

FLOATING CITY - - The world's largest ship - - the
mighty French super-liner "Normandie" launched with complete
success at Saing Nazaire.

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Picture:- The honour of launching the world's largest
liner goes to France. Had the hull of our giant Cunarder
not been temporarily left to rust,--

--the honour might have been Britain's. But that's another--

--story. Seventy-five thousand tons of water will be
displaced when sea takes the place of this forest--

--of supporting poles. Twenty thousand tons, a greater
displacement than any other ship in the world.

To allow her dead weight to move smoothly--

--down the slips, the tracks are lubricated with tons of
suet, lard, soap, etc. Fire hoses--

--will shortly spurt water on the points of contact to--

--prevent fire. Gradually the immense struts are
removed. Soon this bride of the ocean will be free to--

--slip away to rest on the bosom of her lover. Madame--

--Lebrun advances to perform the ceremony of naming--

--and six million pounds worth of ship slowly commences
to move towards the sea. Until--

--somebody gess one better, this vessel will be the
wonder ship of the world. No fairy tale writer of
old has ever dared to picture anything so fantastic
as this ~~realistic~~ reality. With --

--its complement of passengers, crew and staff,
numbering four thousand, it will be a floating city of--

--dreams. It has a winter garden,--

--a theatre that will seat two thousand people, a dance
hall of great beauty, a cinema, a children's wonder--

--playground, arcades of shops, and also a church. The
launch is over,--

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--the Normandie is afloat. 45 tons of suet, and--

--other odds and ends are being cleared up. The--

--air throbs with "Vive La France !" "Vive La Republique !"