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SHIP LAUNCHED BY TYPIST.

Miss Florence Franklin, a typist in the ship builders office, won the ballot for the honour of launching her firm's latest vessel, the EMPIRE CORRIELL. She (The ship) is a tanker, and will be a useful addition to our Merchant Navy, which is standing up so well to the Nazi efforts to cripple our seaborne trade.

As the new ship reaches the end of the slipways, almost before she is water-borne, there follows a scene which gives proof of the intense activity in all our shipyards today. The keel plates of the next ship to be built are laid almost before the ways are cool. That's Britain today.

And now we slip across the Atlantic to watch a ship slip sideways down the slipways (phee) on what do you think? BANANAS. Yes, you 'eard, Bananas. The builders decided that as they were short of grease to lubricate the slipway, they'd use Banana skins, which have proved themselves so often as slip producers....Three-and-a-half-tens of bananas are skinned and cut up - the biggest banana split in history! It's the fruitiest launch ever! It looks like a lot of banana oil, but anyone who ever stepped on a bana skin will say "maybe they've got something" And now all is set for the great skid. Out of the way gentlemen, if you please! The 7,000 ton CAPE LOCKOUT is on her way from the strand to the sea; and talking of the Strand, reminds me that "Yes, we have no bananas"!