wasn't easy to get this Noah's Ark trip under way, but it was all so well organised that any mishap was out of the question. "Oh yes?" said Fritsy. "Watch me"....No thanks, we'll watch the little elephant trying to - Sea Lion overboard! Good heavens. Fritsy's making a dash for freedom. The circus offered a reward for Fritsy's recapture, while the Performing Animals' Defence League offered £60 to anyone who'd help him to stay free. But after 48 glorious hours the sea-lion lost his freedom - just opposite Parliament. That seems very significant.